



Date: June 5, 2020

Re: **Private Sale of Liquor During COVID-19 Pandemic**

1. Private Sale of Liquor During COVID-19 Pandemic (Finance Wholesale Department)

Purpose of Policy

The purpose of this policy is to provide support to B.C.'s hospitality industry during the COVID-19 pandemic by allowing hospitality licensees who have temporarily closed to sell their liquor stock to other hospitality licensees who remain operational and/or Licensee Retail Store (LRS). This policy will operate under the framework established by LDB's Private Sale of Liquor policy, until July 15, 2020, or as otherwise directed by government. This policy is to provide a process for the legal sale of liquor by a hospitality licensee to another hospitality licensee and/or LRS.

Explanation

In response to industry concerns and to provide urgent support for B.C.'s licensed establishments who have temporarily suspended operations due to the pandemic, the LDB has taken action to implement this policy change which temporarily allows hospitality licensees who have temporarily closed to sell their existing liquor stock to hospitality licensees who remain operational and/or LRS.

Sales will be authorized under the framework established in the LDB's *Private Sale of Liquor Policy* and include the following parameters:

- Hospitality licensees will be permitted to determine their own sale prices, so long as the price is not set below the minimum wholesale price.
- LDB's 5% administrative fee that is normally applied to private sales under this policy will be waived for the duration of the initiative.
- LRS are not authorized to sell to hospitality nor are they permitted to sell to other LRS under this policy.

This temporary policy change is effective immediately.

In order to be permitted to make a private sale of liquor, hospitality licensee are obligated to fill out the *Private Sale of Liquor Agreement for Hospitality Licensees*, and email it to regmail@bcldb.com. The policy and the agreement are both available on the Liquor Distribution Branch website at <https://wholesale.bcldb.com/resources/policies>.



If you have any questions regarding this policy or the agreement, please contact Michael Bhala, Senior Manager, Finance Wholesale Department at 604-252-7489 or at Michael.Bhala@bcldb.com.

References:

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