



Wine Direct Shipper Permit (DS)

For wine manufacturers. Allows wineries to ship bottles of wine directly to consumers at their personal residence in Iowa.

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123.187 Direct shipment of wine – permits and requirements.

1. A wine manufacturer licensed or permitted pursuant to laws regulating alcoholic beverages in this state or another state may apply for a wine direct shipper permit, as provided in this section. For the purposes of this section, a “wine manufacturer” means a person who processes the fruit, vegetables, dandelions, clover, honey, or any combination of these ingredients, by fermentation into wines.

2. a. Only a wine manufacturer that holds a wine direct shipper permit issued pursuant to this section shall sell wine at retail for direct shipment to any person within this state. This section shall not prohibit an authorized retail licensee or permittee from delivering wine pursuant to section 123.46A.

b. A wine manufacturer applying for a wine direct shipper permit shall submit an application for the permit electronically, or in a manner prescribed by the administrator, accompanied by a true copy of the manufacturer’s current alcoholic beverage license or permit issued by the state where the manufacturer is primarily located and a copy of the manufacturer’s basic permit issued by the alcohol and tobacco tax and trade bureau of the United States department of the treasury.

c. An application submitted pursuant to paragraph “b” shall be accompanied by a permit fee in the amount of twenty-five dollars.

d. An application submitted pursuant to paragraph “a” shall also be accompanied by a bond in the amount of five thousand dollars in the form prescribed and furnished by the division with good and sufficient sureties to be approved by the division conditioned upon compliance with this chapter. However, a wine manufacturer that has submitted a bond pursuant to section 123.175, subsection 2, paragraph “g”, shall not be required to provide a bond as provided in this paragraph. e. A permit issued pursuant to this section may be renewed annually by submitting a renewal application with the administrator in a manner prescribed by the administrator, accompanied by the twenty-five dollar permit fee.

3. The direct shipment of wine pursuant to this section shall be subject to the following requirements and restrictions:

a. Wine shall only be shipped to a resident of this state who is at least twenty-one years of age, for the resident’s personal use and consumption and not for resale.

b. Wine subject to direct shipping shall be properly registered with the federal alcohol and tobacco tax and trade bureau, and fermented on the winery premises of the wine direct shipper permittee.

c. All containers of wine shipped directly to a resident of this state shall be

conspicuously labeled with the words “CONTAINS ALCOHOL: SIGNATURE OF PERSON AGE 21 OR OLDER REQUIRED FOR DELIVERY” or shall be conspicuously labeled with alternative wording preapproved by the administrator.

d. All containers of wine shipped directly to a resident of this state shall be shipped by a holder of a wine carrier permit as provided in section 123.188. e. Shipment of wine pursuant to this subsection does not require a refund value for beverage container control purposes under chapter 455C.

4. A wine direct shipper permittee shall remit to the division an amount equivalent to the wine gallonage tax on wine subject to direct shipment at the rate specified in section 123.183 for deposit as provided in section 123.183, subsections 2 and 3. The amount shall be remitted at the time and in the manner provided in section 123.184, subsection 2, and the ten percent penalty specified therein shall be applicable.

5. A wine direct shipper permittee shall be deemed to have consented to the jurisdiction of the division or any other agency or court in this state concerning enforcement of this section and any related laws, rules, or regulations. A permit holder shall allow the division to perform an audit of shipping records upon request.

6. A violation of this section shall subject the permittee to the general penalties provided in this chapter and shall constitute grounds for imposition of a civil penalty or suspension or revocation of the permit pursuant to section 123.39.

123.2 General prohibition.

It is unlawful to manufacture for sale, sell, offer or keep for sale, possess, or transport alcoholic liquor, wine, or beer except upon the terms, conditions, limitations, and restrictions enumerated in this chapter.

123.3 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “Administrator” means the administrator of the division, appointed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, or the administrator’s designee.

2. “Air common carrier” means a person engaged in transporting passengers for hire in interstate or foreign commerce by aircraft and operating regularly scheduled flights under a certificate of public convenience issued by the civil aeronautics board.

3. “Alcohol” means the product of distillation of any fermented liquor rectified one or more times, whatever may be the origin thereof, and includes synthetic ethyl alcohol.

4. “Alcoholic beverage” means any beverage containing more than one-half of one percent of alcohol by volume including alcoholic liquor, wine, and beer.

