

Date: August 15, 2022

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

Re: **General Liquor Policy Changes**

1. Buying Liquor

New Policy

You may only purchase liquor as a licensee for the purpose of selling and/or serving it under your licence.

The Food Primary, Liquor Primary, Manufacturer, Catering, Licensee Retail Store, Rural Licensee Retail Store and Wine Store and Special Wine Store [Terms and Conditions Handbooks](#) have been updated.

2. Use of Automated Liquor Dispensing Systems

New Policy

Licensees are permitted to use automated liquor dispensing systems (ADS) in their service area, if the liquor being dispensed from the system comes from the original containers purchased from an authorized source.

ADSs fixed to a seating area, including table-top liquor dispensing systems, are prohibited.

A liquor dispensing system may also be used to dispense liquor samples for patrons during consumer tastings. The dispensing system must only be activated by the licensee or the on-duty supervisor/manager.

For further specific requirements surrounding the use of ADS's in your establishment, see the [Terms and Conditions Handbook](#) for your licence type.

3. Glassware in stadiums

Current Policy

To serve or sell liquor in a stadium, you must serve all liquor in disposable containers (this may include disposable/recyclable plastic bottles or aluminum cans, as long as they are opened before they are given to patrons).

New Policy

There is one exception to the disposable container requirement. If a formal dinner is being held in a stadium, the licensee may use glassware. This is restricted to plated or buffet dinners only.

The [Liquor Primary Licence Terms and Conditions Handbook](#) has been revised to reflect this change.

4. Liquor price lists requirement regarding taxes

Current Policy

A licensee must have a price list available showing the type of liquor, size of each drink, the price, and specify whether or not taxes are included and what the applicable taxes are.

New Policy

Licensees are no longer required to specify, in the price lists, whether or not taxes are included and what the applicable taxes are.

The Food Primary, Liquor Primary, Manufacturer, Catering and Special Event Permit [Terms and Conditions Handbooks](#) have been revised to reflect this change.

5. Liquor incident log

New Policy

Additional Terms and Conditions have been included regarding the keeping of a record of incidents. The section elaborates on the types of incidents that should be logged and what information should be included in an incident log.

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6. Permitted manufacturer or agent branded refrigerators

Current Policy

Retail stores (Licensee Retail Stores, Rural Licensee Retail Stores and Wine Stores) are permitted to accept no more than two manufacturer brand-identified refrigerators that do not exceed more than 19 cubic feet each.

New Policy

Retail stores are permitted to accept a maximum of two manufacturer brand-identified refrigerators of which the combined total size cannot exceed 38 cubic feet.

The Licensee Retail Store, Rural Licensee Retail Store, Wine Store and Manufacturer [Terms and Conditions Handbooks](#) have been revised to reflect this change.

Disclaimer

This communication is intended to be used only for general informational purposes and may not apply to all situations. This communication does not constitute legal advice nor is it a comprehensive statement of the legal obligations that arise under the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*, regulations, or any other applicable laws. When interpreting and applying the information contained in this communication, you are encouraged to seek specific advice from your professional advisors as appropriate in the circumstances.

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/lcrb>.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch at LCRBLiquorPolicy@gov.bc.ca.

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