

Date: February 25, 2016

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

Re: **Independent Wine Store Relocation to Grocery Stores**

Introduction

Effective immediately, new regulations limit how independent wine stores (i.e. wine stores permitted to sell all types of wine) may relocate to grocery stores.

New Regulation

Section 14.1 of the Liquor Control and Licensing Regulation has been amended to limit independent wine store relocations to grocery stores to the "store within a store" model where all types of wine may be sold. These wine stores may no longer relocate to grocery stores to sell 100% BC wine on grocery store shelves.

Further Information

Further information regarding liquor control and licensing in British Columbia is available on the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch website at <http://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.

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