

WINE AND SPIRITS WHOLESALERS OF CONNECTICUT, INC.

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

Reviewed and Approved by Commission for ALL Wholesalers in the State of

Connecticut on April 28, 2020 John suchy

Re: Request for permission to deliver goods ordered in June through July 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 June 2020 through Friday, July 3, 2020.

Needless to say, these are challenging times. The COVID 19 Pandemic has caused many suppliers to change their pricing patterns to reflect the new consumer demand and as a result, there will be far more products on sale this June than there was a year ago. As a result, we anticipate heavy ordering during the last weekend of June. The month ends on a Tuesday which would leave only 2 business days to fulfill those orders. Some of the largest wine and spirit brands are already deeply discounted in June and the current circumstances will add to the volume of orders. The calendar was the same for March of this year, wherein the month ended on a Tuesday. The Commission was kind enough to grant our request for a 3 day extension at that time. I believe, given the current state of emergency, a granting of this extension request is even more 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 June 30th.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly vours awrence F. Cafero, Jr.

Executive Director/General Counsel Wine and Spirits Wholesalers of Connecticut

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cc: Ms. Judy Malone, CBWA, Attorney Robert Shea, Mr. Robert Sussler