

Date: March 31, 2020

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

Re: Breweries & Wineries, manufacture, packaging and sale of hand sanitizer

General Manager Authority

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

New Policy

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Province's March 2020 declaration of a state of emergency and the Public Health Officer's March 2020 declaration of a public health emergency, the General Manager is putting in place time limited measures to support the production of essential health and safety products.

Accordingly, the General Manager is authorizing brewery licence holders and winery licence holders to use their establishments to manufacture and/or package alcohol-based hand sanitizer. This authorization is limited to the use of the establishment for manufacturing and/or packaging hand sanitizer and does not relieve the licensee from other requirements or obligations that may be necessary for the production and/or packaging of alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

Licensees are able to donate or sell the hand sanitizer they have manufactured.

Licensees who manufacture and/or package alcohol-based hand sanitizer are responsible for ensuring that they have satisfied and are in compliance with all applicable requirements, including those imposed by Health Canada for the manufacture and/or packaging of alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

This directive does not permit the holder of a brewery or winery licence to distill spirits.

This new policy will be in effect until July 15, 2020

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 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.

Original signed by

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