§1402-A. Samples of products

A person licensed as a manufacturer of malt liquor or wine under section 1355-A or licensed as a wholesaler may give a retail licensee samples of products under the following conditions: [PL 2015, c. 386, §1 (AMD).]

- **1. Invoice required.** The products must be accompanied by an invoice; [PL 1997, c. 228, §1 (NEW).]
- **2. Product registered.** The product must be registered with the bureau and clearly labeled as a sample;

[PL 1997, c. 228, §1 (NEW).]

- **3. Taxes paid.** Taxes must be paid on each item; [PL 1997, c. 228, §1 (NEW).]
- **3-A. Partial-bottle wine samples.** Bottles of wine designated for partial-bottle sampling must be properly sealed between samplings. Partial-bottle wine samples may be provided only on the premises of a retailer licensed to sell wine for on-premises or off-premises consumption to the owner or a supervisory or managerial employee of the retailer;

[PL 2021, c. 658, §238 (AMD).]

4. Full-bottle samples. The maximum amount of unopened full-bottle samples given to a retail licensee may not exceed 18 gallons of malt liquor and 18 liters of wine annually. A full-bottle sample is an unopened bottle of wine or malt liquor given to a retail licensee, which may be consumed by a retail licensee on or off the premises;

[PL 2021, c. 658, §239 (AMD).]

4-A. Prohibited recipients. Malt liquor or wine samples authorized under this section may not be provided to a person who is a minor or who is visibly intoxicated; and

[PL 2021, c. 658, §240 (NEW).]

5. Samples removed.

[PL 2011, c. 629, §28 (RP).]

6. Records maintained. Records must be maintained for a 2-year period by the licensee giving or receiving samples.

[PL 1997, c. 228, §1 (NEW).]

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