



Container Deposit Scheme User Guide for Grocery

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OVERVIEW: Pre-NPC Steps

Important!

1. Before entering and publishing any CDS information using NPC, please ensure your product containers have been both (1) **registered to EPA**, and (2) **have received confirmation of approval from EPA** as an eligible container under the relevant state or territory CDS.
2. **CDS Registration Number:** NSW is currently the only state that issues a CDS Registration Number, which begins with '**BR-**', followed by a 7-digit numerical code.

Please refer to **this link** to verify the registration status of your product containers and to obtain the relevant NSW CDS Registration Number.

OVERVIEW: Item Data Requirements

1. Product Description

There are seven fields available for entering CDS information:

NPC Publisher UI Field Name	NPC Xpress Field Name	Field Description
Returnable Package Deposit Amount	Amount	Indicates the Container Deposit amount included in the item. Price excluding GST.
Returnable Package Deposit Amount Currency Code	N/A <i>(implies it's in Australian currency)</i>	Indicates the currency attached with the Container Deposit.
Returnable Package Deposit End Date Time	End Date	The end date or expiry date of the Container Deposit which is related to the registration number.
Returnable Package Deposit Identification	Identification	Indicates the registration number of the deposit scheme applicable to the trade item for the state.
Returnable Package Deposit Region: Country	N/A <i>(implies it's for Australia)</i>	Indicates the country of the deposit amount specified.
Returnable Package Deposit Region: State	Region	Indicates the states of the deposit amount specified.
CDS Material Type	CDS Material Type	Material of the item that is participating the Container Deposit Scheme.

OVERVIEW: Item Data Requirements

The following table depicts the data requirement from the various retailers expecting to receive this information via the NPC if the product supplied by suppliers is CDS applicable. Different retailers have different data requirements to meet their business needs.

Suppliers should provide the CDS values into the NPC based on who they're trading with. For example, if a supplier is only trading with Woolworths, then only 5 CDS item data fields are required to be populated. But if a supplier is trading with multiple data recipients, GS1 Australia recommend populating all item fields. This is to avoid any confusion in terms of what fields should or shouldn't be populated. For retailers receiving the data, they will only process and extract the fields they require.

	Coles	Metcash	Woolworths	7-Eleven*
Returnable Package Deposit Amount	✓	✓	—	—
Returnable Package Deposit Amount Currency Code	✓	✓	—	—
Returnable Package Deposit End Date Time	✓	✓	✓	—
Returnable Package Deposit Identification	✓	✓	✓	—
Returnable Package Deposit Region: Country	✓	✓	✓	—
Returnable Package Deposit Region: State	✓	✓	✓	—
CDS Material Type	✓	✓	✓	—

*7-Eleven CDS data to be provided in price only ✓ = Field is required by retailer — = Field is not required by retailer

OVERVIEW: Price Data Requirements

As the scheme is different in each state, a price per state should be uploaded for the retailers to correctly reflect the accurate price for the item. However, the requirement to load price including the CDS component can vary as pricing is unique per retailer. Before loading the price data, GS1 Australia strongly recommend suppliers to first contact the retailer's Category Manager and enquire how the pricing information for CDS should be entered.

Below are the retailers that require CDS price information and their basic requirements:

Retailer	CDS Price Requirement
Coles	Unless agreed with Category Manager, Coles is not expecting suppliers to change their national price or load a specific price against the state for the item. But if state-based pricing is expected, include the container deposit amount within the List Price.
Metcash	Metcash requires state-based pricing for all CDS applicable products. Please do NOT include the CDS amount within the List Prices. Instead, enter the CDS amount in the attribute called "Returnable Package Deposit Amount" which is found under the CDS section in the Item data page.
Woolworths	Expects the container deposit amount to be added as an allowance/charge associated to the List Price. The allowance/charge is to be indicated as a 'CHARGE' and two codes to identify the CDS price component can be used: 'CONTAINER' or 'DEFERRED_CONTAINER'.
7-Eleven*	Requires state-based pricing for all CDS applicable products. Include the container deposit amount within the List Price.

OVERVIEW: Using Publisher UI

Within the NPC Publisher UI, the fields are located under “**Core Item Additional – Packaging**”.

