

Bulletin

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TO: Alcoholic Beverage Licensed Wholesalers

SUBJECT: Resident Dealer Permit

The Maryland General Assembly passed Senate Bill 162 during the 2009 legislative session, which was signed by the Governor becoming Chapter 205 of the laws of Maryland.

This law to take effect July 1, 2009 establishes a new Resident Dealer Permit for alcoholic beverages that will be issued for an annual fee of \$200.

An applicant for a Resident Dealer Permit must be:

- (1) An importer of beer, wine, or distilled spirits produced outside of the United States who purchases directly from the brand owner or from a sales agent of a brewer, distiller, rectifier, bottler, manufacturer, vintner, or winery, who is authorized by the brand owner to sell in Maryland; or
- (2) An American sales agent of an importer as defined in paragraph (1); and
- (3) A Maryland resident for at least 2 years immediately before applying for the permit.

An applicant for a Resident Dealer Permit may not:

- (4) Hold a wholesaler or retailer license of any class issued under Article 2B;
- (5) Have an interest in a wholesaler licensed under Article 2B, other than a disclosed legal, equity, or security interest of a malt beverage wholesaler;
- (6) Have an interest in a retailer licensed under Article 2B; or
- (7) Own or operate a warehouse in Maryland.

A Resident Dealer's Permit authorizes the holder to sell alcoholic beverages to a licensed wholesaler in Maryland or to a person outside of Maryland who is authorized to acquire the alcoholic beverages.

The Resident Dealer permittee is subject to certain provisions of Article 2B and Tax-General Article, Title 5, Annotated Code of Maryland and accompanying regulations, such as filing a monthly beer tax return, a monthly wine & distilled spirits report, posting a bond, and other regulatory rules.

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