



# Deposit Refund Scheme in Seychelles

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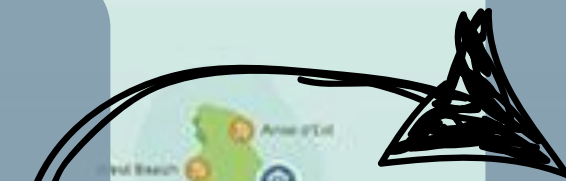
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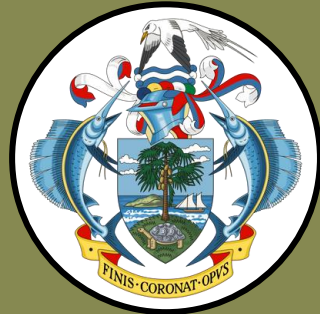


# SEYCHELLES is a **SIDS!**

- Sensitive ecosystems to a bad waste management---> government invest a lot in cleaning public space,
  - Scarcity of land,
  - High dependence to imported products → high production of packaging
  - High cost for shipments; Economies of scale difficult for businesses → need to rethink the economic vision
  - Low national budget dedicated towards waste management - not enough financial incentives for businesses to set-up

# Institutional Structure

Waste management is handled on a National level & the responsibility is shared between 2 National bodies, namely:



## Ministry of Environment, Climate, Energy and Natural Resources (MECENR)

- Ensure constitutional right of every individual to a clean, ecologically balanced, and healthy environment, with access to clean, reliable, and affordable water and energy supplies.
- Regulatory authority for waste management; responsible for formulation regulations, policies, and strategies for the sector as well as enforcement.

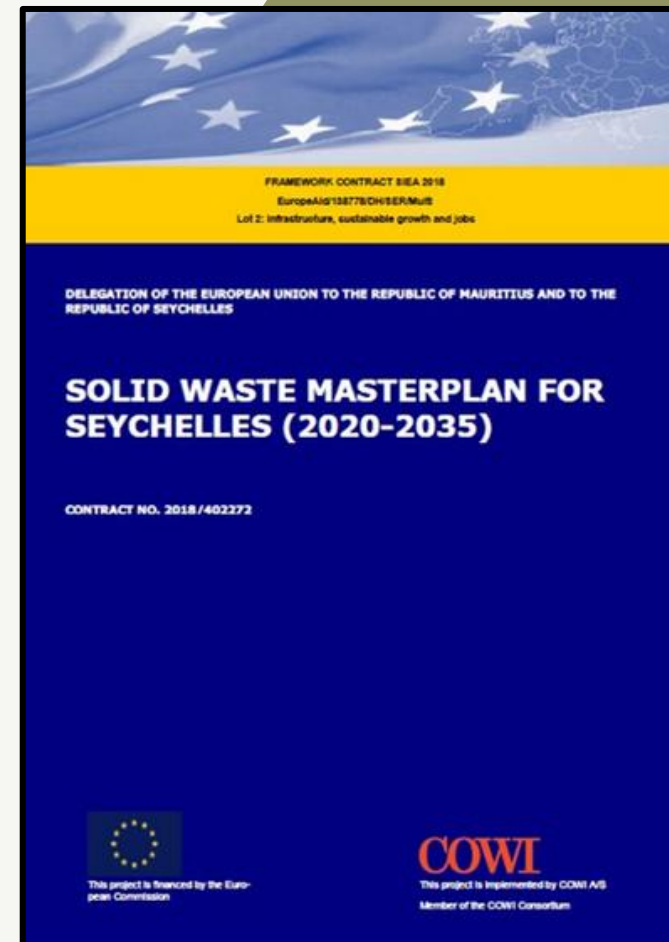


## The Landscape and Waste Management Agency (LWMA)

- Applies the regulations and laws put in place by the Government in terms of waste management.
- Plays an advisory role to the Ministry on waste management.
- In charge of household waste collection.
- Manages the landfill.
- Coordinates the deposit system since 2022.
- ...

