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MEMORANDUM

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RE: COVID-19 Concerns Regarding Distributor Practices

Kansas Licensed Distributors:

As Director of the Kansas Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, I am authorized pursuant to K.S.A. 41-210(b) to exercise "broad discretionary powers to govern the traffic in alcoholic liquors and to enforce strictly all the provisions of this act in the interest of sanitation, purity of products, truthful representation and honest dealings in such manner as generally will promote the public health and welfare."

With this in mind, many in the industry have recently expressed concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on various distributor practices, specifically involving the return of product in light of widespread event cancellation and social distancing protocols recommended by numerous health experts.

Therefore, effective immediately, I am declaring ABC's policy on these issues to be as follows:

1. If alcoholic liquor has been purchased for an event that is subsequently cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns, the return of such alcoholic liquor will be permitted without Director approval and will not be considered to be a violation of Federal law regarding consignment sales.
2. In an effort to facilitate recommended social distancing practices, distributors will not be required to obtain a direct signature from the recipient of a delivery. Any distributor employee conducting a delivery shall instead be required to legibly print the first and last name of the individual receiving the delivery, and shall also print their own initials next to the recipient's name.

These policies will continue in effect until further notice. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Debbi Beavers

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Director, Alcoholic Beverage Control