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To: All LCRB Staff
All Rural Licensee Retail Store (RLRS) Licensees
Liquor Distribution Branch Wholesale Reporting

Re: Reporting liquor purchases made by hospitality licensees

Current Policy

The general manager can approve a Rural Licensee Retail Store (RLRS) licensee to sell liquor to specified hospitality licensees (e.g., Food Primary and Liquor Primary licensees) having met certain requirements. No reporting requirements are currently specified.

New Policy

The general manager can approve an RLRS licensee to sell liquor to specified hospitality licensees having met certain requirements. RLRS licensees with this authorization must report all liquor sales they make to each hospitality licensee to the Liquor Distribution Branch (LDB).

Explanation

The annual licence fee of a hospitality licensee is based on the amount of liquor they purchase during the course of a year. Therefore, when a hospitality licensee purchases liquor from an RLRS, the RLRS must report that sale to the LDB to ensure renewal fees of hospitality licensees are calculated accurately.

Note: Under former Rural Agency Store authorizations through the LDB, operators were required to report the same information in the same format as is now required under the RLRS licence, as per this policy directive.

Further Information

All RLRSs with authority to sell to specified hospitality licensees will have received information and training from LDB. If you have any questions about reporting this information or about the online reporting system, please contact LDB Wholesale Reporting at wpdr@bcldb.com.

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

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

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