

Alternative destinations in the ARL Program

Please note: this document is dynamic and will be updated as additional alternative destinations become recognised by the ARL Program or cease to be recognised for any reason.

Alternative destination partners and local council collections are separate from each other and exist independently of APCO and the ARL Program. As the scope of the ARL Program extends only to household kerbside collection systems, these programs are recognised as offering a collection system for packaging that is not currently accepted at kerbside in Australia and/or New Zealand.

Alternative destination partners are required to apply to APCO and demonstrate that they meet a set of criteria that assesses their ability to collect and process the intended materials. Their application is reviewed by the ARL Program’s advisory committees. To apply for recognition as an alternative destination, please [reach out to APCO](#).






Recognised alternative destinations

Program	Applicable location	Suitable materials	Requirements	Applicable ARL instructions
Soft Plastics Recycling Scheme (NZSPRS)	New Zealand	Flexible films that meet the Soft Plastics Recycling Scheme table thresholds.	Organisations must be a member of the Packaging Forum and the Soft Plastic Recycling Scheme.	Return to Store / Store Drop Off
Simply Cups	Australia (excluding Western Australia)	Takeaway coffee cups.	Organisations must be a member of Simply Cups.	Drop Off Only
Soft plastics recovery systems	Australia	Soft plastics that have been assessed through PREP as meeting the new ARL thresholds for soft plastics , as available in PREP from July 2023.	N/A	Check Locally

Note: REDcycle is no longer recognised as an alternative destination for soft plastics in Australia.

Labelling for alternative destinations

To message for recyclability through an alternative destination, organisations will need to have evidence of a PREP report which demonstrates meeting the thresholds. The PREP report will show a Check Locally logo for Australia and Conditionally Recyclable logo for New Zealand if accepted, which can then be applied on-pack with the chosen messaging.

ARL for organisations that are not partners to an alternative destination program or do not meet the alternative destination thresholds	ARL options for alternative destinations*
 	   <p>*PREP report to evidence recyclability via program(s) is required.</p>

Note: The ARL icons above can only be applied on-pack by organisations who have signed the ARL Terms & Conditions.

Example mock-ups of ARL with alternative destination partners

Alternative destination partner programs may have application requirements for use of their logos alongside the ARL. It is recommended that organisations refer to their relevant terms and conditions agreement with partners or contact the programs directly to understand if there are any application requirements.



Document control

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1.0	March 2023	First published.
1.1	August 2023	Addition of Simply Cups as an alternative destination. Addition of Check Locally as an alternative destination for soft plastics recovery. Removal of REDcycle as an alternative destination.