

Microbrewery & Winery Information

12-1-101. Definitions.

(a) As used in this title:

(xix) "Microbrewery" means a commercial enterprise at a single location producing malt beverage in quantities not to exceed fifteen thousand (50,000) barrels per year and no less than fifty (50) barrels per year of malt beverage;

(xx) "Winery" means a commercial enterprise manufacturing wine at a single location in Wyoming;

12-2-201. Wholesale license for sale of malt beverages only; fee.

(g) Notwithstanding W.S. 12-2-203, the commission:

(i) May authorize the sale of products of a microbrewery for off-premises sale through existing licensed wholesale malt beverage distributors according to W.S. 12-2-201 and subject to W.S. 12-2-304, 12-3-101 and 12-3-102; and

(ii) Shall assess to the microbrewery a fee not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for the off-premises sale of microbrewery products;

(iii) The commission shall not grant a license for a brewery and a microbrewery to the same producer.

12-4-412. Microbrewery and winery permits; authorized; conditions; dual permits and licenses; satellite winery permits; direct shipment of wine; fees.

(a) Subject to restrictions imposed under W.S. 12-4-103 excluding W.S. 12-4-103(a)(vi), a local licensing authority may issue:

(i) A microbrewery permit authorizing a permit holder to brew a malt beverage and dispense the brewed malt beverage for on-premises and limited off-premises personal consumption;

(ii) A winery permit authorizing a permit holder to manufacture wine and dispense the manufactured wine for on-premises and limited off-premises personal consumption.

(b) The local licensing authority:

(i) May allow the sale of other malt beverages under a microbrewery permit for on-premises consumption when obtained through licensed wholesale malt beverage distributors;

(ii) May allow the sale of other wines under a winery permit for on-premises consumption when obtained from the commission;

(iii) May approve the dual holding of a microbrewery permit or winery permit and one (1) of the following:

(A) A retail liquor license as provided in W.S. 12-4-101 through 12-4-202;

(B) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, a restaurant license as provided in W.S. 12-4-411;

(C) A resort license as provided in W.S. 12-4-401 through 12-4-405;

(D) A microbrewery permit as provided under paragraph (a)(i) of this section;

(E) A winery permit as provided under paragraph (a)(ii) of this section; or

(F) Subject to subsection (e) of this section, a bar and grill liquor license as provided in W.S. 12-4-413.

(iv) May allow the microbrewery to sell on site its brewed product for off-premises personal consumption, not for retail sale, in packaging of bottles, cans or packs of an aggregate volume not to exceed two thousand (2,000) ounces per sale;

(v) May allow the winery to sell its manufactured wine on site for off-premises personal consumption, not for retail sale, in packaging of bottles of an aggregate volume not to exceed two thousand twenty-eight (2,028) ounces per sale;

(vi) Shall limit the number of microbreweries or the number of wineries to no more than those allowed in W.S. 12-4-201(d) for each permit;

(vii) May allow the transfer of a microbrewery or winery permit to another location and ownership of the microbrewery or winery may be transferred upon approval by the local licensing authority; and

(viii) Shall assess a fee of not less than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) payable annually in advance for each microbrewery or winery permit. When dual ownership of a microbrewery or winery permit and a liquor license exists no additional fee shall be assessed other than the retail, restaurant or resort license fee.

(c) W.S. 12-4-410 shall apply to any person holding a microbrewery or winery permit and a restaurant liquor license pursuant to subparagraph (b)(iii)(B) of this section, except the dual holder:

(i) May provide a separate dining area in which the brewed malt beverage or manufactured wine may be dispensed which shall be separate from any dining area in which persons age eighteen (18) or under are permitted to enter. The dining room in which the malt beverages or wines are dispensed shall not be considered the dispensing room for purposes of the restaurant liquor license;

(ii) May sell the brewed malt beverage or manufactured wine for limited off-premises personal consumption pursuant to paragraphs (b)(iv) and (v) of this section;

(iii) May upon cessation of full service restaurant operations, serve a limited menu and continue to serve malt beverages authorized under the microbrewery permit or wines authorized under the winery permit; and

(iv) Shall not include sales of malt beverages or wines authorized under the microbrewery or winery permit, or sales other than food service and alcoholic beverages in the annual gross sales report required under W.S. 12-4-408(c).