# Policy framework

- ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT
- NATIONAL WASTE POLICY (2018-2023)
- SOLID WASTE MASTER PLAN (2020-2035)
- WASTE SERVICES REGULATIONS (2021)
- BANS ON SINGLE USE ITEMS
  - Plastic bags (2017)
  - Plastic utensils (2017)
  - Polystyrene boxes (2017)
  - Plastic straws(2019)
  - Balloons (2021)



# Deposit System

## What is it?

This system combines a tax when purchasing one of the containers, which will then be refunded when the container is returned after consumption

## It allows:

- Reintegrating the product into a new life cycle,
- Reducing waste,
- Avoiding the use of new raw materials for the design of new containers.

*In bigger country it can reduce costs by avoiding importation of products but in our case as SIDS we are still dependent of importation to have new products.*





**Madagascar**  
 STAR  
*Societe Tananarivienne  
 d'Articles Refrigeres*



**Reunion Island**  
 Brasseries de  
 Bourbon



**SEYCHELLES**  
 Seybrew






**LES BOUTEILLES DODO  
SONT TOUJOURS  
RECYCLABLES.**

- 1** NE LES JETEZ PAS.
- 2** DÉPOSEZ-LES À CÔTÉ  
DES BENNES À VERRE  
OU DEVANT VOTRE MAISON.
- 3** LAISSEZ LES RECYCLEURS  
LES RÉCUPÉRER.

ENSEMBLE,  
PRÉSERVONS L'ENVIRONNEMENT

## LE RECYCLAGE, UN SYSTÈME UNIQUE



**RECYCLAGE**

CONSOMMÉES


COLLECTÉES


RACHETÉES PAR  
BRASSERIES  
DE BOURBON


LAVÉES  
STÉRILISÉES

VÉRIFIÉES

RÉINTÉGRÉES DANS  
LE CIRCUIT DE  
FABRICATION

  
**ENVIRONNEMENT**  
**7500 TONNES DE VERRES**  
SOIT 40 MILLIONS DE BOUTEILLES  
RECYCLÉES PAR AN

  
**EMPLOI**  
**10 ENTREPRISES  
DE COLLECTE**  
+ DE 1 000 PERSONNES  
CONCERNÉES PAR LE  
COMPLÈMENT DE  
RÉMUNÉRATION

  
**ECONOMIE LOCALE**  
**2,8 MILLIONS €**  
RÉINJECTÉS DANS  
L'ECONOMIE LOCALE  
PAR BRASSERIES DE  
BOURBON

<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Ne les jetez pas</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Stockez les bouteilles à l'abri de la pluie</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Ne mettez rien dans les bouteilles (ni capsule, ni mégot)</p>
<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Inutile de décoller l'étiquette, elle part mieux dans nos équipements lorsqu'elle est entière</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Déposez-les dans les points de collecte appropriés</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Laissez les entreprises de collecte les récupérer</p>

 <p>Les consommateurs déposent leur(s) bouteille(s) à un point de collecte approprié</p>	 <p>Les entreprises de collecte les récupèrent et les revendent à Brasseries de Bourbon</p>	 <p>Brasseries de Bourbon les lave et les réutilise</p>
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## NOS 9 RÉCUPÉRATEURS PARTENAIRES

- GASTRIN Patrice** – Le Port / St Paul / St Denis 06 92 83 33 82 – 06 92 61 89 45
- BLUKER Cyrille** – Ouest / Sud 06 92 82 91 35 – 06 92 61 16 97
- MOUDIAPIN Marie** – Ste Marie 06 92 68 46 16 – 06 92 47 02 99
- Mr. AUDIFAX** – Du Port à St Rose 06 92 13 57 41
- TOLSY Didier** – Ouest / Nord / Est 06 92 10 67 41 – 06 92 84 84 02
- DOUJY Patrick** – Nord / Est 02 62 51 18 74 – 06 92 55 60 40 – 06 92 42 13 83
- LB ATTRACTIONS E.I (BARET)** – Sud 06.92.47.99.12
- FONTAINE Frédéric** – Ouest / Sud 06 92 65 91 99
- Sud récupération (LAURET)** – Toute l'île 06 92 77 39 63 – 06 92 78 18 34



