Friday, April 3, 2020

Re: WVABCA LIMITED HOME DELIVERY ADVISORY

Per West Virginia Governor Jim Justice and the Executive Orders related to COVID-19 issued to date, WVABCA Commissioner Fred Wooton is permitting limited home delivery (only for licensees located within West Virginia by the licensee or its employee’s vehicle and not by mail or common carrier) of sealed beer and wine by certain licensees to a person’s home for personal use and consumption during the State of Emergency, as follows:

1. Restaurants and bars licensed as private clubs, private wine restaurants, taverns and brewpubs may deliver beer to a person’s home in a sealed original container - bottles, cans & growlers for personal use and consumption, if licensed to sell growlers, when the Licensee is delivering take-away food orders.

   Restaurants and bars licensed as private clubs, private wine restaurants, taverns and brewpubs may also deliver wine to a person’s home in a sealed original container - bottles, cans & boxes for personal use and consumption, when the Licensee is delivering take-away food orders.

   The WVABCA is reviewing new growler license applications. An approved sealed growler is considered a sealed original container.

2. Brewers and Resident Brewers may deliver beer in a sealed original container - growlers, bottles, cans or kegs to a person’s home for personal use and consumption.

3. Wineries and Farm Wineries may deliver wine in sealed wine bottles, cans or boxes to a person’s home for personal use and consumption.

Requirements: (a) The WVABCA expects Licensees to verify the age of the person purchasing is 21 years of age or older and that the person is not intoxicated.

(b) Further, the parties should complete the verifications noted above, maintain “social distance” and further attempt “contact-less payment and home delivery” when possible.

Restrictions: (a) Third parties (for example: Grubhub, UberEats or etc.), who are un-licensed, are NOT permitted to home deliver beer or wine.

(b) Home deliveries of beer and wine in a cup or other container are NOT permitted.

(c) Home delivery of liquor bottles or mixed alcoholic drinks is NOT permitted.

(d) Distilleries and Mini-Distilleries are NOT permitted to home deliver liquor.