



December 9, 2020

Director of the Plastics and Marine Litter Division
Environment and Climate Change Canada

Dear Madam or Sir,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your discussion paper, *A Proposed Integrated Management Approach to Plastic Products to Prevent Waste and Pollution*.

The CCBA represents the interests of over 1,100 craft breweries in every province and territory of Canada.

Although we agree with the overall objectives of this initiative, there exist some elements of our packaging process that rely on single-use plastics for which we see no obvious replacement. For example:

- a significant percentage of the close to one billion aluminum cans that carry craft beer to consumers each year are wrapped with a plastic sleeve
- trays of 24 cans are shrink-wrapped prior to shipping
- pallets of 72 cases are shrink-wrapped prior to shipping
- although craft brewers make little or no use of 6-pack rings, we do make extensive use of Paktech handles, though fortunately they are made of recycled materials.

We do not have solutions to propose today but will work with government to meet its objectives. The purpose of this submission is to make government aware of the dependencies on single-use and recyclable plastic that currently exist and express our desire to be part of the conversation going forward.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rick Dalmazzi', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Rick Dalmazzi
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Canadian Craft Brewers Association