

Alcoholic Beverage Industry Engagement

Alcohol eFile Application Training for Wineries

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Agenda

1. Welcome – Robert Scheerer
2. Introduction of Training tools
 - New Alcoholic Beverage Terminology
 - Industry Concerns Addressed
 - Reviewing Form Instructions Ongoing
 - FAQ Expanded from Industry Engagement
 - Video Tutorials for Alcohol eFile
3. Video Tutorial for Alcohol eFile for Wine
3. Q & A Session - Open and Pre-submitted
4. Wrap Up

Alcohol Improvement Plan

Issues Addressed

- Payment restricted
- Business partner address restriction
- User functionality
- Contact info on eFile webpage
- Contact info on Business Taxes
- Alcohol Tax Information tab
- Confusion on which forms are needed to file

REVENUE ADMINISTRATION DIVISION
PRESENTS:

ALCOHOL EFILE

Distillery Virtual Training
June 2023

Video Tutorial for filing Winery
form 034 tax return and
form 034-1 schedules
Alcohol eFile Application at
www.Marylandtaxes.gov



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Alcohol Industry Questions:

Q: Where do I find the license numbers I must enter when using bFile (my searches on the database never locate any restaurant or store license numbers)?

A: The entities listed, restaurants and stores are considered retailers and have county-issued licenses. The alcohol tax forms refer to state-issued licenses and permits where requested. Manufacturer licensees are authorized to distribute to licensed wholesalers and to receive from licensed or permitted consignors/suppliers.

Alcohol Industry Questions:

Q: Which schedule do I use for MoCo ABS sales?

A: When delivering to the Montgomery County ABS warehouse, dispositions are entered on the schedule F for Maryland wholesalers.

Alcohol Industry Questions:

Q: We sell at farmers markets. Is a peddler's license also required in addition to our off-site permit?

A: The off-site permit issued by the ATCC allows you to conduct certain licensed activities away from your licensed location. The trader's licenses are issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court in each county. There may be county-specific requirements that you will need to comply with. Please refer to the issuing authority to verify requirements for the location in question.

Alcohol Industry Questions:

Q: Is there a way to avoid looking up the extra four digits of zip codes when entering each sale into bFile?

A: We are working to simplify this process and will post an update to the application soon.

Alcohol Industry Questions:

Q: I have received the invoices for additional alcohol tax payments. Why would I receive these invoices?

A: There are various reasons that a notice or invoice may be sent. There could be a calculation error on the submitted return, a late payment receipt that triggers penalty and interest, or incorrect form information. For specific account billing or noticing questions, please contact us at:

Taxpayer Services (Business option)

TAXHELP@marylandtaxes.gov

410-260-7980 from Central Maryland or
toll-free 1-800-638-2937

Alcohol Industry Questions:

Q: Annual Off-Site Permits are not being issued due to tax liabilities. This is the first time some members have heard that there were tax liabilities.

A: We are working on improving our noticing functionality to create timely and accurate billing statements.

Alcohol Industry Questions:

Q: There is no quarterly payment option for paying excise taxes online. How do I apply the payment?

A: When making an online payment, select the last month of the reporting period.

Alcohol Industry Questions:

Q: What does 'invoice' mean with regard to reporting your production, losses, etc.?

A: On the Maryland Alcohol Tax Return/Report forms, an invoice number is to uniquely identify a transaction in your records. Any combination of numeric, alpha, or special characters is accepted.

Alcohol Industry Questions:

Q: When reporting samples, there is no option in the drop-down menu for samples that are given or sold to customers.

A: Samples can indicate a wide range of transactions today. A good rule of thumb is to report all samples served in the Tasting Room, at Festivals and/or Special Permit Events on your G7 schedule. Use the form 034-10 to report samples that fit the reasons and purposes listed on the 034-10 form.

Alcohol Industry Questions:

Q: I need to reset my passwords. Where can I find the reset link?

A: To reset your password, access the password reset link on the Alcohol eFile log-in page.

Alcohol Industry Questions:

Q: How do you suggest that we handle wine club inventory that has been paid for and continues to be/to stay on-site?

A: The form 034 tax return reflects movement of product into, within and out of the state. The return should reflect the transactions that occur in the reporting period.

Alcohol Industry Questions:

Q: What forms do we use on the M4 return for Vinoshipper sales?

A: Vinoshipper facilitates your Direct Wine Shipper permit activity. This activity is reported on the Winery tax return, form 034, line 30A to account for the disposition from the winery inventory. The DW permit activity detail and tax calculation is reported on form 315.

Alcohol Industry Questions:

Q: There are four categories to choose from to account for samples. Which is the proper one to use for samples used in a tasting room?

A: Tasting room samples should be included on the G7 schedule.

Thank you for joining!

