

CHAPTER 2

DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

Authority

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Chapter Historical Note

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Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 2, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, was readopted as R.1990 d.412, effective July 24, 1990, and Subchapter 22, Transportation of Alcoholic Beverages by Railroad Carriers, Subchapter 34, Alcohol Permits, and Subchapter 37, Contracts of Employment and Conduct of Solicitors, were repealed by R.1990 d.412, effective August 20, 1990. See: 22 N.J.R. 1811(a), 22 N.J.R. 2508(c).

Subchapter 22, Licensee Training and Certification, was adopted as new rules by R.1992 d.445, effective November 2, 1992. See: 24 N.J.R. 1958(b), 24 N.J.R. 4055(b).

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Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 2, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, was readopted as R.2000 d.342, effective July 24, 2000, and Subchapter 13, Execution of Questionnaire by State Licensees, and their Principals and Employees, was repealed by R.2000 d.342, effective August 21, 2000. See: Source and Effective Date. See, also, section annotations.

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13:2-35.3 Notation of privilege on license certificate; daily certification

The Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control shall note the following on the face of the renewal license certificate of each holder of a license which includes the "Broad package privilege" as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:2-35.2:

"This license bears the "Broad package privilege" pursuant to P.L. 1948, ch. 98 (N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.23 and N.J.A.C. 13:2-35.2)".

Amended by R.1990 d.412, effective August 20, 1990.
See: 22 N.J.R. 1811(a), 22 N.J.R. 2508(c).

In former (a), changed "issuing authority" to "Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control"; deleted (b), regarding daily certifications.

13:2-35.4 Off-premises consumption sales; requirements and prohibitions

(a) No licensee without the "Broad package privilege" shall, with respect to the public barroom in which he may sell or display for sale alcoholic beverages in original containers for off-premises consumption:

1. Display package goods in the principal public barroom other than in an area located behind the bar or on shelving along the perimeter walls of the barroom, which shelving must not exceed two feet in depth, must be attached to the perimeter walls and run parallel to same, may be located below and around the exterior windows but not in any way obstructing the windows, and may include refrigerated cases, which are located flush and fastened to the wall;

2. Maintain a cashier service counter which exceeds more than three percent of the net sales area (with an area 30 inches behind a straight counter being included as part of the counter), nor shall any licensee maintain such counter, the outside edge of which is located more than five feet from a perimeter wall;

3. Maintain folding doors, gates, curtains, or other type of separation to be utilized for the purpose of closing off the package goods display area from the remainder of the barroom, except that such area may be roped off to the public during the hours when the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption is prohibited;

4. Permit the public bar to be obstructed by low walls, screens, filigree, plants, flower boxes, racks, gondolas, movable shelves, fences, stacks of alcoholic beverages (including malt alcoholic beverages), or other mercantile items or merchandise.

Amended by R.1990 d.412, effective August 20, 1990.
See: 22 N.J.R. 1811(a), 22 N.J.R. 2508(c).

Recodified from 13:2-35.5. In (a), added "Broad package privilege" qualification. Prior text at 13:2-35.4, "Lack of notation of privilege on license certificate", repealed.

Amended by R.2000 d.342, effective August 21, 2000.
See: 32 N.J.R. 1717(a), 32 N.J.R. 3162(a).

In (a)1, deleted "and" following "same,"; added ", and may include refrigerated cases, which are located flush and fastened to the wall" at end of paragraph.

Case Notes

Transfer of retail consumption license with package sales to site adjacent to licensed premises with restaurant was granted. *Pungoti v. Sayreville*, 95 N.J.A.R.2d (ABC) 72.

13:2-35.5 Multiple barrooms; package goods sales restricted to the bona fide principal barroom

(a) No holder of a plenary retail consumption license or seasonal retail consumption license, without the "Broad package privilege" as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:2-35.1, 35.2 and 35.3, who maintains at the same time more than one barroom on the licensed premises, shall sell or display for sale any alcoholic beverage in the original container for off-premises consumption except from and in principal bona fide public barroom on the licensed premises.

(b) Every holder of a plenary retail consumption license or seasonal retail consumption license, without the "Broad package privilege" as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:2-35.1, 35.2 and 35.3, who maintains at the same time more than one barroom on the licensed premises, shall designate the principal public barroom on its sketch of the licensed premises. For current licensees, this requirement shall become effective upon the filing of the first renewal application after July 5, 2005. This designation shall be binding on the licensee, but not on the Division or other issuing authority.

Amended by R.1990 d.412, effective August 20, 1990.
See: 22 N.J.R. 1811(a), 22 N.J.R. 2508(c).

Recodified from 13:2-35.6. Revised heading. Recodified prior text at 13:2-35.5, "Off-premises consumption sales; requirements", to 13:2-35.4.

Amended by R.2005 d.212, effective July 5, 2005.
See: 36 N.J.R. 4211(a), 37 N.J.R. 2544(a).

Codified existing text as (a); added (b).

13:2-35.6 (Reserved)

Recodified to 13:2-35.5 by R.1990 d.412, effective August 20, 1990.
See: 22 N.J.R. 1811(a), 22 N.J.R. 2508(c).
Section was "Multiple barrooms".

SUBCHAPTER 36. REQUESTS FOR ADVISORY OPINIONS

13:2-36.1 Advisory opinions

(a) Other than in proceedings instituted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-8 (Declaratory Rulings), a written request for an interpretation, application, or other inquiry concerning the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control's regulations, policies or practices shall only be considered if it sets forth issues not previously articulated by the Division or involves a substantial question of general applicability.

