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To: All Licensed Maryland Manufacturers, Wholesalers, Non-resident Dealers
and Non-resident Wineries

Subject: Alcoholic Beverage Trade Practice Regulations

This office is in the process of reviewing and amending regulations found under Alcoholic Beverage Trade Practices - COMAR 03.02.05.

On July 15, 2008, we held an open forum with various sectors of the industry in an effort to provide the industry with an opportunity to voice operational questions, and to discuss any changes to be made to the Trade Practice Regulations – COMAR 03.02.05. Many of you attended the meeting in Annapolis. The results have been reviewed by staff and are posted to the MATT Regulatory Division's website. To see the detail comments, visit the Division's website, look for Bulletin AB-58 and click on the attachment at: http://compnet.comp.state.md.us/MATT_Regulatory_Division/.

At this time we want to extend another opportunity for you to forward any comments regarding the trade practice issues as they appear on the Division's website. Comments at this time are being limited to only the issues which appear on the website. We will accept comments until September 12, 2008. Please address any comments to my attention.

It is our intent to move forward with suggested revisions to the Alcoholic Beverage Trade Practice Regulations. Shortly after September 12, 2008, we plan to formally propose amendments to the Trade Practice Regulations, at which time you will have one additional opportunity to make comments during the formal 30-day comment period. Those formal regulatory amendments should appear in the Maryland Register issued by the Division of State Documents sometime in October 2008.

Thank you for your participation and cooperation in this matter.

Thad Russell
Director

Attachment