

August 11, 2020

From the Office of John Suchy

Director, DCP Liquor Control

For Immediate Release

Wholesalers in Connecticut have been approved to delivery alcoholic liquor product to their retail customers through Friday, September 4, 2020 for product which is ordered in August 2020.

This approval is for an extension of delivery only.

## WINE AND SPIRITS WHOLESALERS OF CONNECTICUT, INC.

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Lawrence F. Cafero Jr., Esq. Executive Director General Counsel

July 30, 2020 Via: Email

Mr. John Suchy, Director Division of Liquor Control Department of Consumer Protection 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 901 Hartford, CT 06103

Extension of Delivery is APPROVED for ALL wholesalers in Connecticut through Friday, 09/04/2020. John Suchy

Re: Request for permission to deliver goods ordered in August through September 3, 2020

Dear Director Suchy:

I am writing to you on behalf of the member companies of the Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of Connecticut, Inc. to request permission to deliver beverage alcohol products ordered and sold during the month of August 2020 through Thursday, <u>September 3, 2020.</u>

The COVID 19 Pandemic has caused many suppliers to change their pricing patterns to reflect the new consumer demand and as a result, there have been enormous delays throughout the distribution chain. As a result, we anticipate heavy ordering during the last weekend of August. In addition to the numerous challenges already created by the COVID 19 pandemic, the month of August ends on a Monday which always puts a great deal of pressure on the weekend to process and complete deliveries with only one business day before month's end. Several of the largest wine and spirit brands are deeply discounted in August for September and the current circumstances will add to the volume of orders. We believe, given the current state of emergency, a granting of this extension request is warranted. It is anticipated that, based upon these factors, the volume of orders for many wholesalers will substantially exceed their delivery capacity.

Please note that this request is for an extension of deliveries ONLY and in no way changes the fact that orders must be completed by August 31st.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence F. Cafero,

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