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RE: Jose Cuervo Cantina Giveaway

Dear Ms. Aaron:

ISSUE: This correspondence is in response to your e-mail received in this office on April 3, 2014, in which you request approval to conduct a sweepstakes promotion in Pennsylvania.

According to the rules you provided, the “Jose Cuervo Cantina Giveaway” promotion is scheduled to run until June 2, 2014. Consumers may participate by mail. On or about June 20, 2014, one (1) entrant will randomly be selected to receive the grand prize package of a Jose Cuervo meat smoker, a Jose Cuervo mini-fridge, and a portable cantina bar. No purchase is necessary to enter, and the sweepstakes is open only to Pennsylvania residents who are twenty-one (21) years of age or older.

OPINION: Section 5.32(h) of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board’s (“Board”) Regulations states that a manufacturer or licensee may sponsor sweepstakes promotions subject to the following conditions:

- i. No purchase is necessary to enter.
- ii. Entrants shall be twenty-one (21) years of age or older.
- iii. Retail licensed premises may only be involved as pick-up or drop-off points for entry forms and not for the conducting of drawings or the awarding of prizes.
- iv. Alcoholic beverages may not be part of the prize.

[40 Pa. Code § 5.32(h)].

This office has reviewed the proposed promotion and has determined that it comports with applicable liquor laws and regulations, specifically subsection 493(24) of the Liquor Code [47 P.S. § 4-493(24)] and section 5.32(h) of the Board’s Regulations [40 Pa. Code § 5.32(h)], and is acceptable for use in this Commonwealth, assuming alcoholic beverages are not part of the prize.

Therefore, it would be permissible to conduct this promotion in the Commonwealth, as indicated above, in reference to the areas checked below:

- retail licensed premises.
- distributor licensed premises.
- both retail and distributor licensed premises.
- the Board's wine and spirits stores, subject to approval of the Bureau of Product Management.
- other – Internet, text messaging.

THIS OPINION APPLIES ONLY TO THE FACTUAL SITUATION DESCRIBED HEREIN AND DOES NOT INSULATE THE LICENSEE OR OTHERS FROM CONSEQUENCES OF CONDUCT OCCURRING PRIOR TO ITS ISSUANCE. THE PROPRIETY OF THE PROPOSED CONDUCT HAS BEEN ADDRESSED ONLY UNDER THE LIQUOR CODE AND REGULATIONS. THE LAWS AND POLICIES ON WHICH THIS OPINION IS BASED ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE LEGISLATURE OR THE PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD.

Very truly yours,

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