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*Overwhelming of the landfill with plastic bottles, pollution and bad image for tourism and fisheries*

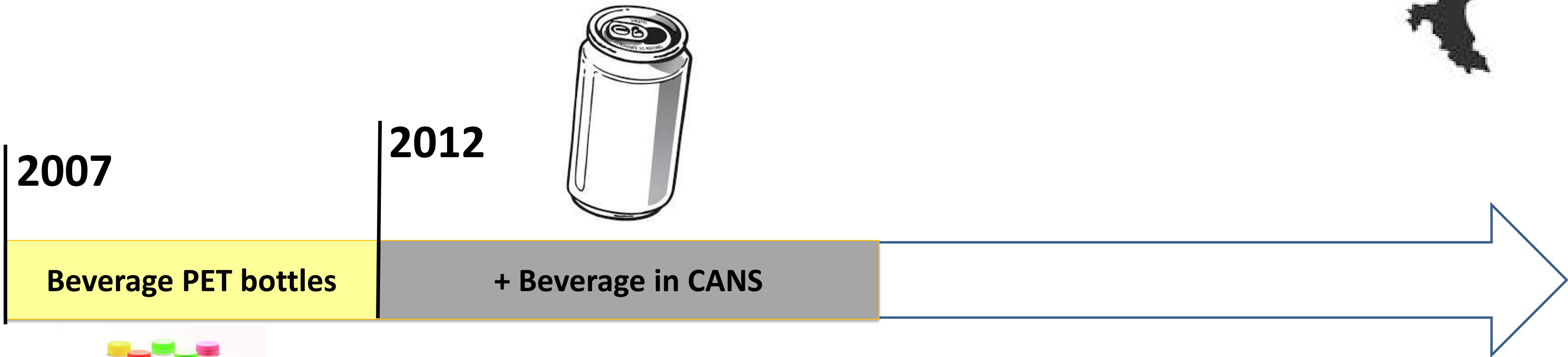


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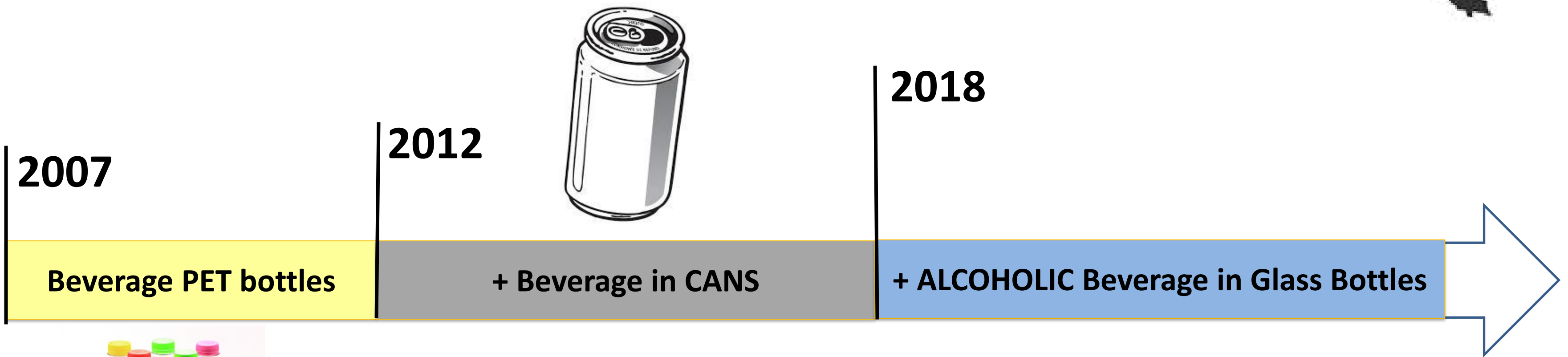
**Beverage PET bottles**



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# How does it work?



