

Olympia, Washington 98504-3096

January 14, 2008

BULLETIN

TO: ALL STORES AND CONTRACT LIQUOR STORES
FROM: Steve Burnell, Marketing Manager
SUBJECT: Alert Merchandise Bulletin #6

ALERT

1) 088325 – PUERTO VALLARTA BLANCO TEQUILA 750 ML

We are receiving reports that cases of 088325 – PUERTO VALLARTA BLANCO TEQUILA 750 ml appear to have BLUE floaties/sediment (very fine grained) in the contents.

Please check all stock (including unopened cases) at this time. If you identify any stock as having blue floaters:

- 1) Please set them aside and await further notification in an alert bulletin.
- 2) E-mail Robin at rch@liq.wa.gov with the number of cases and bottle you have, so the appropriate action can be determined.

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January 14, 2008

B U L L E T I N

TO: ALL STORES AND CONTRACT LIQUOR STORES

FROM: Steve Burnell, Marketing Manager

SUBJECT: Alert Merchandise Bulletin #7

ALERT

1) 034886 – THREE OLIVES BERRY VODKA 750 ML

We are receiving reports that cases of 034886 – THREE OLIVES BERRY VODKA 750 ml are marked on the cases as such, but when opened the cases contain THREE OLIVES CHOCOLATE (034968).

Please check all stock (including unopened cases) at this time. If you identify any stock:

- 1) Please set them aside and await further notification in an alert bulletin.
- 2) E-mail Robin at rch@liq.wa.gov with the number of cases and bottle you have, so the appropriate action can be determined.

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February 14, 2008

BULLETIN

TO: ALL STORES AND CONTRACT LIQUOR STORES
FROM: Kim Ward, Buying Manager
SUBJECT: Alert Merchandise Bulletin # 19

088325 – Puerto Vallarta 100% Agave Blanco 750 ML:

FURTHER NOTIFICATION:

We received reports that cases of 088325 – PUERTO VALLARTA BLANCO TEQUILA .750 ml appear to have BLUE floaties/sediment (very fine grained) in the contents.

If you identify any stock as having blue floaters/sediment:

Please use claim code 5 "Contents Cloudy or Foreign Substance in Bottle".

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February 21, 2008

B U L L E T I N

TO: ALL STORES AND CONTRACT LIQUOR STORES

FROM: Kim Ward, Buying Manager

SUBJECT: Alert Merchandise Bulletin # 22

012885 – Rich & Rare 3 Year Canadian Traveler, 750 ml:

FURTHER NOTIFICATION:

We received reports that cases of brand 012885 – Rich & Rare 3 Year Canadian Traveler .750 ml labels are not glued onto the bottle.

The supplier has been alerted of the issue, and is working to correct it.

If you identify any stock as having this issue, please glue the labels back onto the bottle.

Thank you for your patience regarding this matter.

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February 21, 2008

BULLETIN

TO: ALL STORES AND CONTRACT LIQUOR STORES

FROM: Kim Ward, Buying Manager

SUBJECT: Alert Merchandise Bulletin #23

ALERT

087625 – EL TESORO PLATINUM TEQUILA, 750 ml:

There have been reports of "floating particles" in the bottles of this brand. If any of your existing stock is faulty, please submit a store claim using damaged merchandise claim code 5, "contents cloudy or foreign substance in bottle".

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February 21, 2008

BULLETIN

TO: ALL STORES AND CONTRACT LIQUOR STORES

FROM: Steve Burnell, Marketing Manager

SUBJECT: Alert Merchandise Bulletin #24

ALERT

028806 – QUINTESSENTIAL GIN – ENGLAND, 750 ml:

Please destroy the March TPR shelf ticket for this item. The TPR retail and savings are not correct. It will ring up correctly at the register and the TPR report is correct.

Please make a shelf ticket with the following information.

028806 - Quintessential Gin - England, 750 ml

Regular Retail - \$25.95

TPR Retail - \$22.95

Savings – \$3.00

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BULLETIN

TO: ALL STORES AND CONTRACT LIQUOR STORES
FROM: Kim Ward, Buying Manager
SUBJECT: Alert Merchandise Bulletin #25

ALERT

089862- Stallion 100% agave Anejo, 50 ml
089892-Tenoch 100 agave Reposado, 50 ml
089908- Tonalá 100% agave Anejo, 50 ml

There have been reports of “product evaporation” of these brands. If any of your existing stock is faulty, please **only claim affected product**.

