

April 1, 2015

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**RE: Sutter Home - Melissa Etheridge Guitar Sweepstakes**

Dear Ms. Speelman:

ISSUE: This correspondence is in response to your e-mail sent March 19, 2015, which was forwarded to this office on March 23, 2015, wherein you seek approval to run the Sutter Home “Melissa Etheridge Guitar Sweepstakes” promotion in Pennsylvania.

According to the “Official Rules” that you provided, the sweepstakes is scheduled to begin on March 31, 2015, and runs until April 3, 2015. Interested individuals may enter the sweepstakes by visiting [www.sutterhome.com](http://www.sutterhome.com), clicking on the Melissa Etheridge Guitar Sweepstakes icon, and following the instructions to enter. There is a limit of one (1) entry per e-mail, per person.

Two (2) prizes will be awarded for the sweepstakes. The prize winners will be selected in a random drawing to be conducted on or about April 6, 2015. Each prize winner will receive an Ovation guitar signed by Melissa Etheridge. The approximate retail value of each guitar is three hundred twenty-five dollars (\$325.00).

No purchase is necessary to enter or win the sweepstakes. The sweepstakes is open only to legal residents of the United States who are twenty-one (21) years of age or older at the time of entry.

OPINION: Section 5.32(h) of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board’s (“Board”) Regulations states that a manufacturer, a manufacturer’s representative, or a 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 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)].

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, 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 spirit 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

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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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