

November 8, 2016

Veronica Suarez
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4596 South Tracy Blvd.
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VIA E-MAIL

**RE: Chloe Wine Collection & Benziger Family Winery Black Tie
Travel Sweepstakes**

Dear Ms. Suarez:

ISSUE: This correspondence is in response to your e-mail sent October 25, 2016, in which you seek legal review of a sweepstakes promotion to be conducted in Pennsylvania.

According to the official rules you provided, the “Chloe Wine Collection & Benziger Family Winery Black Tie Travel” sweepstakes promotion is scheduled to begin on December 1, and run until December 31, 2016. Consumers may enter the sweepstakes by visiting www.premiumtravelsweepstakes.com and completing the onscreen registration form. Please be advised that the “sweepstakes grand prize” clause of the official rules indicates that five grand prizes will be awarded; however, the “grand prize random drawing” clause indicates “twelve [w]inners will be selected in a random drawing...” For the purposes of this response, it will be presumed that five entrants will be randomly selected to receive the grand prize of “one piece of luggage” and a set of headphones. The approximate retail value of each grand prize is \$695.00 and does not include alcoholic beverages. The promotion is only open adults of legal drinking age and no purchase is necessary to enter.

OPINION: Section 5.32(h) of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board’s (“PLCB”) 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 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 PLCB's Regulations, 40 Pa. Code § 5.32(h), and is acceptable for use in this Commonwealth.

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 PLCB's Fine Wine and Good Spirits stores from the Bureau of Product Selection remains. The total cost of all POS advertising material relating to any one brand of any one manufacturer at any one time may not exceed \$300.00 on 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 PLCB's Fine Wine and Good 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rodrigo J. Diaz".

RODRIGO J. DIAZ
CHIEF COUNSEL

cc: Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement
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