



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

From the Office of John J. Suchy
Director, Liquor Control Division
October 15, 2019
For Immediate Release

Subject: EXTENSION OF DELIVERY FOR ALCOHOL BEVERAGE PRODUCTS THROUGH DECEMBER 5, 2019

At today's regular meeting of the Liquor Control Commission, Director Suchy presented the October 10, 2019 letter from Lawrence F. Cafero, Jr., Executive Director/General Counsel for the Wine and Spirits Wholesalers of Connecticut, Inc., requesting permission to deliver beverage alcohol products ordered and sold during the month of November through December 5, 2019. The department recommended approval for the members of the trade association and for all other wholesalers in Connecticut. It should be noted that this approval is for extension of deliveries only.

The Commission approved this request.

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Via: Email

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John G. Suchy

Re: Request for permission to deliver November goods through December 5, 2019

Dear Director Suchy:

I am writing to you on behalf of the member companies of the Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of Connecticut, Inc. (WSWC) to request permission to deliver beverage alcohol products ordered and sold during the month of November 2019 through December 5, 2019. The reason for the request is that the nature of the calendar makes it impossible to complete the anticipated orders within the remaining business days following the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

By way of background, November is one of the two busiest sales months for Connecticut wholesalers. Many retailers, however, delay their end-of-month purchases until after the Thanksgiving Holiday. Their delay is understandable as it is in their interest to make purchases after they have seen their consumers' Thanksgiving purchases. These end-of-month orders place significant strains on wholesalers' distribution capacities. For the 2019 calendar, Thanksgiving is on the 28th of the month and there are only two business days (one of which is a Saturday) following the holiday to take all the orders and to make all the deliveries. It is anticipated that, based upon wholesaler's experiences in prior years, the volume of orders for many wholesalers will exceed their delivery capacity by twenty-five to thirty per cent. Should this request not be granted, thousands of cases of beverage alcohol will not be delivered to Connecticut retailers and wholesalers will be compelled to determine which retailers receive their orders. Therefore, in order to ensure that all retailers will receive the goods which they have ordered, the members of the WSWC respectfully request the Department approve delivery of goods ordered during the month of November, through December 5, 2019. As always, this request is for an extension of deliveries only and is not request to extend the time November orders are taken.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence F. Cafero, Jr
Executive Director/General Counsel
Wine and Spirits Wholesalers of CT.

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