

INFORMATION BULLETIN – No. 013
Liquor Licence Act
Regulatory Amendments
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Effective July 13, 2007, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) is pleased to advise that a number of changes have been made to regulations under the *Liquor Licence Act* (LLA). These reforms were based on extensive consultations with the public and stakeholders and affect a number of different types of licensees.

These amendments to the regulations under the LLA include provisions:

Regulation 719 – Liquor Sales Licensees

- Requiring licensees to take reasonable measures to deter or minimize damage caused by disorderly conduct in the vicinity of the licensed establishment;
- Establishing a duty for licensees/management to maintain control over entry into their establishments, as well as the activities that take place in them;
- Allowing the licensing of hotel and motel lobbies;
- Introducing minimum liquor pricing and responsible drink price flexibility for licensees (please see Information Bulletin No. 14 for further details);
- Mandating that all licensees, including those issued licences prior to 1993, ensure appropriate staff members successfully complete server training by January 1, 2008;
- Prohibiting the presence of alcohol without liquid (AWOL) devices, which are designed to produce a mist for inhalation, at licensed establishments;
- Allowing patrons to bring sealed alcohol into licensed establishments that is bought from a government store and intended for personal use elsewhere;
- Permitting the service of liquor to all persons on a golf course;

Regulation 718 – Manufacturers’ Representatives and Liquor Delivery Services

- Mandating that all liquor delivery service operators ensure that appropriate staff members successfully complete server training by January 1, 2008;
- Requiring liquor delivery service operators to immediately notify the AGCO of a business address change;
- Permitting manufacturers’ representatives to keep existing liquor products, rather than strictly “new” products, for the purpose of providing samples;

Regulation 720 – Manufacturers

- Clarifying that liquor manufacturers' records must be kept for a minimum of six years for inspection purposes;

Regulation 58/00 – Ferment on Premise Facilities

- Changing the name “brew on premise” to “ferment on premise”;
- Eliminating the three-month grace period for licence renewals to create consistency with other types of licences;

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- Amending and streamlining the prescribed ownership sections for licence transfer purposes, including establishing that any share transfer that results in a 10% ownership of any class of shares is a prescribed change;
- Eliminating LLBO photo cards as a prescribed form of identification; and
- Addressing a number of other housekeeping and technical issues.

These regulatory amendments complement a number of statutory changes already introduced and related policy reforms continue to be developed. As a whole, these changes represent a balanced package that incorporates significant public safety and consumer protection initiatives, as well as measures that reduce red tape and create a more flexible and modern liquor licensing framework in Ontario.

Please note, while this Information Bulletin highlights many of the regulatory changes made, licence holders are expected to fully comply with all legislative and regulatory requirements. Updated electronic versions of the LLA and its regulations are available online through the AGCO website at www.agco.on.ca.

For further inquiries about Ontario’s liquor licensing framework, including any of the recent changes, please contact AGCO Customer Service at (416) 326-8700 or toll free in Ontario at 1-800-522-2876, and visit the AGCO website on a regular basis.