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Craft Bulletins are issued on an as needed basis. The information is primarily intended for Saskatchewan craft alcohol producers.

Manufacturer Permit (Bottling)

A new permit has been introduced to allow for the bottling of bulk alcohol. Under this permit, bulk alcohol can be blended and bottled without fermentation or distillation. Also under this permit type, manufacturers can source bulk beverage alcohol from elsewhere and package the alcohol at their manufacturing site.

Important permit details to note:

- Product manufactured under a Bottling Manufacturer permit is considered non-craft, and therefore:
 - Markup applies (not production levy);
 - Distribution must occur through SLGA's Distribution Centre (DC), BDL or a SLGA approved specialty liquor warehouse;
 - Product cannot be sold through a craft manufacturer's on-site store or (off-site) off-sale; and
 - Product cannot be sold for on-table service at the manufacturer's hospitality suite.
- A Saskatchewan craft alcohol producer may hold a Bottling Manufacturer permit in a different product category (ie: beer, wine, spirits, cider) than its craft products but not in the same product, or related product, category.

Examples:

- A craft micro distillery can have a Bottling Manufacturer permit to bottle bulk wine.
- A craft micro distillery cannot have a Bottling Manufacturer permit for spirits or spirits-based refreshment beverages.
- If you are seeking a Bottling Manufacturer Permit that involves spirits, this has the potential to increase risk factors within your facility, which may require a building inspection and alterations to your building.
- To obtain a bottling manufacturer permit, producers are required to go through SLGA's application and approval process to ensure their facility and procedures meet appropriate standards. SLGA's inspection of the manufacturing facility is a standard requirement.

For further information about a bottling manufacturer permit, contact SLGA Licensing Branch at 1-800-787-5563 or ll@slga.gov.sk.ca.

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