

## **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES IMPORTING LIQUOR**

*Please be advised that it is the Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement (BLCE), and not the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB), which enforces the liquor laws in Pennsylvania. Further, information provided below is not binding on the BLCE and is offered for information and guidance only.*

### **Wine and Spirits**

The Liquor Code generally prohibits any person other than the Board, a manufacturer, or certain licensed entities from bringing alcohol into Pennsylvania or from possessing or transporting any liquor or alcohol within Pennsylvania which has not been purchased from a Pennsylvania wine and spirits store, a licensed limited winery, a licensed distillery, or a licensed limited distillery. However, members of the armed forces on active duty, or any retired member of the armed forces, or any totally disabled veteran, or the spouse of any of the foregoing classes of persons, are allowed to import, transport or have in his/her possession wine or spirits that have not been acquired in Pennsylvania, under the following guidelines.

*If you have one gallon or less of spirits or wine to bring back to Pennsylvania:*

Military service personnel at least twenty-one-years-old may import up to one gallon of liquor per month, without payment of additional Pennsylvania taxes, so long as the liquor was purchased in a “package store.” A “package store” includes retail operations located on any United States military installations (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard).

*If you have more than one gallon of wine or spirits to bring back to Pennsylvania:*

Persons who are moving back to/into Pennsylvania are allowed to bring with them their collections of wine and spirits that they have in their out-of-state or out-of-country residence, for personal use, so long as the alcohol is not being resold in Pennsylvania. This importation must be approved in advance by and coordinated through the PLCB’s Bureau of Product Selection and the following provides guidance on what you have to do:

1. Print and complete [APPLICATION FOR IMPORTATION OF LIQUOR AS PROVIDED IN REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD.](#)
2. E-mail the above form to RA-LBConsumerOffers@PA.GOV.

3. If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Product Selection at (717) 787-7965.

4. The Bureau of Product Selection will contact you regarding the service charge amount, if any, owed to the Commonwealth.

5. To pay the service charge specified by the Bureau of Product Selection, a certified check, cashier check, money order, or personal check, payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, should be submitted to:

Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board  
Bureau of Product Selection  
217 Northwest Office Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17124  
Attn: Product Selection Importation

6. Because the state taxes on your purchases would be levied by the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue, you should also contact that agency at (717) 783-3680.

### **Beer**

While the Liquor Code permits members of the armed forces to import liquor into Pennsylvania under certain circumstances, there is no similar provision for beer. Therefore, unless you hold a valid importing distributor license or a direct malt or brewed beverage license, there is no amount of beer you can legally import into Pennsylvania.