

Date: September 18, 2020

To: Liquor primary and food primary licensees permitted to remain open during the COVID 19 health crisis.
All LCRB Staff
All Industry Associations
All local government, First Nations and police agencies

Re: Extension of temporary authority for the sale and delivery of packaged liquor for off-site consumption with the purchase of a meal for take-out or delivery.

Current Policy

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, in March 2020 the Liquor Control and Licensing Regulation (LCLR) was amended to temporarily authorize liquor primary and food primary licensees to sell packaged liquor of all types – including draught beer in growlers and bombers – with a meal in conjunction with the sale of a meal that is for take-out or delivery.

The expiry date of these temporary authorizations was July 15, 2020.

Subsequently, in order to continue providing support for industry and social distancing measures, in July 2020 the temporary authorizations were extended to October 31, 2020.

As of July 16, 2020, liquor primary and food primary licensees were no longer allowed to sell draught beer in growlers and bombers for off-site consumption. This was further to the resumption of on-site liquor service, subject to the conditions of the PHO order, and it being no longer necessary for liquor primary and food primary licensees to be authorized to sell draught beer for off-site consumption.

For more information, see Policy Directive 20-19.

New Policy

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Province's March 2020 declaration of a state of emergency and the Provincial Health Officer's (PHO) March 2020 declaration of a public health emergency, and to continue providing support for industry and social distancing measures, the temporary authorizations described in Policy Directive 20-19 are being extended.

Whereas these authorizations were to expire on October 31, 2020, they will now expire March 31, 2021.

This temporary authority is subject to terms and conditions. The delivery of liquor under this temporary authority is subject to the Liquor Control and Licensing Regulation and terms and conditions.

For the purposes of the terms and conditions, the word “unopened” in the time-limited regulations means packaged in the container the manufacturer sold the product in.

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.

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