

Bulletin

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To: All Maryland Licensed Retailers who sell Wine and/or Distilled Spirits

Subject: Alcoholic Beverage Price Filing - COMAR 03.02.01.05

Last April 29, 2004, the District Court issued an injunction, prohibiting the Comptroller from enforcing the State's 30-Day post and hold system of price filing applicable to suppliers and wholesalers of wine and distilled spirits. The injunction also prevented the Comptroller from enforcing the ban on quantity discounts on sales from Maryland wholesalers to Maryland retailers. The Comptroller appealed that decision.

On October 13, 2005, the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals issued a mandate, vacating the lower court's findings.

Accordingly, this is to advise that the ban on quantity discounts is once again enforceable effective October 13, 2005. Further, we will be in contact with suppliers and wholesalers of wine and distilled spirits with the intention of returning to the 30-Day post and hold system of prices as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions, concerning this bulletin, please contact this office at 410-260-7314 or 410-260-7315.

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cc: Maryland Wholesalers
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