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TO: All Wholesalers and Non-Resident Dealers of Malt Beverage Products

SUBJECT: Solicitor Permit Requirement - expanded to malt beverage (beer) products

The 1998 Maryland General Assembly enacted House Bill 380 dealing with alcoholic beverage solicitor permits. This bill, effective October 1, 1998, was signed by the governor and **affects permits issued subsequent to November 1, 1998**, the beginning of the new permit year.

A Maryland solicitor permit is currently required of any salesperson or other representative of a supplier, non-resident dealer or wholesaler who **sells, offers for sale, or promotes** wines and distilled spirits. The effect of House Bill 380 is to expand this requirement to cover individuals who act in these capacities for malt beverage (beer) products.

Therefore, effective November 1, 1998, all persons engaged in these activities who are directly employed by a supplier, non-resident dealer or wholesaler, or act as an agent or representative of a licensee, must apply for and be issued an individual solicitor permit. The following individuals *do not* need to apply for a permit:

- The existing holder of a solicitor permit (the permit covers the sale and promotion of beer, wine and distilled spirits)

- Individual wholesaler license applicants as listed on the license (this authority is already conferred by the license)

- Individual drivers or helpers of wholesalers who do not engage in taking orders or promotional activities on behalf of the wholesaler

The cost of the solicitor permit is \$50.00, and the permit must be renewed annually (permit year is November 1 through October 31). An initial supply of application forms is enclosed, and additional forms may be obtained by contacting our license and permit section at 410-974-3323. We will be prepared to process new applications anytime after August 1, 1998.

Please make your affected employees and agents aware of this requirement. Suppliers, wholesalers and non-resident dealers are reminded that they remain responsible for the activities of their employees and agents regardless of this new individual permit requirement.

Questions pertaining to this requirement or the application procedure should be directed to Stephen G. Taylor, Assistant Director, at 410-974-3313, or Linda L. Bates, Regulatory Control Manager, at 410-974-3532.

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Enclosure

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