



Relative and Applicable Statutes and Rules:

RSA 178:6

Authorization of Liquor Manufacturers to accept Beverage for the Production of Hand Sanitizer

1. Purpose

To authorize Liquor Manufacturers to accept spoiled beverages from Beverage Manufacturers, Nano- Breweries or Brew Pubs for the purpose of hand sanitizer production.

2. Discussion

At the request of the NH Brewers Association, the NH Liquor Commission was asked to consider allowing brewers to donate spoiled beverages to liquor manufacturers for the purpose of producing hand sanitizer. This process would speed the production of distillers producing the sanitizer during a time of critical need.

In review of the Liquor Manufacturers license statute (RSA- 178:6) in states (in part) “A liquor manufacturer licensee must ferment and distill liquor from raw materials.”

Typically, under current law, a liquor manufacturer would not be authorized to accept a finished beverage because it would not be considered a “raw material.”

However, in consideration of a need for beverage manufacturers or breweries to dispose of an otherwise useless liquid and the high demand for hand sanitizer, the NH Liquor Commission authorizes and supports the request to relinquish spoiled beverages to liquor manufacturers for the purposes of making hand sanitizer and not a consumable product.

3. Questions

Please contact the NH Liquor Commission- Division of Enforcement & Licensing at 603-271-2039.