



July 24, 2025
NOTICE

California Retailers Association
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Subject: Expanded Polystyrene Recycling Rate Demonstration

The Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act, Senate Bill No. 54 (Allen, Chapter 75, Statutes of 2022) (SB 54) restricts producers of expanded polystyrene food service ware from selling, offering for sale, distributing, or importing expanded polystyrene food service ware in or into the state unless certain recycling rates are met. To continue these activities in California, producers of expanded polystyrene food service ware are required to demonstrate to CalRecycle that the recycling rate of all expanded polystyrene regulated by SB 54, which includes packaging and food service ware, is not less than 25% on and after January 1, 2025 (Public Resources Code (PRC) section 42057 (i)).

As of the date of this notice, producers of EPS food service ware have not successfully demonstrated that the 25% recycling rate for expanded polystyrene covered material has been met. Effective as of January 1, 2025, producers of expanded polystyrene food service ware are restricted from selling, offering for sale, distributing, or importing expanded polystyrene food service ware in or into the state. This includes, but is not limited to, items such as trays, plates, bowls, clamshells, lids, cups, utensils, stirrers, hinged or lidded containers, and straws, as defined in PRC section 42041(e)(1)(B). CalRecycle is currently providing technical assistance on compliance related to the existing EPS restriction. If you need EPS restriction related technical assistance, please contact us via email at PackagingCompliance@CalRecycle.ca.gov.

For answers to common questions about expanded polystyrene food service ware statutory requirements, refer to CalRecycle's [Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act Requirements for Expanded Polystyrene Recycling Rate Demonstration Frequently Asked Questions](#). To learn more about SB 54, see CalRecycle's website at <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/packaging/packaging-epr/>.

Any additional questions may be sent to CalRecycle's Packaging Inbox at Packaging@CalRecycle.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maryam Khosravifard".

Maryam Khosravifard
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