

CRAFT DISTILLERY PERMIT INFORMATION

Craft Distillery Permit Statute:

Section 565.17(2), Florida Statutes: Craft distilleries may conduct tastings and sales of distilled spirits produced by the craft distilleries at Florida fairs, trade shows, farmers markets, expositions, and festivals. The division shall issue permits to craft distilleries for such tastings and sales. A craft distillery must pay all entry fees and must have a distillery representative present during the event. The permit is limited to the duration and physical location of the event.

Additional Relevant Statutes for Craft Distilleries:

Section 565.03, Florida Statutes:

(2)(f) A craft distillery may sell directly to consumers up to 75,000 gallons per calendar year of branded products that are manufactured by the craft distillery on its premises. A craft distillery may sell branded products directly to consumers by the drink for consumption on the premises or by the package in factory-sealed containers for consumption off the premises. Such sales are authorized only in the craft distillery's souvenir gift shop or tasting room located on private property contiguous to the licensed premises. Branded products sold to consumers must have been distilled, rectified, or blended on the distillery premises that is located contiguous to the craft distillery's souvenir gift shop or tasting room. The souvenir gift shop or tasting room must be in this state and included on the sketch or diagram defining the licensed premises submitted with the distillery's license application. All sketch or diagram revisions by the distillery shall require the division's approval verifying that the locations of the souvenir gift shops and tasting rooms operated by the licensed distillery are owned or leased by the distillery and on property contiguous to the distillery's production building in this state.

1. Except as authorized under s. 565.17(2), a craft distillery may not sell any factory-sealed individual containers of spirits to consumers except in face-to-face sales transactions with such consumers at the craft distillery's licensed premises. Such branded products must be in compliance with the container limits under s. 565.10 and be intended for personal consumption rather than for resale.

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(5) A craft distillery making sales under paragraph (2)(f) is responsible for submitting any excise taxes due to the state on distilled spirits under the Beverage Law with its monthly report to the division.

How to Request a Permit: Contact the Bureau of Licensing Central Office and submit the request for a Craft Distillery Permit in writing by providing the information required in section 565.17(2), Florida Statutes.

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