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5. Bought and processed by the Redeem Centers

1SCR = 0.058 euro  
(approx. 6cents)



SRC  
PET bottles  
Scr 1

Deposit

RETURN DATA

65% Redeem  
Center =  
Scr 0.65

35% WMF =  
Scr 0.35

50% Deposit

Scr 0.5 back to consumers

Scr 0.15 = Redeem Centers

15% = handling fee  
And administrative fee



SRC  
Alcoholic Glass  
bottles  
Scr 2

Deposit

RETURN DATA

58% Redeem  
Center = Scr 1.40

42% SeyGlass  
Company =  
Scr 0.60

30% = handling fee

50% Deposit

Scr 1 back to consumers

Scr 0.40 = Redeem Centers

20% = handling fee  
And administrative fee



SRC  
Cans  
Scr 1

Deposit

RETURN DATA

70% Redeem  
Center = Scr 0.70

30% WMF =  
Scr 0.30

50% Deposit

Scr 0.5 back to consumers

Scr 0.20 = Redeem Centers

20% = handling fee  
And administrative fee



Customs collects the levy upon on entry and transfer it to the Waste Management Fund.  
Redeem Centers send their invoices on a monthly basis to the WMF through the LWMA.

# DEPOSIT REFUND SCHEME & REDEEM CENTERS

## What types of containers can I return?

**BEVERAGE** containers only such as:

- PET Bottles and Cans
- **Alcoholic** Glass Bottles

## How much will I get back per container?

- PET Bottles & Cans = SCR 0.5
- Alcoholic Glass Bottles = SCR 1

## Where can I return my containers?

### MAHE

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Victoria, Lodge Street<br/>Mr. Senthil Kumar<br/>4322639 / 2606336</li> <li>St. Louis, Curio Road<br/>Mr. Donald Ernesta<br/>2514892 / 2519103</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providence<br/>Mr. Kandan Pillay<br/>2523355 / 2713727</li> <li>Anse Royale<br/>Mr. Franky Baccas<br/>2712318 / 2851400</li> </ul> |
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### PRASLIN & LA DIGUE

-  **PRASLIN : Not operational until further notice**
-  La Digue, La Passe  
Mr. Donal Ernesta  
Contact: 2541454 / 2514892



**For more information contact:**  
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# Be part of the Recycling Schemes SCR 1/-

**Redeem your Alcoholic glass bottles**  
**From the 18th January 2021**



**Providence Redeem Centre and Harini & Co (Providence)**  
 Contact: Mr. Kandan  
 Tel: 2523355 / 2713727



**Spirit bottles**



**Victoria, Lodge Street, Redeem Centre**  
 Mr. Senthil Kumar  
 Contact: 2793785



**La Digue, La Passe Redeem Centre**  
 Mr. Donald Ernesta  
 Tel: 2514892/2519103/4266914



**Beer bottles**



**St. Louis, Curio Road Redeem Centre**  
 Mr. Donald Ernesta  
 Tel: 2514892/2519103



**Anse Royale Redeem Centre**  
 Mr. Franky Baccas  
 Contact: 2783973



**Wine bottles**



**Praslin, Eve Island Redeem Centre**  
 Mr. Senthil Kumar  
 Contact: 2793785 / 4233277

Please contact redeem centres for an appointment.

Only alcoholic bottles will be qualified to be redeemed as part of the scheme, those include, imported beers, wine and spirits.



# TYPES OF CONTAINERS ACCEPTED AT REDEEM CENTRES IN SEYCHELLES



## ALL Beverage PET Bottles

- Bottles must be **empty** and **clean** (i.e., no soil and liquid residue)
- Bottle caps and labels must be removed



## ALL Beverage Aluminium Cans

- Cans must be **empty** and **clean** (i.e., no soil and liquid residue)



