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Circular Letter
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- To:** Retail Mixed Beverage Restaurant Licensees
- Subject:** **Infusion of Distilled Spirits**
- Purpose:** The purpose of this Circular Letter is to communicate to licensees a recent change in the Board's Regulations by which mixed beverage restaurant licensees may now infuse, store, and sell distilled spirits.
- Background:** On February 26, 2014 section F VAC 5-50-60 of the Board's Regulations was added. The following guidance is offered.
- Held:** Mixed beverage restaurant licensees may now infuse, store, and sell flavored distilled spirits under the following circumstances:
1. If infused in the original spirits container, the mixed beverage stamp must remain affixed to the bottle.
 2. If infused in a container other than the original spirits container, the substitute container, which shall not exceed two liters in volume, will be labeled with the following information:
 - a. Date of infusion;
 - b. Brand of spirits; and
 - c. Amount of spirits used.
 3. Accurate records must be kept by the mixed beverage licensee as to the spirits used in any spirits infusion process.
 4. Licensees infusing distilled spirits shall comply with all applicable state and federal food safety regulations.

Infusion permits the introduction of an ingredient to a distilled spirit, intended to alter the flavor of the spirit to which it has been added. Infusion is not to be confused with the premixing of mixed beverages.

Any inquiries or concerns should be directed to the Bureau of Law Enforcement, P. O. Box 27491, Richmond, VA 23261 or your local regional office.


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