

Maryland Alcohol & Tobacco Tax

**BULLETIN**



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**TO: All Alcoholic Beverages Wholesalers and Non-Resident Dealers**

**SUBJECT: Violations -- July 1 - December 31, 1997**

Below are listed licensees who have admitted to certain activities contrary to the laws and regulations administered by this office and have voluntarily paid a monetary fine, pursuant to Section 10-402 of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in lieu of a license/permit suspension or revocation.

Licensee	License/ Permit #	Description of Violation	Fine Paid
Hess Collection Winery Napa, California	ND-30863	Direct shipment of alcoholic beverages to Maryland consumer contrary to Article 2B and Tax-General Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.	\$15,000.00
Boston Beer Company Boston, Massachusetts	ND-37969	Furnishing retail licensee with menus contrary to Section 12-104 of Article 2B and Regulation 03.02.05.04	\$3,000.00
Winner Distributing Co., Inc. Baltimore, Maryland	W4-00041	Providing something of value to retail licensee—i.e., furnishing refrigerated trailer—without complying with Administrative Release and issuing proper invoice (Section 12-104 of Article 2B).	\$1,000.00
Bargetto's Santa Cruz Winery Soquel, California	ND-33596	Direct shipment of alcohol beverages to Maryland consumer contrary to Article 2B and Tax-General Article.	\$3,000.00
IDV North America Hartford, Connecticut	ND-19438	As United States importer, held accountable under Section 12-104 of Article 2B for activities of foreign brand owner who provided illegal gratuities (free travel, lodging, entertainment, etc.) to a Maryland retail licensee.	\$10,000.00

The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit will continue to be vigilant in enforcing Maryland trade practice laws and regulations, as well as those prohibiting the direct shipment of alcoholic beverages (also known as mail order alcohol) to Maryland consumers.

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