## ONLY Alcoholic Beverage Glass Bottles

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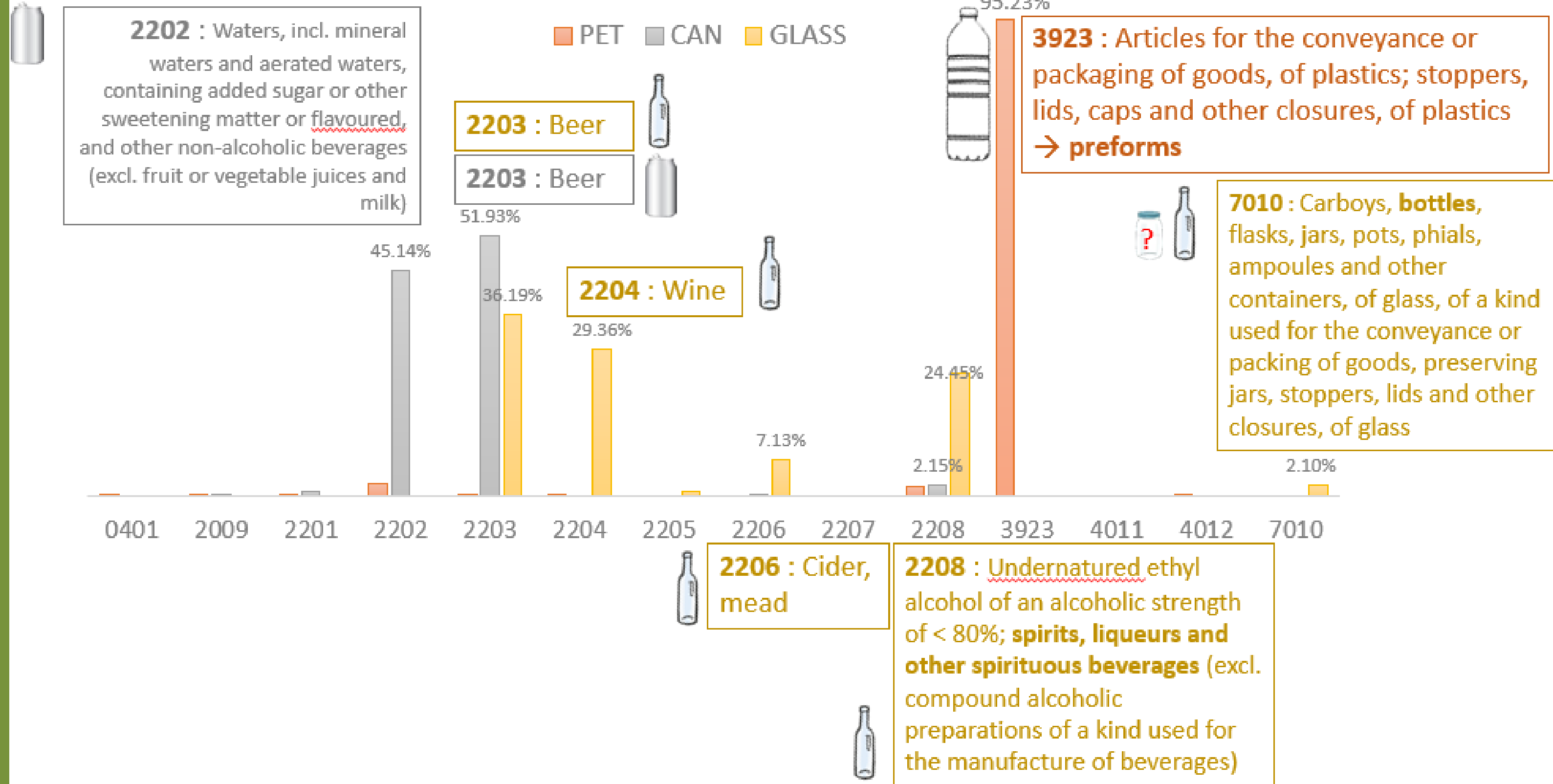


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# HS CODES FOR 2019

HS CODE per type of levies - 2019



# Processors



*Beverage Aluminum Cans*



*Beverage PET Bottles*



*Alcoholic Beverage Glass Bottles*



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**In 2024, more than 17 million beverage PET bottles were brought to the Redeem Centers.**



# CHALLENGES

- Only 4 redeem centers on the Main Island
- The deposit is not enough incentive in La Digue to work. Furthermore no presence of informal sector
- System not known by all the population

Same deposit for all containers



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# MAHE LANDFILL

- As there are not segregation at source and no sorting bins for those waste streams at district level, redeemable waste still end up at the landfill.





Thank you