

2012 Kansas Statutes

65-3425. Plastic bottles and containers; labeling requirements; violations; penalties. (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Code" means a molded, imprinted or raised symbol.

(2) "Person" means any individual, association, partnership, limited partnership, corporation or other entity.

(3) "Plastic" means any material made of polymeric organic compounds and additives that can be shaped by flow.

(4) "Plastic bottle" means a plastic container which: (A) Has a neck that is smaller than the body of the container; (B) accepts a screw-type, snap-cap or other closure; and (C) has a capacity of 16 fluid ounces or more but less than five gallons.

(5) "Rigid plastic container" means any formed or molded container other than a bottle, intended for single use, composed predominantly of plastic resin and having a relatively inflexible finite shape or form with a capacity of eight ounces or more but less than five gallons.

(b) On or after July 1, 1994, no person shall distribute, sell or offer for sale in this state any plastic bottle or rigid plastic container, unless it is labeled with a code indicating the plastic resin used to produce the bottle or container. The code shall appear on or near the bottom of the bottle or container. The code used for plastic bottles or rigid plastic containers with labels and basecups of a different material shall be determined by the basic material of the bottle or container. The code shall consist of a number placed within a triangle of arrows and letters placed below the triangle of arrows. The triangle shall be equilateral, formed by three arrows with the apex of each point of the triangle at the midpoint of each arrow, rounded with a short radius. The arrowhead of each arrow shall be at the midpoint of each side of the arrow. The triangle, formed by the three arrows curved at their midpoints, shall depict a clockwise path around the code number. The numbers and letters used shall be as follows: 1 = PETE (polyethylene terephthalate), 2 = HDPE (high density polyethylene), 3 = V (vinyl), 4 = LDPE (low density polyethylene), 5 = PP (polypropylene), 6 = PS (polystyrene), 7 = OTHER.

(c) If the attorney general or county or district attorney has reason to believe that a person is violating the provisions of this section, the attorney general or county or district attorney shall give the person written notice thereof. If, after such notice is given, the attorney general or county or district attorney has reason to believe that the person is continuing to violate the provisions of this section, the attorney general or county or district attorney may bring an action to enjoin the violation and to recover a civil penalty of \$50 for each violation but not exceeding a total of \$500. Any such penalty recovered by the attorney general shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the state general fund. Any such penalty recovered by the county or district attorney shall be deposited in the general fund of the county in which the violation occurred.

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