

Date: March 19, 2020

To: All LCRB Staff
All Licensees
All Industry Associations
All local government, First Nations and police agencies

Re: Distilleries, manufacture and sale of hand sanitizer

Current Policy

Under Liquor Control and Licensing Regulation (LCLR), s. 30, the General Manager of the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch may authorize licenced manufacturing establishments to be used for activities not otherwise authorized under the licence or LCLR.

Updated Policy

The A/General Manager is authorizing manufacturer licensees who are distillers to manufacture alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Licensees are able to donate or sell the hand sanitizer they have manufactured.

Explanation

This authorization is provided in the context of the provincial public health emergency related to COVID-19.

The authorization will be reviewed as the provincial health context changes.

Further Information

Further information regarding liquor and cannabis regulation and licensing in British Columbia is available on the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch website at <http://www.gov.bc.ca/liquorregulationandlicensing>.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch toll free in Canada at 1-866-209-2111 or 250 952-5787 if calling from the Victoria area.

Original signed by

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