

Date: April 7, 2022

To: All Liquor manufacturer licensees
All LCRB staff
All Liquor industry associations
All Local governments, Indigenous Nations and Police agencies

Re: Expiry of 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.

Current Approach to Temporary Authorizations Expiry

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the General Manager of the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) authorized licensed manufacturers to use their establishments to manufacture, package, sell and donate alcohol-based sanitizer and hand sanitizer (sanitizers).

The temporary authorizations currently expire as follows:

- Authorization to use establishments to manufacture and/or package sanitizers expires 30 days after the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) announces that B.C. has entered Step 4 of its Restart Plan.
- Authorization to use establishments to sell or donate sanitizers expires six months after the authorization to use establishments to manufacture and package sanitizers expires.

Government additionally advised it would review these expiry dates in the context of changing conditions and Government strategy related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information on these temporary authorizations, see Policy Directives [20-08](#), [20-09](#), [20-10](#) and [21-19](#).

Clarified Approach to Temporary Authorization Expiry

The PHO lifted mask mandates on March 11, 2022 and announced the vaccine card requirement will be lifted on April 8, 2022. The General Manager of the LCRB considers the lifting of these requirements to be equivalent to the Province entering Step 4 of the Restart Plan.

As such, the temporary authorizations will expire as follows:

- The authorization for manufacturers to use their establishments to manufacture and/or package sanitizers expires at end of day on **May 8, 2022**.
- The authorization for manufacturers to use their establishments to sell or donate sanitizers expires six months later, at end of day on **November 8, 2022**.

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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/lcrb>.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please email the LCRB at LCRBLiquorPolicy@gov.bc.ca.

If you have questions on related changes regarding the use, storage, sale and donation of neutral grain spirit, please email the Liquor Distribution Branch at regemail@bcldb.com.

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