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ABC Guidance Letter #2022-1

The purpose of this guidance letter applies only to wine sampling events on a wine licensed premises. Under the Idaho County Options Kitchen and Table Wine Act (the Act), Title 23, Chapter 13 Idaho Code, vintners, wineries and distributors may conduct or assist a retail wine licensee at a wine sample tasting on premises. In other words, vintners, wineries and distributors may offer samples of their product in locations such as a licensed grocery store, convenience store, restaurant, or bar, subject to additional terms and conditions found in Idaho Code Section 23-1325C. Under the Act, a vintner is a person who manufactures, bottles, or sells table wine or dessert wine to importers for resale within this state other than a licensed winery. An importer means a person to whom a wine importer’s license has been issued. A winery is a place, premises, or establishment within the state of Idaho for the manufacture or bottling of table wine or dessert wine for sale. Sample sizes may not exceed one and on-half (1 ½) fluid ounces.

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