

Date: March 26, 2020

To: Liquor primary and food primary licensees permitted to deliver liquor with a meal

Re: The sale of draught beer and the meaning of the word “packaged”

Policy Clarification

To promote public health and safety following the orders from the Public Health Officer, on March 21, 2020, the LCRB issued PD 20-05 to allow liquor primary and food primary licensees that are permitted to remain open during the current health crisis to sell and deliver packaged liquor of all types from the service area for off-site consumption to patrons with the purchase of a meal, subject to new terms and conditions for these purposes.

Since PD 20-05 was issued, the LCRB has received questions regarding the sale of draught beer and the meaning of the word “packaged.”

Sale of Draught Beer

You may sell draught beer in new glass vessels referred to as growlers and bombers of a size no less than one litre provided by you, with a meal.

Growlers and bombers are considered packaged beer, so they have been specified under the packaged beer line item for clarity and are subject to that minimum price (see table below).

Liquor Category	Minimum Price Per Litre (not including all sales taxes)
Wine	\$6.44
Spirits	\$27.88
Liqueurs	\$20.39
Packaged Beer (bottles, tins, growlers, bombers)	\$3.19
Cider and Coolers	\$3.75

Definition of “packaged”

The word “packaged” means in the container the manufacturer sold the product in. You must not sell any liquor you have packaged yourself, with the exception of draught beer noted above.

This authorization remains in effect until July 15, 2020.

Further Information

Further information regarding liquor and cannabis control 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.

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