Submit a store claim as follows:

State stores use claim code 12 “Expired due to shelf life.”

Contract stores please use claim code 16 “other.”

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February 26, 2008

B U L L E T I N

TO: ALL STORES AND CONTRACT LIQUOR STORES

FROM: Kim Ward, Buying Manager

SUBJECT: Alert Bulletin #28

1) 014268. POTTER'S CROWN CANADIAN WHISKY. 1.75 LITER:

The units of this item are scanning as 014264, Potter's Crown Canadian Whisky,
.375 ml.

Please receive and sell this item using the brand code (014268). DO NOT SCAN THE
UNITS. Please take a marking pen and black out the bar code and ring it up using the
brand code.

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March 19, 2008

BULLETIN

TO: ALL STORES AND CONTRACT LIQUOR STORES

FROM: Steve Burnell, Marketing Manager

SUBJECT: Alert Bulletin #36

ALERT

035600, CRATER LAKE VODKA, 75 ML:

You may receive bottles of 035600, Crater Lake Vodka, 750 ml that say 1.0 liter on the front and back labels. The bottles are 750 ml but the supplier accidentally labeled them incorrectly. The UPC code of 12484-10002 on the bottle has been added to the system and will begin to scan for you in a couple days.

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April 4, 2008

BULLETIN

TO: ALL STORES AND CONTRACT LIQUOR STORES
FROM: Kim Ward, Buying Manager
SUBJECT: Alert Merchandise Bulletin #40

ALERT

077776 – Wild Turkey American Honey Liqueur 750 ml

There have been reports of "floating particles" in the bottles of this brand.

The product has been picked up and researched by the supplier. This is the response:

The foreign material is not considered hazardous or a threat to human health. The material is present due to the filtration process used for the clarification of the Bourbon. Aged bourbon is an ingredient of the American Honey Liqueur. The filtration step is required due to the amount of barrel char in the Bourbon. While this material is not harmful, it is not our intention. Continued improvements in the filtration process are actively on-going, with an extra filtration step imminent by Fiscal year 2009 in July. Plans for the filtration are complete. This improvement in filtration should remove the root cause of the foreign material, thereby increasing the effectiveness of the filtration and raising the quality of the product.

If any of your existing stock is faulty and you feel it cannot be sold, please submit a store claim using damaged merchandise claim code 5, "contents cloudy or foreign substance in bottle".

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April 4, 2008

BULLETIN

TO: ALL STORES AND CONTRACT LIQUOR STORES

FROM: Kim Ward, Buying Manager

SUBJECT: Alert Merchandise Bulletin #41

ALERT

064782 –Cuervo Tropina 750 ml

There have been reports of "floating particles" in the bottles of this brand.

This product has been picked up and researched by the supplier and is found to be sugar floc.

If any of your existing stock is faulty, please submit a store claim using damaged merchandise claim code 5, "contents cloudy or foreign substance in bottle" and destroy stock.

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April 7, 2008

B U L L E T I N

TO: ALL STORES AND CONTRACT LIQUOR STORES

FROM: Kim Ward, Buying Manager

SUBJECT: Alert Merchandise Bulletin # 42

33991-ALCHEMIA CHOCOLATE VODKA 750 ML:

FURTHER NOTIFICATION:

We received reports that cases of **33991 – ALCHEMIA CHOCOLATE VODKA 750 ML** appear to have floaties/sediment in the contents.

If you identify any stock as having floaters/sediment:

Please use claim code 5 "Contents Cloudy or Foreign Substance in Bottle".

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April 18, 2008

BULLETIN

TO: ALL STORES AND CONTRACT LIQUOR STORES

FROM: Kim Ward, Buying Manager

SUBJECT: Alert Merchandise Bulletin #48

ALERT

064436 – Berentzen Appel Liqueur, 750 ml

Please be aware of the following issue regarding these cases at time of receipt:

064436 – Berentzen Appel Liqueur, 750 ml

The case reads brand 064446.

The units and cases scan correctly as 064436.

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April 25, 2008

BULLETIN

TO: ALL STORES AND CONTRACT LIQUOR STORES

FROM: Kim Ward, Buying Manager

SUBJECT: Alert Merchandise Bulletin #51

ALERT
STERRINGS COCKTAILS
894400-Sterrings Apple Martini
894404-Sterrings Cosmopolitan
894412-Sterrings Mojito
894418-Sterrings Pomegranate Martini

There have been some questions and concerns regarding the Stirrings Mixers. Please see the message below from the Stirrings representative.



