



BUSINESS MEETING OF THE
MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

Held: Tuesday, December 12, 2017
Lansing District Office
525 W Allegan
Lansing MI 48933

Present: Andrew J. Deloney, Chairman
Teri L. Quimby, Commissioner
Dennis Olshove, Commissioner

Absent: None

Staff: Pam Hamilton, Director of Finance Division
Anita Fawcett, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Deloney at 9:34 a.m., noting a quorum was present.

- I. **Moved by Commissioner Olshove, supported by Commissioner Quimby, that the minutes of the Commission meeting of November 28, 2017, be approved as written and presented, motion carried by unanimous vote.**
- II. Ms. Hamilton presented the E-Quote reports for product listings in three categories and requested approval of the following:
 - A. That the products listed below be granted exceptions to the standard pack size, inasmuch as the items are packaged nationally or meets other exceptions as indicated and be approved for listing in the approved products list effective December 31, 2017:

<u>COMPANY/ADA</u>	<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>PACK SIZE</u>
A. Hardy/U.S.A. Ltd. (NWS Michigan, LLC)	750ml Glenburgie 25 Yr. First Edition	6 Bottles
	750ml MacAllan 21 Yr. First Edition	6 Bottles
	750ml Thatcher's Blood Orange	6 Bottles
Bacardi U.S.A., Inc. (General Wine & Liquor Co.)	750ml Bacardi Gran Reserva Ltd Rum	6 Bottles
Black Sea Imports, Inc.	750ml Elite XO Blk/Citr Car Decanter	6 Bottles
	750ml Elite XO Blk/Red Car Decanter	6 Bottles
	750ml Elite XO Blk/Yell Car Decanter	6 Bottles
	750ml Elite XO Buffalo Decanter	6 Bottles
	1000ml Elite XO Golden Dog Decanter	4 Bottles
	750ml Elite XO Red/White Car Decanter	6 Bottles

	750ml Elite XO Sky Blue Car Decanter	6 Bottles
	750ml Elite XO Violin Decanter	6 Bottles
	1000ml Elite XO Violin Glass Decanter	6 Bottles
Brown-Forman Corporation (General Wine & Liquor Co.)	750ml Benriach Cask Strength Batch 2	6 Bottles
	750ml Benriach Csk Str Btch 2 Peated	6 Bottles
	750ml Benriach 10 Yr. Ltd 2006 Release	6 Bottles
	750ml Glendronach Single Cask 27 Yr.	6 Bottles
	750ml Michter's 25 Yr. Ltd Release BBN	1 Bottle
Chatham Imports, Inc. (NWS Michigan, LLC)		
DiSaronno International, LLC (General Wine & Liquor Co.)	750ml The Irishman Single Malt	6 Bottles
Frank-Lin Distillers Products (NWS Michigan, LLC)	375ml Category Five Slurricane Hurric Rum	12 Bottles
William Grant & Sons, Inc. (NWS Michigan, LLC)	750ml Tullamore Dew Rum Cask Finish	6 Bottles
Heaven Hill Distilleries, Inc. (General Wine & Liquor Co.)	375ml Lunazul Blanco Tequila	12 Bottles
	375ml Lunazul Reposado Tequila	12 Bottles
Innovative Wine & Spirits, LLC (General Wine & Liquor Co.)	750ml Not Your Father's Bourbon	6 Bottles
Jay Midwest, Inc. (Chinese Import & Export)	375ml Jinro Green Grape Liqueur	20 Bottles
List Distillery LLC (CKL Corporation)	375ml Mr. Tom's Spirits Caffe Latte	12 Bottles
	375ml Mr. Tom's Spirits Pumpkin Latte	12 Bottles
Nawrocki Imparts, LLC (CKL Corporation)	375ml Bull Run Chinato Barrel Aged	12 Bottles
	375ml Bull Run Regnig Dag Aquavit	12 Bottles
Pernod Ricard USA, LLC (NWS Michigan, LLC)	750ml Midleton Bluebell Forest	3 Bottles
	750ml Smooth Ambler Old Scout 107	6 Bottles
	750ml Smooth Ambler Old Scout Single	6 Bottles
PRP Enterprises, LLC (CKL Corporation)	750ml G4 Anejo Tequila	6 Bottles
	750ml G4 Blanco Tequila	6 Bottles
	750ml G4 Extra Anejo Tequila	6 Bottles
	750ml G4 Reposado Tequila	6 Bottles
Remy Cointreau USA, Inc. (NWS Michigan, LLC)	200ml Westland Variety 3 Pk Scotch	18 Bottles
South Beach Spirit Co., LLC (NWS Michigan, LLC)	750ml Florida Kush Anejo Tequila	6 Bottles
Stoli Group (USA), LLC (General Wine & Liquor Co.)	750ml Cenote Anejo Tequila	6 Bottles
	750ml Cenote Blanco Tequila	6 Bottles
	750ml Cenote Reposado Tequila	6 Bottles
	50ml Stoli Crushed Mango PL	60 Bottles
	50ml Stolichnaya Cucumber PL Vodka	60 Bottles
The Edrington Group USA, LLC (NWS Michigan, LLC)	750ml Highland Park The Dark 17 Yr.	3 Bottles
	750ml MacAllan Exceptional Sngl Cask	1 Bottle