5. “Alcoholic liquor” means the varieties of liquor defined in subsections 3 and 50 which contain more than six and twenty-five hundredths percent of alcohol by volume, beverages made as described in subsection 7 which beverages contain more than six and twenty-five hundredths percent of alcohol by volume but which are not wine as defined in subsection 54, high alcoholic content beer as defined in subsection 22, or canned cocktails as defined in subsection 11, and every other liquid or solid, patented or not, containing spirits and every beverage obtained by the process described in subsection 54 containing more than twenty-one and twenty-five hundredths percent of alcohol by volume, and susceptible of being consumed by a human being, for beverage purposes. Alcohol manufactured in this state for use as fuel pursuant to an experimental distilled spirits plant permit or its equivalent issued by the federal bureau of alcohol, tobacco and firearms is not an “alcoholic liquor”.

6. “Application” means a written request for the issuance of a permit, license, or certificate that is supported by a verified statement of facts and submitted electronically, or in a manner prescribed by the administrator.

7. “Beer” means any liquid capable of being used for beverage purposes made by the fermentation of an infusion in potable water of barley, malt, and hops, with or without unmalted grains or decorticated and degerminated grains or made by the fermentation of or by distillation of the fermented products of fruit, fruit extracts, or other agricultural products, containing more than one-half of one percent of alcohol by volume but not more than six and twenty-five hundredths percent of alcohol by volume.

8. “Brewer” means any person who manufactures beer for the purpose of sale, barter, exchange, or transportation.

9. “Brewpub” means a commercial establishment authorized to sell beer at retail for consumption on or off the premises that is operated by a person who holds a class “C” liquor control license or a class “B” beer permit and who also holds a special class “A” beer permit that authorizes the holder to manufacture and sell beer pursuant to this chapter.

10. “Broker” means a person who represents or promotes alcoholic liquor within the state on behalf of the holder of a distiller’s certificate of compliance, a manufacturer’s license, or a class “A” native distilled spirits license. An employee of the holder of a distiller’s certificate of compliance, a manufacturer’s license, or a class “A” native distilled spirits license is not a broker.

11. “Canned cocktail” means a mixed drink or cocktail that is premixed and packaged

in a metal can and contains more than six and twenty-five hundredths percent of alcohol by volume but not more than fifteen percent of alcohol by volume. A mixed drink or cocktail mixed and packaged in a metal can pursuant to section 123.49, subsection 2, paragraph “d”, subparagraph (3), shall not be considered a canned cocktail.

12. “City” means a municipal corporation but not including a county, township, school district, or any special purpose district or authority.

13. “Club” means any nonprofit corporation or association of individuals, which is the owner, lessee, or occupant of a permanent building or part thereof, membership in which entails the prepayment of regular dues and is not operated for a profit other than such profits as would accrue to the entire membership.

14. “Commercial establishment” means a place of business which is at all times equipped with sufficient tables and seats to accommodate twenty-five persons at one time, and the licensed premises of which conform to the standards and specifications of the division.

15. “Commission” means the alcoholic beverages commission established by this chapter.

16. “Completed application” means an application where all necessary fees have been paid in full, any required bonds have been submitted, the applicant has provided all information requested by the division, and the application meets the requirements of section 123.92, subsection 2, if applicable.

17. “Designated security employee” means an agent, contract employee, independent contractor, servant, or employee of a licensee or permittee who works in a security position in any capacity at a commercial establishment licensed or permitted under this chapter.

18. “Distillery”, “winery”, and “brewery” mean not only the premises where alcohol or spirits are distilled, wine is fermented, or beer is brewed, but in addition mean a person owning, representing, or in charge of such premises and the operations conducted there, including the blending and bottling or other handling and preparation of alcoholic liquor, wine, or beer in any form.

19. “Division” means the alcoholic beverages division of the department of commerce established by this chapter.

20. “Grape brandy” means brandy produced by the distillation of fermented grapes or grape juice.

21. “Grocery store” means any retail establishment, the business of which consists of the sale of food, food products, or beverages for consumption off the premises.

22. “High alcoholic content beer” means beer which contains more than six and

twenty-five hundredths percent of alcohol by volume, but not more than fifteen percent of alcohol by volume, that is made by the fermentation of an infusion in potable water of barley, malt, and hops, with or without unmalted grains or decorticated and degerminated grains. Not more than one and five-tenths percent of the volume of a “high alcoholic content beer” may consist of alcohol derived from added flavors and other nonbeverage ingredients containing alcohol. The added flavors and other nonbeverage ingredients may not include added caffeine or other added stimulants including but not limited to guarana, ginseng, and taurine.

23. “Hotel” or “motel” means premises licensed by the department of inspections and appeals and regularly or seasonally kept open in a bona fide manner for the lodging of transient guests, and with twenty or more sleeping rooms.

