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Liquor regulations modernized

WHITEHORSE—Improvements to Yukon's *Liquor Regulations* were announced today by Stacey Hassard, Minister responsible for the Yukon Liquor Corporation. These amendments are the result of feedback received last fall from the Yukon Liquor Board and business licensees.

"Our government made a commitment to modernize and streamline liquor regulations," Hassard said. "These changes reflect national practices, reduce unnecessary licensing requirements and support business, including the hospitality sector."

The 26 regulatory changes come into effect today. They improve consumer convenience and reduce administrative processes, while also clarifying business practices. Some of the regulatory changes include:

- allowing restaurants to introduce a corking service for patrons who wish to bring their own bottle of wine;
- providing the Yukon Liquor Board with authority to establish enforceable advertising standards;
- enabling most licensees to have standardized hours of operation from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m., subject to approval by the Yukon Liquor Board:
- providing greater flexibility for serving homemade wine and beer at weddings and other receptions;
- removing the limit on the number of beer or cider that can be sold at one time in a sports stadium;
- streamlining the number of licence fee categories;
- enabling biennial licence renewals;
- permitting greater flexibility for licensees to furnish and equip their business as they see fit;
- allowing liquor manufacturers to offer product training; and,
- addressing a number of housekeeping items such as updating imperial measures to metric.

The Yukon Liquor Corporation is responsible for the purchase, distribution and regulations regarding the sales and consumption of liquor products in Yukon.

Learn more: Liquor regulation changes

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