Thank you for reaching out and letting me know about the concerns that some of your managers have had with the new Stirrings flavors.

Regarding the "cloudiness" issue, I'd like to assure you that the product is absolutely fine. Due to the fact that Stirrings is a natural product and we do not use preservatives or chemicals, sometimes a residue will form at the bottom of the bottle. This is just a natural occurrence from the fruit and cane sugar that we use in our products and not something that is unsafe or harmful.

Sincerely,

Katherine Siriani
Regional Manager – Pacific Northwest, Stirrings, LLC

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May 13, 2008

BULLETIN

TO: ALL STORES AND CONTRACT LIQUOR STORES

FROM: Kim Ward, Buying Manager

SUBJECT: Alert Merchandise Bulletin # 60

98784 -750ml Noilly Pratt Sweet Vermouth

FURTHER NOTIFICATION:

Please be aware that the Noilly Pratt sweet vermouth (098784) may be mis-scanning as Noilly Pratt dry vermouth (098254). These have been mis-labeled by the supplier and the supplier is correcting this issue on the manufacturing end.

If you find this issue is occurring at your store, please ring up using the brand code. Thank you for your patience regarding this manner.

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May 15, 2008

BULLETIN

TO: ALL STORES AND CONTRACT LIQUOR STORES

FROM: Steve Burnell, Marketing Manager

SUBJECT: Alert Merchandise Bulletin #61

001202 GLENLIVET FRENCH OAK & NADURA W/GL, 1.5 LITER

This item was on the system as 6 units per case (2-750 ml bottles in each unit). It has been changed to 3 units per case. The retail is not changing and is still \$89.95.

Please check your shipment to see what is on your invoice. If your store was billed for more gift packs than what was received, please do the following:

State Stores – Go into your Manager PC under Damage/Discrepancy/Claims and process a LOSS using the reason code “Discrepancy Error”. Be sure to put the BL # and ship date in the notes field.

Contract Stores – Fill out a discrepancy in shipment form and email to DCDR@liq.wa.gov or fax to 206-464-7946.

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May 15, 2008

B U L L E T I N

TO: ALL STORES AND CONTRACT LIQUOR STORES

FROM: Kim Ward, Buying Manager

SUBJECT: Alert Merchandise Bulletin # 62

89278 EL Jimador 750ml

FURTHER NOTIFICATION:

We received reports that cases of **89278 EL Jimador 750ml** appear to have floaties in the contents. The supplier has confirmed that these are not a hazard to the customer.

If you identify any stock as having floaters/sediment:

Please use claim code 5 "Contents Cloudy or Foreign Substance in Bottle".

Note: There have been cases where the floaties have broken up if the bottle is shaken. Please shake bottle before claiming to see if this is the case in your store.

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May 19, 2008

B U L L E T I N

TO: ALL STORES AND CONTRACT LIQUOR STORES

FROM: Kim Ward, Buying Manager

SUBJECT: Alert Merchandise Bulletin # 64

1307-PYRAT XO RUM W/ HUMIDOR 750 ML

We received reports that the plastic of the front of the humidors of **BRAND #1307-PYRAT XO RUM W/ HUMIDOR 750 ML**, have been cracked or broken in shipping. The contents of the humidor are not damaged.

If you identify any stock as having broken plastic of the front of the humidor:

Please adjust your inventory to **decrease** brand # 1307 (Pyrat XO 750ml w/ Humidor) for the number of damaged product and **increase** brand # 42753 (Pyrat XO 750ml) for the number of bottles. You can now you sell this product as normal. These two products are the same price so there is no need to make any other adjustments.

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May 20, 2008

BULLETIN

TO: ALL STORES AND CONTRACT LIQUOR STORES

FROM: Steve Burnell, Marketing Manager

SUBJECT: Alert Merchandise Bulletin #66

005646 MUIRHEAD'S SCOTCH, 750 ML
009238 MUIRHEAD'S SCOTCH, 1.75 LITER

These two brand codes were closed out with reduced retails effective June 1, 2008. This has been revised and effective June 1, 2008, the Closeout (C) has been changed to Discontinued (D) for both items with the regular retail.

Please destroy the June Closeouts shelf tickets and make Discontinued shelf tickets. You will receive Discontinued shelf tickets effective July 1, 2008.