24. “Import” means the transporting or ordering or arranging the transportation of alcoholic liquor, wine, or beer into this state whether by a resident of this state or not.

25. “Importer” means the person who transports or orders, authorizes, or arranges the transportation of alcoholic liquor, wine, or beer into this state whether the person is a resident of this state or not.

26. The terms “in accordance with the provisions of this chapter”, “pursuant to the provisions of this title”, or similar terms shall include all rules and regulations of the division adopted to aid in the administration or enforcement of those provisions.

27. “Institutional investor” means a person who maintains a diversified portfolio of investments through a state or federally chartered bank, a mutual fund, a retirement plan or account created by an employer, the person, or another individual to provide retirement benefits or deferred compensation to the person, a private investment firm, or a holding company publicly traded on the New York stock exchange, the American stock exchange, or NASDAQ stock market and who has a majority of investments in businesses other than businesses that manufacture, bottle, wholesale, or sell at retail alcoholic beverages.

28. “Legal age” means twenty-one years of age or more.

29. “Licensed premises” or “premises” means all rooms, enclosures, contiguous areas, or places susceptible of precise description satisfactory to the administrator where alcoholic beverages, wine, or beer is sold or consumed under authority of a liquor control license, wine permit, or beer permit. A single licensed premises may consist of multiple rooms, enclosures, areas, or places if they are wholly within the confines of a single building or contiguous grounds.

30. “Local authority” means the city council of any incorporated city in this state, or the county board of supervisors of any county in this state, which is empowered by this

chapter to approve or deny applications for retail beer or wine permits and liquor control licenses; empowered to recommend that such permits or licenses be granted and issued by the division; and empowered to take other actions reserved to them by this chapter.

31. “Manufacture” means to distill, rectify, ferment, brew, make, mix, concoct, or process any substance capable of producing a beverage containing more than one-half of one percent of alcohol by volume and includes blending, bottling, or the preparation for sale.

32. “Mixed drink or cocktail” means an alcoholic beverage, composed in whole or in part of alcoholic liquor, that is combined with other alcoholic beverages or nonalcoholic beverages or ingredients including but not limited to ice, water, soft drinks, or flavorings.

33. “Native brewery” means a business which manufactures beer or high alcoholic content beer and is operated by a person who holds a class “A” beer permit that authorizes the holder to manufacture and sell beer pursuant to this chapter.

34. “Native distilled spirits” means spirits fermented, distilled, or, for a period of two years, barrel matured on the licensed premises of the native distillery where fermented, distilled, or matured. “Native distilled spirits” also includes blended or mixed spirits comprised solely of spirits fermented, distilled, or, for a period of two years, barrel matured at a native distillery.

35. “Native distillery” means a business with an operating still which produces and manufactures native distilled spirits.

36. “Native wine” means wine manufactured pursuant to section 123.176 by a manufacturer of native wine.

37. “Package” means any container or receptacle used for holding alcoholic liquor.

38. “Permit” or “license” means an express written authorization issued by the division for the manufacture or sale, or both, of alcoholic liquor, wine, or beer.

39. “Person” means any individual, association, or partnership, any corporation, limited liability company, or other similar legal entity, any club, hotel or motel, or any municipal corporation owning or operating a bona fide airport, marina, park, coliseum, auditorium, or recreational facility in or at which the sale of alcoholic liquor, wine, or beer is only an incidental part of the ownership or operation.

40. “Person of good moral character” means any person who meets all of the following requirements:

a. The person has such financial standing and good reputation as will satisfy the administrator that the person will comply with this chapter and all laws, ordinances,

and regulations applicable to the person's operations under this chapter. However, the administrator shall not require the person to post a bond to meet the requirements of this paragraph.

b. The person is not prohibited by section 123.40 from obtaining a liquor control license or a wine or beer permit.

c. Notwithstanding paragraph "e", the applicant is a citizen of the United States and a resident of this state, or licensed to do business in this state in the case of a corporation. Notwithstanding paragraph "e", in the case of a partnership, only one general partner need be a resident of this state.

d. The person has not been convicted of a felony. However, if the person's conviction of a felony occurred more than five years before the date of the application for a license or permit, and if the person's rights of citizenship have been restored by the governor, the administrator may determine that the person is of good moral character notwithstanding such conviction. e. The requirements of this subsection apply to the following:

- (1) Each of the officers, directors, and partners of such person.
- (2) A person who directly or indirectly owns or controls ten percent or more of any class of stock of such person.
- (3) A person who directly or indirectly has an interest of ten percent or more in the ownership or profits of such person.

41. "Pharmacy" means a drug store in which drugs and medicines are exposed for sale and sold at retail, or in which prescriptions of licensed physicians and surgeons, dentists, prescribing psychologists, or veterinarians are compounded and sold by a registered pharmacist.

