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RE: Margaritaville® Spirits “Welcome to Margaritaville” Sweepstakes

Dear Mr. Martin:

ISSUE: This correspondence is in response to your e-mail dated January 17, 2015, wherein you seek approval, on behalf of McGowan Crain and Sazerac Company, to conduct the Margaritaville® Spirits “Welcome to Margaritaville” Sweepstakes in Pennsylvania.

According to the “Official Rules” that you provided, the sweepstakes is scheduled to begin on March 2, 2015, and runs until May 24, 2015. Interested individuals may enter the sweepstakes by visiting the following website, www.MargaritavilleNoPassportRequired.com, and completing and submitting the official online entry form. There is a limit of one (1) entry per person/e-mail address.

One (1) grand prize will be awarded for the sweepstakes. The grand prize winner will be selected in a random drawing to be conducted on or around May 25, 2015. The grand prize winner will receive a vacation package for two (2) people for a seven (7) night stay at the Riu Palace Bavaro, in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. The prize package includes the following: round-trip charter air to/from Punta Cana; round-trip transfers to/from the resort; hotel meals and drinks during the stay at the resort; non-motorized watersports; and the services of an Apple Vacations representative in-resort. The approximate retail value of the grand prize is three thousand, five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00). The grand prize winner’s guest must be twenty-one (21) years of age or older.

No purchase is necessary to enter or win the sweepstakes. The sweepstakes is open only to legal residents of the United States or the District of Columbia 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, manufacturer's representative, 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 sweepstakes promotion as described above and determined that it comports with applicable liquor laws and regulations, specifically section 493(24)(i) of the Liquor Code [47 P.S. § 4-493(24)(i)] and section 5.32(h) of the Board's Regulations [40 Pa. Code § 5.32(h)], as long as no alcoholic beverages are awarded as part of the grand prize.

It is important to point out, in case you are unaware, that to the extent that any part of the trip being awarded as the grand prize will involve sampling, taste testing, or the provision of alcoholic beverages at no additional cost to the winner and/or his or her guest, this would be construed as awarding alcoholic beverages as part of the prize and is not permitted.

Furthermore, please be advised that prior approval of malt or brewed beverages point-of-sale ("POS") material and retail licensed premises POS material is no longer required. However, the requirement for prior approval of POS material intended for use in the Board's wine and spirits stores from the Bureau of Product Selection remains. The total cost of all POS advertising material relating to any one (1) brand of any one (1) manufacturer at any one (1) time may not exceed three hundred dollars (\$300.00) on a retail licensed premises. [47 P.S. § 4-493(20)(i)].

Therefore, as long as no alcoholic beverages are awarded as part of the grand prize, it is permissible to conduct the proposed sweepstakes promotion in the Commonwealth 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 Selection (POS only).
- 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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