

Date: September 23, 2021

To: All Licensees
All LCRB Staff
All Industry Associations
All Local governments, Indigenous Nations and Police agencies

Re: Extending the authorization for manufacturers to use their establishments to manufacture, package, sell and/or donate alcohol-based sanitizers.

Please note: This Policy Directive updates previous directives related to this authorization.

General Manager Authority

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

Extension of Authorization

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and to continue supporting industry with increased opportunities to generate revenue, while also supporting the production of essential health and safety products, the General Manager is **extending the authorization** for manufacturers to use their facilities to manufacture and/or package alcohol-based sanitizer and hand sanitizer until **30 days after the Provincial Health Officer announces that B.C. has entered Step 4 of its Restart Plan (extended from September 30, 2021)**.

The General Manager is also **extending the authorization** for manufacturers to use their facilities to sell or donate alcohol-based sanitizer and hand sanitizer **until six months after the authorization to make and/or package alcohol-based sanitizer and hand sanitizer has expired (extended from September 30, 2021)**.

The expiry date of these authorizations will be kept under review in the context of changing conditions and Government strategy related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Explanation

This authorization is provided in the context of the ongoing provincial public health emergency related to COVID-19. It will support the continued supply and distribution of alcohol-based sanitizers. This authorization will also provide additional support to liquor manufacturers in relation to COVID-related restrictions and other requirements.

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Further Information

Further information regarding liquor and cannabis control and licensing in British Columbia is available on the 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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