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Ferment (or Brew) on Premise Facilities

Liquor Licence Act Regulatory Changes

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Effective July 13, 2007, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) is pleased to advise that changes have been made to Regulation 58/00 under the *Liquor Licence Act* (LLA) affecting Ferment (or Brew) on Premise operators.

Name Change – From “Brew on Premise” to “Ferment on Premise”

Premises where equipment for the making of beer or wine is provided to individuals have been renamed “ferment on premise facilities” for regulatory purposes. The name change was made after consultations with the industry and is meant to better reflect the current makeup of licensees who fall under this particular category. All AGCO documents related to ferment on premise facilities are in the process of being amended to reflect this change.

Please note that this is a name change only and does not require any particular action on the part of licensees.

Elimination – No ‘Grace Period’ for Licence Renewals

Ferment (or brew) on premise licensees are now required to submit their licence renewal applications prior to the expiry date noted on the licence and are no longer afforded a ‘late renewal’ process. The three-month ‘grace period’ formerly available to ferment (or brew) on premise operators for renewing their licences has been eliminated. Operators who allow their licenses to lapse past the expiry date will have to apply for a new licence.

Licensees are always expected to submit their licence renewal applications on time so the three-month ‘grace period’ was no longer considered appropriate. This change was also made to create consistency with other types of licences issued under the LLA and to alleviate regulatory and enforcement concerns regarding licences that have lapsed but remain within the three-month ‘grace period’.

For further inquiries about Ontario’s liquor licensing framework, including any of the recent changes, please contact AGCO Customer Service by email at Licensing@agco.on.ca, or by phone at (416) 326-8700 or toll free in Ontario at 1-800-522-2876, and visit the AGCO website at www.agco.on.ca on a regular basis.