The screenshot displays two sections of the NPC Publisher UI. The first section, titled 'Package Deposit — No.: 1 / 999', contains three input fields: 'Returnable Package Deposit Amount' with the value '0.1', 'Returnable Package Deposit End Date Time' with the value '2025-12-30 00:00', and 'Returnable Package Deposit Identification' with the value 'ABC-1234'. The second section, titled 'Returnable Package Deposit Region — No.: 1 / 1', contains two dropdown menus: 'Returnable Package Deposit Region: Country' with the selected value '(036) - AUSTRALIA', and 'Returnable Package Deposit Region: State' with the selected value '(AU-SA) - South Australia - State'. Both sections have a header bar with a title, a count, and icons for adding, deleting, and collapsing the section.

Package Deposit — No.: 1 / 999	
Returnable Package Deposit Amount	0.1
Returnable Package Deposit End Date Time	2025-12-30 00:00
Returnable Package Deposit Identification	ABC-1234

Returnable Package Deposit Region — No.: 1 / 1	
Returnable Package Deposit Region: Country	(036) - AUSTRALIA
Returnable Package Deposit Region: State	(AU-SA) - South Australia - State

Select Packaging from the menu to find the Packaging Deposit group of fields.

The **Packaging Deposit** group contains all CDS related fields. Key points to be aware of when populating these fields:

1. The CDS item data is only required at the base unit level only (i.e. when field “Is Trade Item A Base Unit” flagged as ‘true’)
2. Repeat the ‘Package Deposit’ group for every state that’s applicable (refer to next page)

OVERVIEW: Using Publisher UI

CDS item data must be provided for each of the states that's applicable.

To add for multiple states, repeat the 'Packaging Deposit group' by clicking the '+'.

For example, if the product is CDS applicable to participating states (SA, NT, NSW, ACT, QLD), repeat the Packaging Deposit group 5 times.

The screenshot displays two instances of the 'Package Deposit' form in a list. The first instance, labeled 'No.: 1 / 999', contains the following data: Returnable Package Deposit Amount: 0.1, Returnable Package Deposit End Date Time: 2025-12-30 00:00, and Returnable Package Deposit Identification: ABC-1234. The second instance, labeled 'No.: 2 / 999', contains: Returnable Package Deposit Amount: 0.12, Returnable Package Deposit End Date Time: 2026-01-31 00:00, and Returnable Package Deposit Identification: XYZ-9876. Both forms have a currency dropdown set to '(AUD) - Australia, Dollars'. A red box highlights the '+' icon at the top right of the first form with the text 'Click to repeat Package Deposit group'. Another red box highlights the second form with the text 'Package Deposit group repeated to add CDS data for another state'.

Package Deposit — No.: 1 / 999	Package Deposit — No.: 2 / 999
Returnable Package Deposit Amount: 0.1	Returnable Package Deposit Amount: 0.12
Returnable Package Deposit End Date Time: 2025-12-30 00:00	Returnable Package Deposit End Date Time: 2026-01-31 00:00
Returnable Package Deposit Identification: ABC-1234	Returnable Package Deposit Identification: XYZ-9876
(AUD) - Australia, Dollars	(AUD) - Australia, Dollars

Note: The Publisher UI allows for bulk upload of the CDS data for multiple states using Excel template. For assistance with using the Excel template, contact the NPC Customer Support Team at NPCcustomersupport@gs1au.org.

PUBLISHER STEPS: Add State-Based Pricing

State pricing is required for items which are part of the Container Deposit Scheme. The CDS value is either:

1. Incorporated in the List Price (applies to Coles and 7-Eleven)
2. Shown as an allowance/charge (applies to Woolworths only)

Note: Where CDS pricing applies, all states must be shown as separate price records. For Woolworths, this is known as Exception Pricing. When loading state price records for Woolworths, include a National Price record as well.

For additional information, please refer to the **Woolworths Pricing 101** document.

The screenshot shows the 'Add new Price' form with the following fields and values:

- Release To Pool: (WORKING) - Working version
- Price Action Code: (ADD) - Add
- Price Type: (LIST_PRICE) - List Price
- Price Type Desc: (empty)
- Price Reason: (NI) - The introduction of a new item
- Price Value: 5.10
- Basis Quantity: 1

Annotations with red arrows point to the 'Price Value' and 'State/Region' fields:

- An arrow points from the 'Price Value' field to a box containing:
Incorporate the container deposit amount to the cost price.