Diageo Americas, Inc. (NWS Michigan, LLC)	750ml Lagavulin 8 Yr. Scotch	6 Bottles
	750ml Rhetoric 24 Yr. Bourbon	6 Bottles
WJ Deutsch & Sons, Ltd. (General Wine & Liquor Co.)	1000ml Citadelle Gin	6 Bottles

That the request of Two James Spirits LLC, holder of 2017 Brandy Manufacturer license, for addition of the following product to the approved products list with exceptions, be approved for listing, effective December 31, 2017; further prior to any sale and distribution of this product through the Commission's spirit distribution system, Two James Spirits LLC, must submit and receive Commission approval for an amended liquor quotation which designates an Authorized Distribution Agent for this product:

<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>PACK SIZE</u>
750ml Backroom Jamaica Rum	6 Bottles

B. That the following requests for addition of product to the approved products list be approved for listing, effective December 31, 2017:

<u>COMPANY/ADA</u>	<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>PACK SIZE</u>
Sazerac North America, Inc. (NWS Michigan, LLC)	750ml Caliber Carib Spiced Rum PL	12 Bottles
Caffo Beverages Inc. (NWS Michigan, LLC)	750ml Dominique Brandy	12 Bottles
Coppercraft Distillery, LLC (General Wine & Liquor Co.)	750ml Coppercraft Straight Rye	12 Bottles
Frank-Lin Distillers Products (NWS Michigan, LLC)	750ml Category Five Slurricane Sw Tea	12 Bottles
Heritage Distilling Company, Inc. (NWS Michigan, LLC)	750ml Heritage Lavender Vodka	12 Bottles
High Five Spirits, LLC (General Wine & Liquor Co.)	750ml Petoskey Stone Gin	12 Bottles
Impex Beverages, Inc. (NWS Michigan, LLC)	750ml West Wind Bourbon	12 Bottles
Les Cheneaux Distillers, Inc (CKL Corporation)	750ml Straits Vodka	12 Bottles
List Distillery LLC (CKL Corporation)	750ml Mr. Tom's Spirits Apple Pie Rum	12 Bottles
	750ml Mr. Tom's Spirits Coconut Rum	12 Bottles
	750ml Mr. Tom's Spirits Dark Rum	12 Bottles
	750ml Mr. Tom's Spirits Key Lime Pie	12 Bottles
	750ml Mr. Tom's Spirits Spiced Rum	12 Bottles
	750ml Mr. Tom's Spirits Sugar Free Vodka	12 Bottles
	750ml Mr. Tom's Spirits White Rum	12 Bottles

MHW, Ltd. (General Wine & Liquor Co.)	750ml Bols Ginger Liqueur	12 Bottles
	750ml Bols Mango Liqueur	12 Bottles
	750ml Bols Pineapple Chipotle	12 Bottles
	1000ml Bols Root Beer Liqueur	12 Bottles
MISA Imports, Inc. (NWS Michigan, LLC)	1750ml Kirkland Irish Whiskey	6 Bottles
Stoli Group (USA), LLC (General Wine & Liquor Co.)	750ml Stoli Crushed Mango Vodka	12 Bottles
	1000ml Stoli Crushed Mango Vodka	12 Bottles
	750ml Stolichnaya Cucumber Vodka	12 Bottles
	1000ml Stolichnaya Cucumber Vodka	12 Bottles
Diageo Americas, Inc. (NWS Michigan, LLC)	375ml Crown Royal Bourbon Mash	24 Bottles
	750ml Crown Royal Bourbon Mash	12 Bottles

