



## CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

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From the Office of M. Caitlin S. Anderson  
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RE: New Festival Permit Available

The Liquor Control Act was updated this past legislative session to create a new festival permit. (See [Public Act 22-56](#).) A festival permit allows an eligible sponsor to arrange an event where Connecticut spirit, beer, wine, cider, and mead manufacturers may offer tastings and sell their own products to the public. An eligible festival sponsor is an entity operating on a nonprofit basis in this state, including municipalities, civic organizations, and associations that promote the manufacturing and selling of alcoholic liquor. (Please note that this permit is **not** restricted to only those nonprofit entities holding 501(c)(3) status.)

Attending manufacturers must hold a permit issued under Connecticut General Statutes § 30-16. These manufacturers are allowed to offer free or paid tastings of their own products to festival visitors. Additionally, most attending manufacturers are allowed to sell at retail by the glass or by the bottle for consumption on and off the festival premise. Some attending manufacturers may also direct ship product purchased at the event.

A festival permit can be issued to cover an event for up to four days. It cannot be renewed. A festival permit costs \$75, plus a \$10 application fee. The application requires signoffs from local officials. Local ordinances may require the availability of food and restrooms to festival attendees. More information about the festival permit, including the application, can be found on the [Festival Permit Information Page](#). The festival sponsor must create an account in eLicense in order to submit this electronic application.

If you have any questions about the new festival permit, please contact the Liquor Control Division by email at [dcp.liquorcontrol@ct.gov](mailto:dcp.liquorcontrol@ct.gov).

*The Department of Consumer Protection, through the Liquor Control Commission, oversees all sales of alcoholic beverages in the State of Connecticut.*

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