Buy Certified BC Grown Hops  
Rebate Program

Brewers that meet the following criteria will qualify for and be eligible for a rebate of $X per kg of hops purchased during the life of this program.

1) The rebate must be paid to a licensed BC brewery or cidery.

2) All applicable products will be certified by the BC Hop Growers Association as 100% BC grown. Products that are grown outside of BC, but repackaged in BC are NOT eligible for this program.

3) Certified BC Grown Hops can qualify when wet, loose leaf, pelletized, or otherwise processed.

The qualification process includes:

- The owner of the brewery signing a statutory declaration that the product meets all criteria, and
- The signing of a craft brewery or cidery agreement
- A verification audit may be conducted by the Ministry of Agriculture at any time.

The cost associated with conducting the compliance audit is the responsibility of the brewery.

Audit Process:

- Examination of books and records including any and all of the following: material/input purchase invoices and disbursement records; sales invoices and receipts record; inventory records including shipping documents and bills of lading; customs/export documents; Canada Revenue Agency monthly excise reports and supporting documents
- Physical inspection of brewery or cidery site and its processes
- Provision of hop source certification by BC Hop Growers Association.
Effective April 1, 2018

Breweries or Cideries located in BC that purchase Certified BC Grown Hop will qualify for a rebate of $X per KG of hops purchased.

Other issues/questions raised:

1) Would products made by a brewery or cidery that uses 100 per cent BC agricultural inputs qualify for a mark-up exemption or other rebates?

Answer: NO, further reductions for use of other BC Grown agricultural inputs are not part of this policy.

2) Would export product from a qualified brewer qualify for this rebate?

Answer: Yes, the production volume of a qualified brew whether for domestic or export use would qualify. This is consistent with the policy, and is in keeping with the government's intent to support BC breweries & cideries.