That the request of Blue Sky Brewing, LLC, holder of 2017 Small Distiller license, for addition of the following products to the approved products list, be approved for listing, effective December 31, 2017; further prior to any sale and distribution of these products through the Commission's spirit distribution system, Blue Sky Brewing, LLC, must submit and receive Commission approval for an amended liquor quotation which designates an Authorized Distribution Agent for these products:

<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>PACK SIZE</u>
750ml Thornapple Artisan Spirits Vodka	12 Bottles

That the request of D'Still, LLC, holder of 2017 Small Distiller license, for addition of the following products to the approved products list, be approved for listing, effective December 31, 2017; further prior to any sale and distribution of these products through the Commission's spirit distribution system, D'Still, LLC, must submit and receive Commission approval for an amended liquor quotation which designates an Authorized Distribution Agent for these products:

<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>PACK SIZE</u>
750ml Motor City Gas Black Eye BBN	12 Bottles
750ml Motor City Gas Burnout Bourbon	12 Bottles

That the request of Iron Fish Distillery, LLC, holder of 2017 Small Distiller license, for addition of the following product to the approved products list, be approved for listing, effective December 31, 2017; further prior to any sale and distribution of this product through the Commission's spirit distribution system, Iron Fish Distillery, LLC, must submit and receive Commission approval for an amended liquor quotation which designates an Authorized Distribution Agent for this product:

<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>PACK SIZE</u>
750ml Iron Fish Cask Aged Dark Rum	12 Bottles

That the request of Les Cheneaux Distillers, Inc., holder of 2017 Small Distiller license, for addition of the following products to the approved products list, be approved for listing, effective December 31, 2017; further prior to any sale and distribution of these products through the Commission's spirit distribution system, Les Cheneaux Distillers, Inc., must submit and receive Commission approval for an amended liquor quotation which designates an Authorized Distribution Agent for these products:

<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>PACK SIZE</u>
750ml Straits Vodka Signature Series Vodka	12 Bottles

That the request of Two James Spirits LLC, holder of 2017 Small Distiller license, for addition of the following product to the approved products list, be approved for listing, effective December 3, 2017; further prior to any sale and distribution of this product through the Commission's spirit distribution system, Two James Spirits LLC, must submit and receive Commission approval for an amended liquor quotation which designates an Authorized Distribution Agent for this product:

<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>PACK SIZE</u>
750ml Two James Backroom Peated BBN	12 Bottles

B. That the following requests for addition of product to the approved products list be approved for listing, effective January 28, 2018:

<u>COMPANY/ADA</u>	<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>PACK SIZE</u>
Luxco, Inc. (NWS Michigan, LLC)	1000ml Juarex Silver Liqueur	12 Bottles

C. That the following requests for promotional or special packaging be approved for listing, effective December 31, 2017:

<u>COMPANY/ADA</u>	<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>PACK SIZE</u>
Bacardi U.S.A., Inc. (General Wine & Liquor Co.)	1750ml Bacardi Oakheart w/200ml Supr	6 Bottles
Constellation Brands, Inc. (General Wine & Liquor Co.)	750ml Svedka Vodka w/50ml Blue Rasp	12 Bottles
	1750ml Svedka Vodka w/100ml Pm Gr Amb	6 Bottles
	1000ml Absolut Citrus Vareity 6 Pk	6 Bottles
	375ml Absolut Lime w/50ml Absolut 80	24 Bottles
	50ml Jameson Candy Canes 4 Pk	120 Bottles
Pernod Ricard USA, LLC (NWS Michigan, LLC)	375ml Martell Blue Swift w/100ml VSSD	12 Bottles
	1750ml Southern Comfort PL w/50ml SC 80	6 Bottles
Sazerac Company, Inc. (NWS Michigan, LLC)		

Stoller Imports, Inc. (NWS Michigan, LLC)	750ml Outerspace w/Sun Glasses	6 Bottles
Diageo Americas, Inc. (NWS Michigan, LLC)	750ml Baileys Original w/2-50ml	12 Bottles
	750ml Capt Morgan Locunut w/50ml Cr Ap	6 Bottles
	750ml Capt Morgan Spiced w/2-50ml	12 Bottles
	1750ml Smirnoff 80 w/2-50ml Vod & Appl	6 Bottles

After discussion, the following product is denied:

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>PACK SIZE</u>
Veritas Vineyard, LLC (Small Distiller)	750ml Grand River Distilling Agave Teq	12 Bottles

Moved by Chairman Deloney, supported by Commissioner Olshove, that the above actions be taken in accordance with the E-Quote reports as written, and presented, dated December 8, 2017; motion carried by unanimous vote.

