

## NEW HAMPSHIRE LIQUOR COMMISSION

Division of Enforcement, Licensing and Education

## **Industry Circular**

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## Relative to Product Returns During the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

## **Relative and Applicable Statutes and Rules:**

RSA 178:20, 178:21, 178:22

The Commission is aware that on-premises licensees may have a larger inventory of liquor or beverages on hand than what will reasonably be needed to meet anticipated demand. In many cases, this inventory was purchased prior to the imposition of these restrictions. DHL will accept returns from 9am-4:30pm. Please contact Patrick Kerns at 603-573-4177 and leave a message indicating who you are and an approximate time you will be arriving on site.

Per the recent decision of the TTB, "Given the unexpected and widespread nature of the concerns involving COVID-19, TTB will not consider returns of alcohol beverages products purchased to sell during such cancelled events to violate Federal consignment sales rules provided the products were not initially purchased or sold with the privilege of return."

Only product purchased on or after March 1, 2020 will be allowed to be returned and, only product purchased before March 17, 2020 will be allowed to be returned.