42. "Private place" means a location which, at the time alcoholic beverages are kept, dispensed, or consumed, meets all of the following criteria:

- a. The general public does not have access to the location and attendees are limited to bona fide social hosts and invited guests.
- b. The location is not of a commercial nature.
- c. Goods or services are neither sold nor purchased at the location.
- d. The location is not a licensed premises.
- e. Admission fees or other kinds of entrance fees, fare, ticket, donation or charges are not made or are required of the invited guests to enter the location.

43. "Public place" means any place, building, or conveyance to which the public has or is permitted access.

44. "Residence" means the place where a person resides, permanently or temporarily.

45. “Retail beer permit” means a class “B” or class “C” beer permit issued under the provisions of this chapter.

46. “Retail wine permit” means a class “B” wine permit, class “B” native wine permit, or class “C” native wine permit issued under this chapter.

47. “Retailer” means any person who shall sell, barter, exchange, offer for sale, or have in possession with intent to sell any alcoholic liquor, wine, or beer for consumption either on or off the premises where sold.

48. The prohibited “sale” of alcoholic liquor, wine, or beer under this chapter includes soliciting for sales, taking orders for sales, keeping or exposing for sale, delivery or other trafficking for a valuable consideration promised or obtained, and procuring or allowing procurement for any other person.

49. “School” means a public or private school or that portion of a public or private school which provides facilities for teaching any grade from kindergarten through grade twelve.

50. “Spirits” means any beverage which contains alcohol obtained by distillation mixed with drinkable water and other substances in solution, including, but not limited to, brandy, rum, whisky, and gin.

51. “Unincorporated town” means a compactly populated area recognized as a distinct place with a distinct place-name which is not itself incorporated or within the corporate limits of a city.

52. “Warehouse” means any premises or place primarily constructed or used or provided with facilities for the storage in transit or other temporary storage of perishable goods or for the conduct of normal warehousing business.

53. “Wholesaler” means any person, other than a vintner, brewer or bottler of beer or wine, who shall sell, barter, exchange, offer for sale, have in possession with intent to sell, deal or traffic in alcoholic liquor, wine, or beer. A wholesaler shall not sell for consumption upon the premises.

54. “Wine” means any beverage containing more than six and twenty-five hundredths percent of alcohol by volume but not more than twenty-one and twenty-five hundredths percent of alcohol by volume obtained by the fermentation of the natural sugar contents of fruits or other agricultural products but excluding any product containing alcohol derived from malt or by the distillation process from grain, cereal, molasses, or cactus.

123.33 Records.

Every holder of a license or permit under this chapter shall maintain records, in printed

or electronic format, which include income statements, balance sheets, purchase and sales invoices, purchase and sales ledgers, and any other records as the administrator may require. The records required and the premises of the licensee or permittee shall be accessible and open to inspection pursuant to section 123.30, subsection 1, during normal business hours of the licensee or permittee.

123.186 Federal regulations adopted as rules.

1. The division shall adopt as rules the substance of the federal regulations 27 C.F.R. pt. 6, 27 C.F.R. pt. 8, 27 C.F.R. pt. 10, and 27 C.F.R. pt. 11.

2. The division shall adopt as rules the substance of 27 C.F.R. §6.88, to permit a manufacturer of alcoholic beverages, wine, or beer, or an agent of such manufacturer, to provide to a retailer without charge wine and beer coil cleaning services, including carbon dioxide filters and other necessary accessories to properly clean the coil and affix carbon dioxide filters. The rules shall provide that the manufacturer shall be responsible for paying the costs of any filters provided.

3. A licensee or permittee who permits or assents to or is a party in any way to a violation or infringement of a rule adopted pursuant to this section is guilty of a violation of this section. A violation of this section shall subject the licensee or permittee to the general penalties provided in this chapter and shall constitute grounds for imposition of a civil penalty or suspension or revocation of the license or permit pursuant to section 123.39.

Third-Party Delivery of Alcoholic Beverages

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide clarification to licensees and permittees authorized to sell and serve alcoholic beverages for consumption off the licensed premises about the applicable state regulations regarding third-party delivery of alcoholic beverages.

BACKGROUND

The recent law change allowing third-party entities to deliver alcoholic beverages on behalf of an alcohol licensee or permittee has led to inquiries regarding clarification on delivering alcohol in Iowa.

DISCUSSION

Iowa Code section 123.46A outlines the regulations regarding the delivery of alcoholic beverages.

What can be delivered?