III. Old Business.

There was no Old Business.

IV. New Business.

There was no New Business.

V. Public Comments.

There were no Public Comments.

With no further business, moved by Commissioner Olshove, supported by Commissioner Quimby, that the business meeting be adjourned at 9:40 a.m., motion carried by unanimous vote.

Andrew J. Deloney
Chairman

Anita Fawcett
Administrative Assistant



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Present: Andrew J. Deloney, Chairman
Teri L. Quimby, Commissioner
Dennis Olshove, Commissioner

Absent: None

Staff: Pam Hamilton, Director of Finance Division
Teri Chase, Commission Aide

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Deloney at 9:36 a.m., noting a quorum was present.

- I. **Moved by Commissioner Olshove, supported by Commissioner Quimby, that the minutes of the Commission meeting of December 12, 2017, be approved as written and presented, motion carried by unanimous vote.**

- II. Chairman Deloney advised that a request for a declaratory ruling was received from Scott Newman-Bale of Shorts Brewing Company (petitioner) on November 21, 2017 and that the Commission, under administrative rule R 436.1973(1) has 30 days to notify the petitioner whether a declaratory ruling will be issued. Chairman Deloney stated that the petitioner asks for clarification on what is allowable as barware under MCL 436.1609(11). He advised a letter of support was received from Attorney Scott Breen on behalf of Michigan Beer & Wine Wholesalers Association, on December 4, 2017. After discussion on the record, Chairman Deloney stated that this request for a declaratory ruling should be considered by the Commission.

Motion made by Chairman Deloney to grant the request to issue a declaratory ruling on MCL 436.1609(11) of the Michigan Administrative Code, supported by Commissioner Olshove, motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman Deloney announced that under administrative rule R 436.1973(2) the Commission is obligated to issue the declaratory ruling within 90 days which is no later than March 16, 2018. He invited anyone that wishes to submit written comments for Commission consideration must do so on or before February 26, 2018.

- III. Chairman Deloney advised that a request for a declaratory ruling was received from Attorney Brennen J. Gorman on behalf of Wesco, Inc. (petitioner) on November 22, 2017 and that the Commission, under administrative rule R 436.1973(1) has 30 days to notify the petitioner whether a declaratory ruling will be issued. Chairman Deloney stated that the petitioner asks for (1) a standard or non-exhaustive list of services to be used in calculating the minimum inventory requirement created by MCL 436.1541, in a manner similar to the Commission's Administrative Order dated February 26, 2008 regarding qualified inventory; and (2) determine a means by which a licensee may report those expenses to the Commission and tally them toward the \$250,000.00 threshold. Chairman Deloney advised the inventory requirement is a valid discussion topic, even though the statutory language is clear that the inventory amount exclude alcohol and gas. He believes the request should be denied.

After a brief discussion on the issue, it was **Moved by Chairman Deloney, supported by Commissioner Olshove, that the request for a declaratory ruling be denied, motion carried by unanimous vote.**

- IV. Chairman Deloney advised a request to increase the fees paid to the Authorized Distribution Agents (ADA) has been received. After review and discussion, the Commission finds that a new Administrative Order should be approved to increase the per case ADA distribution fee, and that any previous orders pertaining to the per case ADA distribution fee, should be rescinded.

Moved by Chairman Deloney, supported by Commissioner Olshove, that Administrative Order 2017-05, Per Case ADA Distribution Fee, be approved as written and presented, motion carried by unanimous vote.

- V. Old Business.

There was no Old Business.

VI. New Business.

Chairman Deloney advised that some note-worthy industry people were retiring in the near future; Attorney John Carlin, Michigan Grocers Association President Linda Gobler, and Meijer Compliance Specialist Don Nunn. He advised they will be sorely missed for their knowledge and contribution to the liquor industry.

VII. Public Comments.

There were no Public Comments.

With no further business, moved by Commissioner Olshove, supported by Commissioner Quimby, that the business meeting be adjourned at 9:50 a.m., motion carried by unanimous vote.

Andrew J. Deloney
Chairman