

OREGON LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

Distilled Spirits Program

The Distilled Spirits Program oversees the distribution and sale of distilled spirits in the state. The program centrally purchases, warehouses and distributes distilled spirits to Oregon's 242 liquor stores. OLCC enters into business with independent contractors for the sale of distilled spirits. Revenue from liquor sales supports state and local government programs.

Retail Services

Retail Services oversees the daily operations of liquor stores that sell packaged distilled spirits throughout the state. Independent contractors called liquor agents manage and operate the stores. These liquor agents strive to carry a varied and balanced inventory of distilled spirit brands in each store.

More than 150 of the liquor stores are exclusive stores. Exclusive stores are high volume businesses whose primary function is to sell liquor. These stores can sell select items relating to the preparation or drinking of alcoholic beverages.

There are more than 80 non-exclusive liquor stores which operate in conjunction with other businesses such as hardware, drug or grocery stores. Most non-exclusive liquor stores are located outside of metropolitan areas. Usually, non-exclusive stores sell less than \$750,000 of liquor a year.

Purchasing

The Purchasing Division works closely with Retail Services to provide distilled spirits to customers. Purchasing orders liquor from distilleries and suppliers throughout the world.

The OLCC carries a wide variety of distilled spirits and keeps approximately 1,700 liquor products in stock. To meet the demand, the Purchasing Division is continually evaluating and expanding the product line, providing consumers with new beverage varieties as they are introduced and eliminating slower selling products.

A customer may special order products at any liquor store in the state. Items that are not normally stocked in the commission's product line may be special ordered if they are available for sale in the United States.

Distribution

The distribution center receives, stores and distributes the liquor shipments ordered by Purchasing. These products are stored and kept secure until they are ordered by the contract liquor agents.

The distribution center is comprised of a 124,000-square-foot warehouse for shipping products and an additional 107,244-square-foot warehouse for bulk storage. The center has the capacity to ship 1,100 cases per hour and during 2008 shipped over 2.5 million cases.

In 2008, more than 12,300 deliveries were made to the contract liquor agents via common carriers. More than five million cases were handled by the OLCC distribution center employees in 2008.



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