

## Information on Off-Licence Purchases under the *Liquor Control Act*

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This notice is intended to provide information respecting off-licence purchases by liquor licensees under the *Liquor Control Act* and Regulations. This notice should not be regarded or relied upon as a legal interpretation of the *Act*. In all cases, the legislation should be reviewed to determine the proper application of the *Act*.

### Authority

The rules prohibiting off-licence purchases are found in the *Liquor Control Act*, Sections 163(1), 167, 170(1), 172(1), (2) and Section 17 of the Regulation 84-265.

### General Information

A licensee must purchase all the liquor sold in his licensed premises from an Alcool NB Liquor store or an outlet.

A licensee who purchases liquor from sources other than Alcool NB Liquor is in violation of the *Act*.

A licensee who purchases liquor at an Alcool NB Liquor store or an outlet without identifying himself as a licensee is in violation of the *Act*.

The following procedure will be applied when a licensee is in violation of the *Act* regarding off- licence purchases.

- The liquor will be seized by the inspector or peace officer.
- The licensee may be charged within fourteen days following the seizure by the inspector or peace officer.
- If charged, the licensee will be notified of an Adjudication hearing or court proceedings.

### Penalties

Violations under the *Liquor Control Act* could result in fines ranging from \$100.00 to \$25,000.00, suspension and/or revocation of the holders' licence to operate their place of business. Department of Public Safety Investigators will visit locations to ensure compliance with legislation.

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