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**Helpful Clarification Regarding Ohio's New Shipping Statute Allows Some Wineries to Start Shipping**

Wine Institute has received an initial clarification from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control that should allow some wineries to begin shipments to Ohio consumers. In addition to the restriction on the size of wineries (under 150,000 gallons) that can apply for a permit, there had been confusion surrounding the "family household" limit of 24 cases annually from an aggregate of winery sources. According to the advice that was given to our staff by the ODLIC any penalty for a violation of the case limit provisions will fall solely to the consumers who order the wine, so long as no individual winery were to ship more than the legal amount to a given address. That being the case, those qualifying wineries that obtain a permit to ship should be able to initiate shipments of up to 24 cases of wine annually to any one Ohio address. It is likely that additional regulations and clarifications will be forthcoming, and we will keep members posted as they do. In the meantime, however, at least some wineries should be able to begin making shipments after receiving their permits. Permit applications are available at <http://www.liquorcontrol.ohio.gov/1614pdf.pdf> and a document outlining the program has just been posted at <http://www.liquorcontrol.ohio.gov/DirectShipping.htm> . Please contact WI State Relations at (415) 356-7530 if you have further questions.

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