For example:
Cost Price \$5.00
CDS Amount: \$0.10
- An arrow points from the 'State/Region' dropdown to a box containing:
Select the state that's applicable to the cost.

The 'State/Region' dropdown is currently set to (AU-SA) - South Australia - State.

PUBLISHER STEPS: Add Deposit Amount as a 'CHARGE' for Woolworths

The container deposit amount can be added as a 'CHARGE' associated to the List Price. After adding the State List Price value (excl. GST and container deposit amount), scroll down to the Allowances or Charges section to provide the container deposit amount. Which 'CHARGE' type (CONTAINER or DEFERRED_CONTAINER) to select will be dependent on supplier's trading agreement with Woolworths.

The screenshot displays the Woolworths Publisher interface with several sections and annotations:

- Top Bar:** Contains icons for 'Add new Price', 'Save', 'Validate', 'Release', 'Save as template', 'Select new Relationship', and 'View item'.
- Form Fields:**
 - Release To Pool:** (WORKING) - Working version
 - Price Action Code:** (ADD) - Add
 - Price Type:** (LIST_PRICE) - List Price
 - Price Type Desc:** (OTHER) - Other
 - Price Reason:** (NI) - The introduction of a new item
 - Price Value:** 5
 - Basis Quantity:** 1
 - Basis Unit:** (EA) - Each
- State/Region Section:**
 - State/Region — No.: 1 / 999**
 - State/Region:** (AU-NS) - New South Wales - State
 - Alternate Location:** (empty)
- Allowance(s) or Charge(s) Section:**
 - Allowance(s) or Charge(s) — No.: 1 / 999**
 - Allowance Or Charge:** (CHARGE) - Charge
 - A/C Desc:** (CONTAINER) - Container
 - A/C Value:** 0.10
 - A/C Type:** (VALUE) - VALUE

Annotations with arrows pointing to specific fields:

- Load a list price:** Points to the Price Value field (5).
- Select the state that's applicable to the cost:** Points to the State/Region field ((AU-NS) - New South Wales - State).
- Select 'CHARGE':** Points to the Allowance Or Charge field ((CHARGE) - Charge).
- Select 'CONTAINER' or 'DEFERRED_CONTAINER':** Points to the A/C Desc field ((CONTAINER) - Container).
- Provide the deposit amount value:** Points to the A/C Value field (0.10).

NPC XPRESS STEPS: Accessing CDS Item Data

For suppliers using NPC Xpress, item data for CDS is located in **“Packaging”** from the attribute section.

The screenshot displays the 'Packaging' section of the NPC Xpress interface. On the left, a sidebar lists various product attributes, with 'Packaging' highlighted in yellow. The main content area is titled 'Packaging | GS1 Drink 375 mL' and features a sub-header 'Container Deposit Scheme (CDS)'. Below this, there are three main configuration fields: 'Is CDS applicable to Trade Item?' with 'Yes' and 'No' buttons (the 'Yes' button is currently selected), 'CDS Material Type' with a dropdown menu showing 'Coloured Glass', and 'CDS Calculation Methodology' with a dropdown menu showing 'Select'. At the bottom, there is a table for recording CDS data with columns for 'Region', 'Amount', 'End Date', and 'Identification'. The first row contains the values 'NSW', '0.12', '31/12/2027', and 'BR-1234567'. To the right of the table is a blue 'X' button for deleting the row, and below the table is a blue '+' button for adding a new row.

Region *	Amount *	End Date	Identification
NSW	0.12	31/12/2027	BR-1234567

In NPC Xpress, Select Packaging from the attribution to find the CDS group of fields.

By default, Item Eligible for CDS is set to 'No'. If Item Eligible for CDS is selected as 'Yes', the section expands requesting additional information for the returnable container. To add State Region, simply click on the 'Add' button to repeat the fields.

NPC XPRESS STEPS: Add State-Based Pricing

To create state-based price, select 'Regional' for the pricing.

