

Date: February 18, 2016

To: All LCLB Staff
BC Wine Institute
All industry Associations
All Local Government, First Nations, and Police Agencies

Re: **Change to BCVQA Stores**

Introduction

New regulations have come into effect to amend the types of wine that may be sold in BCVQA stores.

Statutory Authority and Policy Rationale

Amendments to regulation 14.1 and to policy have been made to permit BCVQA stores to sell 100% BC wine even if not BCVQA certified. This is subject to approval by the BC Wine Institute who holds the licences for these stores. This change is to align the types of wines that may be sold in BCVQA stores with that permitted under the special wine store licence to be issued later this year by way of an auction process. BC wine includes cider, mead and sake made from 100% BC agricultural inputs.

The regulations are available on the LCLB website at <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/business/liquor-regulation-licensing>

Further Information

Further information regarding liquor control and licensing in British Columbia is available on the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch website at <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/liquorregulationandlicensing>. 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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