

MASSACHUSETTS PACKAGE STORES ASSOCIATION



How to File a Request to the ABCC for Relief from the 60 Days Delinquency Reporting Period (Credit Terms)

In light of the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, the ABCC is allowing impacted Section 15 license holders the right to apply for (case by case) relief from complying with the sixty – day credit terms on invoices requirements as outlined in M.G.L. c. 138 § 25. Below are some helpful tips regarding how to file a request for relief from the 60 Days Delinquency Reporting Period to the ABCC:

Applicant for relief must submit a written notice to the ABCC requesting relief from the 60 Days Delinquency Reporting Period. The notice must include all the following:

- STATEMENT REQUESTING DELINQUENCY REPORTING PERIOD RELIEF EXPLAINING WHY IT IS NEEDED
- APPLICANT MUST NOT BE LISTED ON THE CREDIT DELINQUENCY LIST AT THE TIME OF NOTICE TO ABCC
- LIST OF IMPACTED WHOLESALERS AND DISTRIBUTORS SO THAT THEY MAY BE CONTACTED BY THE ABCC
- DESCRIPTION OF WHY IMPACTED INVENTORY WAS PURCHASED BETWEEN JANUARY 18 – MARCH 15.
(EXAMPLES CAN INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO PURCHASING FOR MARCH MADNESS, GRADUATIONS, St. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE, ... ETC.)
- INCLUSION OF INVOICES FROM WHOLESALERS AND DISTRIBUTORS WITH EXPLANATIONS FOR PURCHASES

The applicant or licensee must seek relief from the 60 days delinquency reporting period requirement to the ABCC. Notice must state the reason for such action. The applicant should also notify their wholesalers and distributors. Once accepted by the ABCC, there be an investigation and a hearing by the ABCC Commissioners. The outcome will be impacted by the evidence provided to the ABCC by the applicant. For additional information call (617) 727-3040.

How to Submit a Request for Relief

Email is the preferred method for filing:

Email written notice seeking relief with all relevant information attached to:

Ralph Sacramone, Executive Director of the ABCC: rsacramone@tre.state.ma.us

Written notice and supporting evidence can also be sent to:

Ralph Sacramone, Executive Director
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
95 Fourth Street, Suite 3
Chelsea, MA 02150-2358

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