



March 17, 2008

To: All LCLB staff
All Industry Associations
All Local Government, First Nations, and Police Agencies

Re: Designated Smoking Rooms

Purpose of Policy Directive

This directive repeals Policy Directive No. 02-02 on designated smoking rooms, which was issued in March 2002.

Background and Key Points

The BC government has introduced changes to tobacco regulations to prohibit smoking in all indoor public spaces and workplaces. Smoking will no longer be allowed in licensed establishments once the new regulations come into force on March 31, 2008.

The Liquor Control and Licensing Branch will be amending all liquor licences and official validated floor plans to remove any reference to smoking. For example, references to “designated smoking room” or “DSR” will be removed from all liquor licences and floor plans. This means that rooms which are now designated smoking rooms will become another part of the licensed area, with no smoking permitted.

Changes to licences and floor plans with reference to DSRs will be made at no cost to licensees. There is no need to apply for this change. The Branch will be issuing amended liquor licences and official validated floor plans to licensees who currently have designated smoking rooms shortly after March 31, 2008, when the new tobacco regulations come into effect.

Licensees who want to make structural changes to their establishments, for instance, physically removing the smoking room, must apply to LCLB for a structural change.

Unless prohibited by municipal regulations, smoking will continue to be allowed on the outdoor patios of licensed establishments, provided the patio is not fully or substantially enclosed (as defined in the new regulations).

Further Information

For more information on the new tobacco regulations, please visit the Ministry of Health website at <http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/tobacco>.

Further information regarding liquor control and licensing in British Columbia is available on the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch website at <http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/lclb/>. If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch toll free in Canada at 1-866-209-2111 or 387-1254 if calling from the Victoria area.



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