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RPPC REGULATION REVISION WORKSHOP  
HANDOUT #5 – POSTCONSUMER MATERIAL

(**Green highlight** is proposed modification to address comments from May 17<sup>th</sup> workshop. **Yellow highlight** is the proposed modifications made to address comments from the April 8<sup>th</sup> workshop.)

### **Section 17943 Purpose and Definitions**

(23m) “Postconsumer Material” means a material that would otherwise be destined for solid waste disposal, having completed its intended end-use and product life cycle. ~~Postconsumer material does not include materials and by-products generated from, and commonly reused within, an original manufacturing and fabrication process.~~

(1) Rigid plastic packaging containers holding obsolete or unsold products and post-industrial scrap that **is are** commonly disposed, and not commonly reused within an original manufacturing process, shall be considered postconsumer material when used as feedstock for new products rigid plastic packaging containers or **under** the alternative compliance method in Section 17944.1 .

~~Internally generated scrap that has been commonly disposed may be considered postconsumer material if it is later used in a process other than the original manufacturing and fabrication process.~~

(2) Finished plastic packaging that has been rejected by a container or product manufacturer, and that has been commonly disposed, may be considered postconsumer material if it is later used in a process other than the original manufacturing and fabrication process.

(3) Postconsumer material does not include materials and by-products generated from, and commonly reused within, an original manufacturing and fabrication process.

### **Section 17945.3 Product Manufacturer Certification Information**

#### (d) Alternative Method Container Compliance Information

(J) **A** product manufacturer claiming compliance based on the consumption of postconsumer material, as defined in Section 17943 (m)(1) and (2), through its own actions or another company under the same corporate ownership, as specified in Section 17944.1 (a), shall submit to the Department Board the following information **additional documentation to support the source and amount of obsolete or unsold rigid plastic packaging containers and/or rejected finished plastic packaging. The documentation shall contain, at a minimum, the following:**

- i. Contact information for the supplier of the plastic(s).
- ii. Total weight, in grams, of the plastic received.
- iii. Date of receipt of plastic.
- iv. Description of the material being claimed as postconsumer. This description shall include, but is not limited to:
  1. The type of plastic resin.
  2. The form material was received (baled, flaked, regrind, etc.)
  3. A description of the plastic material, such as product bar codes, Stock Keeping Unit (sku), or other information that verifies that the plastic was made up of obsolete or unsold rigid plastic packaging containers and/or rejected finished plastic packaging.

#### **Section 17945.4. Container Manufacturer Certification Information**

(c) To document postconsumer material content, state the following:

(4) If compliance is sought through the use of postconsumer material as defined in Section 17943 (m)(1) and (2), the following additional documentation is needed to support the source and amount of obsolete and/or unsold rigid plastic packaging containers or rejected finished plastic packaging. The documentation shall contain, at a minimum, the following:

- i. Contact information for the supplier of the plastic(s).
- ii. Total weight, in grams, of the plastic received.
- iii. Date of receipt of plastic.
- iv. Description of the material being claimed as postconsumer. This description shall include, but is not limited to:
  1. The type of plastic resin.
  2. The form material was received (baled, flaked, etc.)
  3. A description of the plastic material, such as product bar codes, Stock Keeping Unit (sku), or other information that verifies that the plastic was made up of obsolete or unsold rigid plastic packaging containers and/or rejected finished plastic packaging.