Status	New Item		Effective Date	05/05/2025	
Basis Quantity	1 EACH		Select Regional to include state based price		Click 'Add' to include other state regions
Pricing	National		Regional		+ Add
Geography	New South Wales	Queensland	South Australia		
Distribution Method	Distribution Centre	Distribution Centre	Distribution Centre		
List Price	\$ 5.10	\$ 5.15	\$ 5.05		
Transaction Price	\$	\$	\$		
Coles prefer List Price rather than Transaction Price					
Delete		Delete		Delete	

Incorporate the container deposit amount into the List Price (excl. for Metcash). For example, the List Price for New South Wales is \$5.00 and the container deposit amount is \$0.10. The final List Price to populate will be \$5.10. To include other state regions, click on the 'Add' button to repeat the group of fields.

NPC XPRESS STEPS: Add Deposit Amount as a 'CHARGE' for Woolworths

For Woolworths, the deposit amount is expected to be uploaded as either Container Charge or Deferred Container Charge associated to the List Price. Which 'CHARGE' type to provide will be dependent on supplier's trading agreement with Woolworths.

Note: When loading state price records for Woolworths, include a National Price record as well. For additional information, please refer to the **Woolworths Pricing 101** document.

Include a National Price

Geography

National

Distribution Method *

Distribution Centre

First Cost *

\$ 5

Select Add Region to include state based price

+ Add Region

+ Add Zone

	ACT and New South Wales	Queensland	South Australia
	Distribution Centre	Distribution Centre	Distribution Centre
	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5
Off Invoice Deal	Off Invoice Deal \$	Off Invoice Deal \$	Off Invoice Deal \$
Miscellaneous Deal	Miscellaneous Deal \$	Miscellaneous Deal \$	Miscellaneous Deal \$
Freight Charge	Freight Charge \$	Freight Charge \$	Freight Charge \$
Miscellaneous Charge	Miscellaneous Charge \$	Miscellaneous Charge \$	Miscellaneous Charge \$
Container Charge	Container Charge \$ 0.10	Container Charge \$ 0.15	Container Charge \$ 0.05
Deferred Deal	Deferred Deal \$	Deferred Deal \$	Deferred Deal \$
Deferred Container Charge	Deferred Container Charge \$	Deferred Container Charge \$	Deferred Container Charge \$
	Delete	Delete	Delete

ADDITIONAL: Metcash Requirements

Important!

1. Metcash expects all suppliers to provide **state-specific CDS details** for all products intended to be ranged nationally.
2. **CDS Amount:** Metcash requires state-based pricing for all CDS applicable products. Please do **NOT** include the CDS amount within the List Prices. Instead, enter the CDS amount in the attribute called “Returnable Package Deposit Amount” which is found under the CDS section in the Item data page.
3. **CDS Material Type:** If CDS is applicable, please ensure you select and publish the correct CDS Material Type to Metcash as this information is both critical and mandatory for Metcash suppliers

I don't have the CDS Registration Number for WA. What should I do?

NSW is currently the only state that issues a CDS Registration Number. If your product container is registered in the other states aside from NSW, please enter a dummy CDS Registration Number (e.g. BR-000000) when submitting your CDS details in NPC.

Do not leave the field blank and do not enter as “N/A”.

I don't know the CDS Registration Number for my product. Can I leave the field blank or enter as “N/A” in NPC?

No. This information is mandatory for Metcash and cannot be left blank or entered as N/A. Doing so will cause your product data to be rejected by Metcash.

ADDITIONAL: Questions and Useful Links

Questions?

If you require assistance on how to populate CDS information onto the NPC, contact NPC Customer Support on 1300 227 263 (option 4, 1 and then 2).

Alternatively, email **NPCcustomersupport@gs1au.org**

For suppliers using a Certified Product Partner, please contact your solution provider who will be able to assist.

While the NPC has included the fields for suppliers to include CDS information, GS1 Australia can only provide support on how to correctly enter the data. For specific CDS enquiries such as where to obtain the information or whether a product is CDS applicable, please contact the relevant regulation authority for further information.

Useful Links

[South Australia CDS](#)

[Northern Territory CDS](#)

[New South Wales CDS](#)

[Queensland CDS](#)

[Australian Capital Territory CDS](#)

[Tasmania CDS](#)

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