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

Re: Ethyl alcohol permits

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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