

**To:** On-Premises Licensees  
**From:** Commercial Retail Partners  
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**RE:** Empty Keg Sorting and Container Deposits

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## Empty Keg Sorting and Container Deposits

On-premises licensees are reminded to sort empty keg returns by the appropriate beer distributor to ensure refundable keg deposits are credited to your Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries (MBLL) customer account accurately and in a timely manner.

With the introduction of local craft brewers who self-distribute their keged products, there are instances where empty kegs are being returned to the wrong distributor. This can be an issue in rural Manitoba in particular, as the major beer distributors use common 3<sup>rd</sup> party carriers to deliver beer.

When an empty keg is returned to the wrong distributor, the \$40 refundable- keg deposit is at risk of loss to the on-premises licensee, as it cannot be reconciled to the original sales order.

On-premises licensees who are unsure of where to send an empty keg back to can perform a simple search of the product catalogue using MBLL's [Liquor Customer Self Serve](#) (CSS) which has distributor information for all products in Manitoba.

Private beer distributor contact information can also be found at [MBLL Partners](#) to assist with the return of empty kegs to appropriate distributors.

Best Regards,

Commercial Retail Partners

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Cc: Private beer distributors

Local brewers