

Date: June 8, 2016

To: All LCLB staff
All Industry Associations
All Local Government, First Nations, and Police Agencies

Re: **Confiscation of identification, minimum pricing for off-premise sales, use of handcuff restraints by doorpersons**

1. Clarification on the identification requirements

Background

Selling or serving liquor to a minor is a serious contravention of the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*. Regulations and policy have been developed to prevent this from occurring.

Licensees are responsible for ensuring that minors are not served liquor. If there is any doubt whether a customer is 19 or over, licensees and their employees should verify age by asking for two pieces of ID, carefully examining both pieces, and acting on the authenticity of the identification. If licensees can't demonstrate that they have done this, they could be held responsible for serving a minor, if the person is under 19. The current wording in the Terms and Conditions Guides does not adequately reflect these requirements.

Complaints from members of the public have been received about the confiscation of identification and the branch is concerned about security and privacy issues for the patron, the licensee and the branch associated with confiscating identification.

Current Policy

The Terms and Conditions Guides are unclear about the ID checking requirements and currently state that licensees are encouraged to confiscate false identification and turn it over to their liquor inspector, except in the case of false passports, since confiscating a valid passport is a federal offence. The guides go on to say that inspectors will then return the confiscated identification to the issuing agency.

New Policy

Effective immediately, the terms and conditions guides have been updated to clarify the ID checking requirements and to remove the suggestion that licensees should confiscate any patron's identification.

2. Minimum Pricing Off-Premise Sales

Background

On February 23, 2016 Policy Directive 16-04 set out new minimum liquor pricing in liquor stores. It applied to licensee retail stores, wine stores, manufacturer on-site stores as well as BC Liquor Stores (i.e. LDB stores) and rural agency stores.

New Policy

Effective July 1, 2016 the policies in Policy Directive 16-04 also apply to off-premise sales from liquor primary establishments authorized to make those sales.

A licensee may not sell liquor for off-premise sale for less than either of the following prices:

- 1) The price that the licensee paid for the liquor; or
- 2) The price set out in the table below.

Liquor Category	Minimum Price Per Litre (not including all sales taxes)
Wine	\$6.44
Packaged Beer (bottles and tins)	\$3.19
Draught Beer (kegs 18 litres or greater)	\$1.97
Cider and Coolers	\$3.75

This policy is in place to help ensure that liquor with very low wholesale prices is not retailed at prices that may encourage abuse or overconsumption.

The Appendix contains examples of minimum prices for common package sizes. In addition, an interactive Excel spreadsheet is available on our website allowing you to enter different product sizes to determine the minimum price. Follow the link here: http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/employment-business-and-economic-development/business-management/liquor-regulation-licensing/policy-directives/16-04_minimum_price_calculator.xlsx

3. Doorpersons using handcuffs

Background

In 2009 the *Security Services Act* regulation provided the ability for security guards to undergo Advanced Security Training through the Justice Institute of BC to use handcuffs while on duty. When used correctly and with the proper training, handcuffs can be an invaluable tool for security guards including doorpersons to de-escalate an otherwise hostile situation.

Current Policy

The Liquor Primary Terms and Conditions Guide prohibits staff or contractors, working as doorpersons, from using handcuffs in the course of maintaining order.

New Policy

Effective immediately, all policy decisions on handcuff use in licensed establishments will be regulated by Security Programs Division of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

Further Information

Further information regarding the requirements for doorpersons can be directed to Security Programs Division at <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/business/security-services/security-industry-licensing/contact> or 1 855 587-0185 (press option 1).

Further information regarding liquor control and licensing in British Columbia is available on the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch website at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/liquorregulationandlicensing>. If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch toll free in Canada at 1-866-209-2111 or 250 952-5787 if calling from the Victoria area.

Original signed by

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**APPENDIX
MINIMUM RETAIL PRICES BY PRODUCT CATEGORY AND SIZE**

Product Type	Product Size	Minimum Retail Price (excluding all sales taxes)
BEER - Packaged	650 ml	\$2.07
	6 x 341 ml	\$6.53
	12 x 341 ml	\$13.05
	6 x 355 ml	\$6.79
	12 x 355 ml	\$13.59
	500 ml	\$1.60
	BEER – Kegs 18 litres or more	
20 litres	\$39.40	
30 litres	\$59.10	
50 litres	\$98.50	
58.7 litres	\$115.64	
WINE		
375 ml	\$2.42	
750 ml	\$4.83	
1.5 litres	\$9.66	
2 litres	\$12.88	
4 litres	\$25.76	
16 litres	\$103.04	
CIDER AND COOLERS		
473 ml	\$1.77	
473 ml x 4	\$7.10	
355 ml x 4	\$5.33	
330 ml x 6	\$7.43	
355 ml x 6	\$7.99	
2 litres	\$7.50	