

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 April1, 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

