

Restricted Beverages

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This notice is intended to provide information as it relates under the *Restricted Beverages Act* and the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*. It is a summary of the legislation and is not to be regarded or relied upon as a legal interpretation of the *Acts* or *Regulations*.

General Information

A "restricted beverage" is defined as "a beverage obtained by the alcoholic fermentation of an infusion or decoction of barley malt and hops or of any similar products in drinkable water and containing 0.5 per cent or less of proof spirits."

Although the terms "low-alcohol", "non-alcoholic" and "alcohol free" are often used to describe these products, there is in fact up to 0.9 per cent alcohol per volume in these products.

Legislation restricts the purchase of low-alcohol products to persons 19 years of age and older.

Guidelines

Retailers must take measures to advise their staff of proper identification requirements. Photo ID must be requested from persons of questionable age, prior to allowing them to purchase these products.

Penalties

Anyone selling these products to persons under the age of 19 years will have committed an offence punishable under the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*.

Department of Public Safety Investigators will visit locations to ensure compliance with legislation.

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