(b) All requests shall be sent to the Director, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, PO Box 087, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0087, and any request and corresponding advisory opinion may be reproduced in Bulletins issued by the

Division which are publicly available upon subscription. Requests which are hypothetical in nature may not receive Division response. All requests shall contain a certification that the requesting party is not aware that the subject matter of the inquiry is presently an issue pending in any Federal or State court or any administrative adjudicatory forum. If the requesting party is aware that the subject matter of the inquiry is an issue pending in any court or forum, the nature of the proceedings and identification of the court or forum shall be fully described in the request for the advisory opinion.

Amended by R.1990 d.412, effective August 20, 1990.
See: 22 N.J.R. 1811(a), 22 N.J.R. 2508(c).

In (a), "a written request" was "a written non-hypothetical request"; added new (b), with Division address for submitting requests; redesignated existing (b) as (c).

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See: 27 N.J.R. 2051(a), 27 N.J.R. 3177(a).

Added certification of the legal status of the inquiry subject matter in (b) and deleted (c).

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See: 32 N.J.R. 1717(a), 32 N.J.R. 3162(a).

In (b), substituted "may" for "will" following "nature".

SUBCHAPTER 37. CONSUMER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TASTINGS AND TASTING DINNERS

13:2-37.1 Consumer alcoholic beverage tastings or tasting dinner events

(a) Consumer alcoholic beverage tastings or tasting dinner events may be held under the following conditions:

1. The host for an event shall hold a valid permit or actively operated license exercising the on-premise consumption privilege;
2. No event shall be conducted on a plenary or limited retail distribution licensed premises;
3. The event shall be conducted and promoted in connection with an instructional or educational program for alcoholic beverage products;
4. All alcoholic beverages sampled at the event shall be obtained from the inventory of the host licensee or Annual State permittee or, if a social affair permittee, purchased in accordance with Division laws and regulations;
5. The event is not open to the general public, but is limited to consumers who purchase a ticket;
6. Servings of alcoholic beverages per person are limited to:
 - i. No more than five ounces of a particular malt alcoholic beverage, or naturally fermented or sparkling wine at consumer tasting dinners,

ii. No more than one and one-half ounces of a particular naturally fermented or sparkling wine or four ounces of a malt alcoholic beverage at consumer tastings or

iii. No more than one-half ounce of a particular fortified wine or distilled spirit at consumer tastings or consumer tasting dinners; and

7. Suppliers, manufacturers or wholesalers of alcoholic beverages may apply for an annual special permit to participate in consumer tasting events solely to provide educational commentary regarding the alcoholic beverages. The fee for the annual special permit for the supplier, manufacturer or wholesaler shall be \$200.00 and an additional \$200.00 permit for each solicitor or duly authorized representative. Ten days prior to participating in the event, the permittee shall file with the Division a consumer tasting request on a form prescribed by the Director.

Amended by R.2000 d.342, effective August 21, 2000.
See: 32 N.J.R. 1717(a), 32 N.J.R. 3162(a).

Rewrote (a)5.

Special amendment, R.2003 d.311, effective July 3, 2003 (to expire January 3, 2004).

See: 35 N.J.R. 3707(a).

In (a)7, substituted "\$200.00" for "\$100.00" throughout.
Adopted concurrent amendment, R.2003 d.470, effective November 5, 2003.

See: 35 N.J.R. 3707(a), 35 N.J.R. 5427(a).

Provisions of R.2003 d.311 adopted without change.

SUBCHAPTER 38. LIMITATION OF HOURS FOR SALE AND DELIVERY AT RETAIL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN ORIGINAL CONTAINERS FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION

13:2-38.1 Retail package sales hours

(a) Subject to local options as expressed in the New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, N.J.S.A. 33:1-1 et seq. and except as further specified in (b) below, no licensee shall allow, permit or suffer the sale, service or delivery of any alcoholic beverage at retail in its original container for consumption off the licensed premises, or the removal of any alcoholic beverage in its original container from retail licensed premises, before 9:00 A.M. or after 10:00 P.M. on any day of the week.

(b) However, if the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises is authorized in a municipality, the sale, service or delivery of wine and malt alcoholic beverages in original containers for consumption off the premises shall be authorized on the same days and during the same hours.

(c) Cities of the first class may establish by ordinance separate hours of sale for each type of retail license, and separate hours for each type of retail license for sales by such licenses of alcoholic beverages for on-premises and off-premises consumption.

Amended by R.1973 d.234, effective August 30, 1973.

See: 5 N.J.R. 356(a).

Amended by R.1981 d.71, effective May 1, 1981.

See: 13 N.J.R. 37(b), 13 N.J.R. 238(b).

Added "Subject to . . . N.J.A.C. 13:2-38.2" and "pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-40.3".

Amended by R.1990 d.412, effective August 20, 1990.

See: 22 N.J.R. 1811(a), 22 N.J.R. 2508(c).

Revised to include service and wine; other textual revisions.

Amended by R.1995 d.450, effective August 21, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 2051(a), 27 N.J.R. 3177(a).

Divided existing text into (a) and (b) and added (c).

Amended by R.2000 d.342, effective August 21, 2000.

See: 32 N.J.R. 1717(a), 32 N.J.R. 3162(a).

Rewrote (c).

13:2-38.2 Sunday sales hours for retail distribution licensees and state beverage distributors; effect of municipal ordinances and State statute on sale for off-premises consumption

(a) If a municipality has no ordinance or local law that authorizes the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises on Sunday, then except as provided in (b) below, a municipality may by ordinance authorize the sale of wine and malt alcoholic beverages in original containers for consumption off-premises by retail distribution licensees and State beverage distributor's licensees any time between the hours of 12:30 P.M. and 6:30 P.M. on Sunday, in addition to such weekday hours as may be authorized by ordinance.