



This regulatory relief is designed to support the alcoholic beverage industry in its efforts to assist California in slowing the spread of the virus while assisting the industry in dealing with the economic challenges it is facing as a result. The Department has carefully considered the public's health, safety, and welfare in providing this relief, and the Department has concluded that none of these measures, exercised on a temporary basis, will jeopardize the public's health, safety, or welfare. In lieu of individual requests for relief submitted to the Department, the temporary relief from the regulatory requirements set forth in this notice are applicable to all affected Department licensees and will continue until further notice, as provided below. The Department's regulatory relief addresses the following issues:

1. Returns of Alcoholic Beverages 
2. Retail-to-Retail Transactions 
3. Extension of Credit 
4. On-Sale Retailers Exercising Off-Sale Privileges 
5. Sales of Alcoholic Beverages To Go 
6. Off-Sale Transactions Through Pass-Out Windows 
7. Hours of Operation for Retail Sales 
8. Deliveries to Consumers 

Limitations on Relief

The relief provided by this notice is temporary and may be withdrawn by the Department at any time. The Department intends to provide a 10-day notice of the termination of any such relief, although such relief may be withdrawn immediately should the needs of public safety dictate. In addition, licensees are directed to use the relief provided by this notice responsibly without compromising the public's health, safety, or welfare.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the Department determines that any licensee is found to be abusing the relief provided by this notice, or if the licensee's actions jeopardize public health, safety, or welfare, the Department may summarily rescind the relief as to that licensee at any time. Until the Department rescinds any of these temporary relief measures, whether as to all licensees or a particular licensee, any licensee adhering to the terms of this notice, and other applicable laws, may rely on this notice to utilize the privileges described without risk of enforcement by the Department against its license for actions taken up until the time of the rescission.

In addition, this notice does not exempt licensees from local ordinances, zoning restrictions, conditional use permits, and the like, over which the Department has no jurisdiction or control. That said, the Department will not consider any violation of such local controls to constitute a violation of the license issued by the Department.

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Frequently Asked Questions

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