005646 – Muirhead's Scotch, 750 ml, \$11.45

009238 – Muirhead's Scotch, 1.75 liter, \$23.95

The Official Price List and other printed monthly reports will be incorrect.

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May 27, 2008

B U L L E T I N

TO: ALL STORES AND CONTRACT LIQUOR STORES

FROM: Kim Ward, Buying Manager

SUBJECT: Alert Merchandise Bulletin # 69

33991-ALCHEMIA CHOCOLATE VODKA 750 ML:

We received **NEW** reports that cases of **#33991 – ALCHEMIA CHOCOLATE VODKA 750 ML** appear to have floaties/sediment in the contents.

The supplier tested the product and determined that when the chocolate vodka is transported under cold conditions, natural sediment / crystallization occurs given that the product is infused with natural cocoa. Most sediment will dissipate when shaken. It is fine for consumption.

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July 17, 2008

BULLETIN

TO: ALL STORES AND CONTRACT LIQUOR STORES

FROM: Steve Burnell, Marketing Manager

SUBJECT: Alert Bulletin #88

ALERT

900775 - KIONA LATE HARVEST GEWURZTRAMINER '05 WA, 375 ML:

This is a repeat Washington Wine Month OTO. It is being forced out to the outlets that ordered it for Washington Wine Month. It was previously 24 units per case but has changed to 12 units per case. In June, bills of lading list this item as 24 units per case but each case is 12 units. The bill of lading case count will match what you receive, but the quantity of units (and therefore the amount your store is charged) will be wrong. In July, the bill of lading may list two cases but you will only receive one. If you have received this product in June or July, please make sure a discrepancy has been filed.

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July 17, 2008

BULLETIN

TO: ALL STORES AND CONTRACT LIQUOR STORES

FROM: Kim Ward, Buying Manager

SUBJECT: Alert Bulletin #89

ALERT

1) 042933 – 10 CANE RUM , 50 ML (one time only purchase)

The bottles of this OTO do not have bar codes to scan. Please sell using the brand code.

Thank you for your patience regarding this matter.

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August 28, 2008

B U L L E T I N

TO: ALL STORES AND CONTRACT LIQUOR STORES

FROM: Kimberly Ward, Buying Manager

SUBJECT: Alert Merchandise Bulletin # 106

58838-Cuervo Authentic Lime Margarita (Diageo)

It has come to our attention that a recent production of Jose Cuervo Authentic Lime Margarita, produced from March - July 2008, with corresponding lot codes L8120 – L8213, may exhibit varying degrees of neck ringing or appear to be less opaque. Please be advised that this issue does not affect the taste of the product and there is no health hazard associated with this inventory. This issue only affects the appearance of the product.

If this issue is occurring at your store and you feel this product is not saleable, please claim this product using code claim code 9-“Faulty Container” and destroy.

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August 28, 2008

B U L L E T I N

TO: ALL STORES AND CONTRACT LIQUOR STORES

FROM: Kimberly Ward, Buying Manager

SUBJECT: Alert Merchandise Bulletin # 109

63719 Smirnoff Grand Cosmopolitan 750 ml (Diageo)

We have had several reports of a cloudy residue and floating particles in 63719 Smirnoff Grand Cosmopolitan 750 ml. The bright red color of the product is discolored in the affected bottles. It is orange in color instead of red. This product has been researched by the supplier and they feel it is necessary to claim the affected product.

If this issue is occurring at your store and you feel this product is not saleable, please claim this product using code claim code 5-“Contents Cloudy or Foreign substance in bottle” and destroy.

Please contact Kimberly in Purchasing at kwa@liq.wa.gov with any questions or concerns.

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September 22, 2008

B U L L E T I N

TO: ALL STORES AND CONTRACT LIQUOR STORES

FROM: Kimberly Ward, Buying Manager

SUBJECT: Alert Merchandise Bulletin # 118

We are receiving the following reports of one or more of the issues concerning the products listed below:

1. Weak bottoms to the bottles which easily break or crack
2. Leaky cork caps
3. Half filled minis

Please check all stock (including unopened cases) at this time. Please provide any feedback regarding if you have these issues.

Please e-mail Robin at rch@liq.wa.gov with the number of cases and bottle you have, so the appropriate action can be determined.

