



STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LAWS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

March 17, 2020

To All Interested Licensees,

In response to the Covid-19/Coronavirus outbreak, Governor Stitt has directed state agencies to take various measures through Executive Order 2020-6, and further declaring a state of emergency in Executive Order 2020-7. Over the course of the past few weeks, many events where the sale of alcoholic beverages was authorized have been cancelled.

The United States Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB), along with many other state regulatory bodies have issued guidance on traditional consignment sale or right of return prohibitions, allowing exceptions for events that have cancelled as a result of the Covid-19.

As such, the Oklahoma ABLE Commission provides the following guidance to affected event licensees, retailers, beer distributors, and wine and spirit wholesalers:

1. A licensed beer distributor, wine and spirit wholesaler, or self-distributor may accept the return of alcoholic beverages ordered by an event licensee if the event was set for March 11, 2020 or after and was subsequently cancelled, and the return is completed within ten (10) days of the cancellation, unless the licensee seeking a return can demonstrate to the Commission valid reasons for an extension.
2. All such returns shall be documented on customary invoices and be available for inspection according to applicable record retention rules of the Commission.

This guidance is effective for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this communication, and may be amended, revoked, or extended as the circumstances concerning Covid-19 develop. Any questions on this issue should be directed to Steven Barker at 405-522-3050, or by email at [steven.barker@able.ok.gov](mailto:steven.barker@able.ok.gov).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Keith Burt".

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Director