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Delivery of packaged liquor from restaurants, pubs extended

VICTORIA – Government is extending the temporary authorization that permits food-primary and liquor-primary licensees to sell and deliver sealed, packaged liquor products alongside the purchase of a meal for off-site consumption during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The authorization, originally set to expire July 15, 2020, will remain in place until Oct. 31, 2020. Extending the temporary authorization will provide businesses with continued relief from the financial hardship of the pandemic and help make it easier for vulnerable British Columbians to continue observing physical distancing guidelines.

The extension was among a series of recommendations from the Business Technical Advisory Panel, which consists of liquor and hospitality industry representatives, to help support struggling hospitality workers and businesses during the pandemic.

Before the temporary measure was introduced, restaurants and pubs were permitted to sell liquor only for consumption in their establishments unless they had a special endorsement on their licence.

Existing safeguards for safe consumption, such as identity verification, continue to be in place. Individuals who deliver the liquor products are required to be certified with Serving It Right.

The Province is also extending temporary authorizations that allow for increased hours of retail liquor service to provide greater opportunities for physical distancing for seniors and people who are immunocompromised.

In April, the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) issued a policy directive that temporarily extended liquor retail hours of service for licensee retail stores, wine stores, special wine stores and liquor manufacturers with on-site store endorsements. The Liquor Distribution Branch put into place measures to allow the same operating hours at rural agency stores.

The original authorization for the extended liquor retail hours was set to expire July 15, 2020. It will now remain in place until Aug. 31, 2020.

Liquor retailers, such as wine stores or private liquor stores, will continue to be allowed to temporarily operate between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. daily until the end of August 2020, if they choose to do so.

Learn More:

View the LCRB policy directives here:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/business/liquor-regulation->

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