

Notice of Revised Permanent Rules for Distiller and Craft Distiller Licenses

This explanatory statement concerns the Washington State Liquor Control Board's adoption of revised rules in Chapter 314-28 WAC.

The Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05.325(6)) requires agencies to complete a concise explanatory statement before filing adopted rules with the Office of the Code Reviser. This statement must be provided to anyone who gave comment about the proposed rule making.

Once persons who gave comment during this rule making have had a chance to receive this document, the Liquor Control Board will file the amended rules with the Office of the Code Reviser. These rule changes will become effective 31 days after filing (approximately October 25, 2014).

The Liquor Control Board appreciates your involvement in this rule making process. If you have any questions, please contact Karen McCall, Rules Coordinator, at (360) 664-1631 or e-mail at rules@liq.wa.gov.

What are the agency's reasons for adopting this rule?

Revisions to the rules are needed to implement legislation that padded in the 2014 legislative session.

Summary of all public comments received on this rule proposal.

One public comment was received at the public hearing held on September 10, 2014. No written comments were received.

Jim Hedrick - Washington Distillers Guild

Asked for clarification of WAC 314-28-050 (1)(g) regarding spirits samples altered with water or ice only. The Guild understands that the product cannot be altered by retailers at the point of sale but he and his fellow Guild members are wondering if this means the samples can only be altered with water or ice only after sale.

LCB response: The retailer can only alter spirits for sampling with water or ice.

WAC ChangesThe WAC changes are attached.