Listed brand codes:

89045 Aha Toro Anejo Tequila 50 ml
89047 Aha Toro Anejo Tequila 750 ml
89077 Aha Toro Blanco Tequila 750 ml
89048 Aha Toro Reposado Tequila 750 ml
89049 Aha Toro Reposado Tequila 50 ml
3596 Aha Toro Tri Pack

Special Order brand codes:

971311 Aha Toro Anejo Tequila 750 ml
971309 Aha Toro Blanco Tequila 750 ml
972824 Aha Toro Extra Anejo 10 yr 750 ml
972202 Aha Toro Premium 3 pack

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October 7, 2008

BULLETIN

TO: ALL STORES AND CONTRACT LIQUOR STORES

FROM: Kim Ward, Buying Manager

SUBJECT: Alert Bulletin # 128

059038, DESERT ISLAND LONG ISLAND ICE TEA, 1.75 Liter:

There are some units of this item that are scanning as brand code 059036,
DESERT ISLAND LONG ISLAND ICE TEA, 750 ml.

Please receive and sell this item using the brand code (059038).

DO NOT SCAN THE UNITS.

Please take a marking pen and black out the bar code and ring it up using the brand code.

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October 20, 2008

B U L L E T I N

TO: ALL STORES AND CONTRACT LIQUOR STORES

FROM: Kim Ward, Buying Manager

SUBJECT: Alert Bulletin # 132

041334. BURNETT'S LIME VODKA, .750 ml CASE:

We have reports that some cases of Burnett's Lime Vodka brand 041334 are filled with Burnett's Cherry Vodka brand 041299. The bottles scan as 041299 Burnett's Cherry Vodka, which is correctly labeled.

Please receive and sell this item using the brand code (041299).

DO NOT SCAN THE CASES.

Please take a marking pen and black out the bar code and ring it up using the brand code on the outer cases.

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November 5, 2008

B U L L E T I N

TO: ALL STORES AND CONTRACT LIQUOR STORES

FROM: Kimberly Ward, Buying Manager

SUBJECT: Alert Bulletin # 143

003029, Pirassununga 51 Cachaca Party Pack 1.0 liter w/ drink mix, CD & recipes

We have had reports that the UPC is not scanning.

The case label is also scanning incorrectly. It is scanning as 64607, the brand code for the listed 1.0 liter.

DO NOT SCAN THE UNITS. Please receive and sell this item using the brand code (003029).

Please take a marking pen and black out the bar code and ring it up using the brand code.

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November 19, 2008

BULLETIN

TO: ALL STORES AND CONTRACT LIQUOR STORES

FROM: Kimberly Ward, Buying Manager

SUBJECT: Alert Bulletin # 150

**002525 PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH BRANDIED APPLE CIDER w/
GLASS, .200 ML**

This item was on the system as 24 units per case. It has been changed to 12 units per case. The retail is not changing and is still \$3.05.

Please check your shipment to see what is on your invoice. If your store was billed for more gift packs than what was received, please make sure to enter the discrepancy in units not cases:

State Stores – Go into your Manager PC under Damage/Discrepancy/Claims and process a LOSS using the reason code “Discrepancy Error”. Be sure to put the BL # and ship date in the notes field.

Contract Stores – Fill out a discrepancy in shipment form and email to DCDR@liq.wa.gov or fax to 206-464-7946.

November 19, 2008

ALERT BULLETIN

TO: ALL STORES AND CONTRACT LIQUOR STORES
FROM: Cindy Doughty, Wine/Beer Buyer
SUBJECT: Alert Merchandise Bulletin #151

BLACK BOX – Freshness dates:

There have been some concerns with the freshness dates on Black Box wines.

The date on the bottom of the individual 3LT box is the production date and is good for 12 months.

There is a “Best By” date on the winery applied State label and shows the expiration date.

If you have boxes with “best by” dates which are expired or if you have bulging boxes please claim them.

STIRRINGS MIXERS – Freshness dates:

There have been some concerns with freshness dates on the Stirrings Mixers. **Please be aware that there are “best by” dates on these mixers.**

Inventory should be rotated so the oldest date is being sold first. This should help eliminate any expired product sitting on the shelf.

Here is what the supplier is telling us about the product freshness dates:

There is a “best by date” recorded on the bottles and cases.

The best by dates range from 12 to 15 months from production depending on the flavor profile.

The actual shelf life is 3 months beyond the best by date.

If you have any mixers with legible expired “best by” dates please claim them.

Thank you,

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