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To: All LCLB staff  
All Industry Associations  
All Local Government, First Nations, and Police Agencies

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**Re: Ethyl alcohol permits**

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**Introduction**

This is to announce changes to the ethyl alcohol (formerly 'pure grain alcohol') permit program that reduce the number of people who are required to obtain a permit to purchase ethyl alcohol for non-beverage use.

Ethyl alcohol permits are not required from the following people or organizations:

- pharmacists, if the ethyl alcohol is for use solely in connection with their pharmacy business in compounding medicines or as a solvent or preservative, or for sale to physicians and hospitals as a sterilizing agent;
- dentists, medical practitioners, nurse practitioners, registrants of the College of Naturopathic Physicians of British Columbia, or veterinarians, if the ethyl alcohol is for use solely in connection with their practice;
- hospitals as defined in section 1 of the *Hospital Act* or licensed hospitals as defined in section 5 (1) of that Act, and the ethyl alcohol is for use only in the hospital;
- universities, for use for scientific purposes;
- branches, ministries, departments or institutions of the provincial or federal government;
- persons who hold a prescription for ethyl alcohol.

Ethyl alcohol permits will continue to be available to:

- A person engaged in British Columbia in a mechanical or manufacturing business or scientific pursuit requiring the use of ethyl alcohol; and
- A person who proposes to use ethyl alcohol for a purpose that is not contrary to the public interest.

**Further Information**

Further information regarding liquor control and licensing in British Columbia is available on the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch website at <http://www.pssq.gov.bc.ca/lclb/>. If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch toll free in Canada at 1-866-209-2111 or 250 952-5787 if calling from the Victoria area.

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