- Deliveries shall be limited to alcoholic beverages authorized by the licensee's or permittee's license or permit.
 - Alcoholic liquor, wine, or beer in original unopened containers for consumption off the licensed premises.
 - Wine, beer, or mixed drinks or cocktails for consumption off the licensed premises in a container other than the original container only if the container other than the original container has been sold and securely sealed in compliance with Iowa Code chapter 123 and Iowa Administrative Code 185.

Can alcohol be shipped directly to a consumer?

- Wine may be shipped directly to a consumer by a wine manufacturer who has obtained a wine direct shipper permit pursuant to Iowa Code section 123.187.
- No other alcoholic beverages can be shipped directly to a consumer in Iowa.

Where can alcohol be delivered?

- Alcohol may be delivered to a home, another licensed premises if there is identical ownership of the premises by the licensee or permittee, or other designated location in this state.

When can alcohol be delivered?

- Deliveries shall occur between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Monday through Sunday.

Who can deliver?

- Licensees and permittees authorized to sell alcoholic liquor, wine, or beer in original unopened containers for consumption off the licensed premises.

- Licensees and permittees authorized to sell wine, beer, or mixed drinks or cocktails for consumption off the licensed premises in a container other than the original container.
- A third party that has a written agreement with a licensee or permittee who is authorized to sell alcoholic liquor, wine, or beer in original unopened containers or wine, beer, or mixed drinks or cocktails in a container other than the original container for off premises consumption.
 - The licensee or permittee shall submit to the division a list of third-party entities it has authorized to act as its agent for the purpose of delivering alcoholic beverages. [Third-Party Delivery Form](#)
 - The licensee or permittee shall provide the division with amendments to the list as necessary to ensure the division possesses an accurate, current list.

Other considerations:

- Payment for the alcoholic beverages shall be received by the licensee or permittee at the time of order.
- Delivery personnel shall be twenty-one years of age or older.
- Alcoholic beverages delivered pursuant to Iowa Code section 123.46A shall be for personal use and not for resale.
- Deliveries shall only be made to persons in this state who are twenty-one years of age or older.
 - Valid proof of the recipient's identity and age shall be obtained at the time of delivery, and the signature of a person twenty-one years of age or older shall be obtained as a condition of delivery.
- Deliveries shall not be made to a person who is intoxicated or is simulating intoxication.
- Licensees and permittees shall maintain records of deliveries which include the quantity delivered, the recipient's name and address, and the signature of the recipient of the alcoholic beverages. The records shall be maintained on the licensed premises for a period of three years.

CONCLUSION:

- The passage of House File 766 did not change who can deliver alcohol pursuant to Iowa Code section 123.46A. House File 766 changed how those authorized to deliver alcohol pursuant to Iowa Code section 123.46A may deliver.
- A native distillery holding both an ND and LCN license may deliver mixed drinks or cocktails and may enter into an agreement with a third party to deliver mixed drinks or cocktails.
- A native brewery holding both a BAN and BB permit may deliver beer and may enter into an agreement with a third party to deliver beer.
- A native winery holding both a WAN and WCN permit may deliver native wine and beer and may enter into an agreement with a third party to deliver native wine and beer.

VIOLATIONS:

- A violation of Iowa Code Chapter 123 shall subject the licensee or permittee to the penalty provisions of Iowa Code section 123.39.
- If the licensee or permittee, or an employee, or a person delivering alcoholic beverages for a third party acting on behalf of the licensee or permittee pursuant to a written agreement commits a violation of Iowa Code Chapter 123, the licensee or permittee shall not be assessed a penalty under section 123.39 if the licensee or permittee establishes all of the following:

- The violation was committed off of the licensed premises after the alcoholic beverages were removed from the licensed premises in fulfillment of a delivery order.
- If the person who committed the violation is an employee of the licensee or permittee, that no other violation of Iowa Code Chapter 123 was committed by any employee of the licensee or permittee within the two year period immediately preceding the date of violation.
- If the person who committed the violation is a person delivering for a third party acting on behalf of the licensee or permittee, that no other violation of Iowa Code Chapter 123 was committed by any person delivering for the same third party while the third party was acting on behalf of the licensee or permittee within the two year period immediately preceding the date of violation.

References and useful information:

State Law: 123.1, 123.2, 123.3, 123.30, 123.39, 123.43A, 123.46A, 123.49, 123.50, 123.59, 123.130, 123.131, 123.132, 123.176, 123.177, 123.178, 123.178A, 123.178B, 123.187, 123.188

State Rules: 185 Iowa Administrative Code

Website Links: <https://abd.iowa.gov/alcohol/abd-regulatory-bulletins>

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