

Date: July 13, 2020

To: Liquor primary and food primary licensees permitted to remain open during the COVID-19 health crisis

Re: **Extension of temporary authority for the sale and delivery of packaged liquor for off-site consumption with the purchase of a meal for take-out or delivery**

Previous Policy

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Liquor Control and Licensing Regulation was amended to temporarily authorize liquor primary and food primary licensees to sell packaged liquor of all types – including draught beer in growlers and bombers – with a meal, liquor in unopened containers from the service area to a patron for consumption outside the service area.

Further to the Provincial Health Officer's (PHO) order which prohibited on-site service to patrons, liquor primary and food primary licensees were authorized to sell draught beer in growlers and bombers. This enabled the licensees to sell stock held in kegs before it spoiled.

The expiry date of this temporary authority was July 15, 2020.

New Policy

In order to continue providing support for industry and social distancing measures, this temporary authority is being extended and will remain in effect until October 31, 2020. The sale of liquor for off-site consumption must continue to be in conjunction with the sale of a meal that is for take-out or delivery.

Licensees may sell packaged liquor of all types for off-site consumption. However, effective July 16, 2020, food primary and liquor primary will no longer be allowed to sell **draught beer in growlers and bombers for off-site consumption**. Further to the resumption of on-site liquor service, subject to the conditions of the PHO order, it is no longer necessary for liquor primary and food primary licensees to be authorized to sell draught beer for off-site consumption.

For clarity, meals purchased with liquor for off-site consumption must not be consumed in your establishment.

This temporary authority is subject to terms and conditions. The delivery of liquor under this temporary authority is subject to the Liquor Control and Licensing Regulation and terms and conditions.

For the purposes of the terms and conditions, the word “unopened” in the time-limited regulations means packaged in the container the manufacturer sold the product in. You must not sell any liquor you have packaged yourself. This includes draught beer in growlers and bombers.

Further Information

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If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch toll free in Canada at 1-866-209-2111 or 250 952-5787 if calling from the Victoria area.

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