(d) In addition to subsection (b) of this section, the local licensing authority may issue to the holder of a winery permit under this section a satellite winery permit which allows the permittee to sell its manufactured wine at up to three (3) satellite locations within Wyoming separate from its licensed manufacturing site under the original permit fee. The satellite winery permit may be issued on application to the appropriate licensing authority. The local licensing authority may require a public hearing and the payment of an additional permit fee not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) regardless of the number of satellite locations. The satellite winery permit shall be subject to the terms and conditions of W.S. 12-4-106, the schedule of operating hours provided in W.S. 12-5-101 and the dispensing room provisions of W.S. 12-5-201.

(e) The provisions of W.S. 12-4-413 shall apply to any person holding a microbrewery or winery permit and a bar and grill liquor license pursuant to subparagraph (b)(iii)(F) of this section, except the dual holder:

(i) May sell the brewed malt beverage or manufactured wine for limited off-premise personal consumption pursuant to paragraphs (b)(iv) and (v) of this section;

(ii) May upon cessation of full service restaurant operations serve a limited menu and continue to serve malt beverages authorized under the microbrewery permit or wines authorized under the winery permit; and

(iii) Shall not include sales of malt beverages or wines authorized under the malt beverage or winery permit, or sales other than food service and alcoholic beverages, in the annual gross sales report required under W.S. 12-4-408(c).

(f) Notwithstanding paragraph (b)(v) of this section and W.S. 12-5-201, any person holding a winery permit as provided by this section, may sell and ship no more than a total of eighteen (18) liters of its manufactured wine directly to any one (1) household in this state in any twelve (12) month period.

(g) Notwithstanding paragraph (b)(v) of this section and W.S. 12-5-201, any person holding a winery permit as provided by this section, may sell and ship its manufactured wine which is not listed with the liquor division as part of its inventory and distribution operation to any Wyoming retail establishment which holds a liquor license in this state.

(h) Any licensed winery holding a winery permit pursuant to this section shall:

(i) Not ship more than a total of eighteen (18) liters of its manufactured wine to any one (1) household in this state during any twelve (12) month period;

(ii) Offer to sell its manufactured wine to the liquor division at wholesale prices if the winery ships more than ninety (90) liters total of any of its manufactured wine to any combination of households or licensed retailers in this state;

(iii) Ship its manufactured wine only to individuals who are at least twenty-one (21) years of age for such individual's personal use and not for resale;

(iv) Ensure that all shipping containers of manufactured wine shipped pursuant to this section are conspicuously labeled with the words: "CONTAINS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. ADULTS (OVER 21) SIGNATURE REQUIRED FOR DELIVERY";

(v) Ensure that all of its shipments within this state are made by a duly licensed carrier and further ensure that such carriers comply with the requirement to obtain an adult signature;

(vi) File a monthly report of wines shipped out of state on a form provided by the liquor division and include a copy of the invoice for each shipment of their own manufactured wine subject to the following:

(A) The report shall be filed with the liquor division not later than the tenth of the month following the month in which the shipment was made;

(B) Any report filed late with the liquor division shall be subject to a late filing fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

(vii) Maintain records for at least three (3) years that will permit the liquor division to ascertain the truthfulness of the information filed and permit the division to perform an audit of the licensee's records upon reasonable request.

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(c.) Malt Beverage Wholesaler and Microbrewery Permit Holder Reports.

Each licensed malt beverage wholesaler shall report to the Division all malt beverages purchased not later than the fifteenth (15th) day of the month following the purchases, on forms approved by the division. The total tax is due and shall be paid at the time of making and filing the report. Failure to timely file this report as required by this subsection will be reported to the Department of Revenue Excise Tax Division. There shall be attached to each report, identification of all original invoices of purchases of malt beverages made during each monthly period by the reporting licensee.

Malt beverage wholesalers shall make deliveries and service all licensees uniformly within their assigned geographical territories. This shall not preclude special arrangements that are mutually agreeable between licensees and wholesalers.

Each microbrewery permit holder shall report to the Division all malt beverages produced not later than the fifteenth (15th) day of the month following production, on forms approved by the division. The total tax is due and shall be paid at the time of making and filing the report. Failure to timely file this report as required by this subsection will be reported to the Department of Revenue Excise Tax Division.