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**THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION (“ABCC”) ADVISORY
ON THE FARMER-WINERY LAW, M.G.L. C. 138, §19B(g)**

On January 7, 2015, the legislature amended M.G.L. c. 138, §19B (g), to include additional licensees to whom Farmer-Wineries can distribute their products at wholesale. These licensees include:

- on-premises retail licensees with the product in kegs, casks, barrels or bottles;
- one-day licenses with the product in kegs, casks, barrels or bottles ;
- railroad licensees with the product in kegs, casks, barrels or bottles ;
- airline licensees with the product in kegs, casks, barrels or bottles;
- ship licensees with the product in kegs, casks, barrels or bottles;
- off-premises retail licensees for the sole purpose of resale in containers in which the wine was delivered;
- licensed manufacturers; churches and religious societies, educational institutions, incorporated hospitals, homes for the aged, manufacturers of food products and manufacturers of drugs and chemicals pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, §28; or
- a registered pharmacist holding a certificate of fitness pursuant to section 30.

Wine manufacturers who are licensed under M.G.L. c. 138, §19B who wish to ship their products directly to Massachusetts Consumers must also hold a M.G.L. c. 138, §19F Direct Wine Shipper license.

As a reminder, all licensees must ensure that they are in compliance with the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and that sales of alcoholic beverages take place only as authorized by applicable law. Questions concerning this advisory can be directed to Ralph Sacramone, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission at 617-727-3040 x 731.

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