



INDUSTRY ADVISORY

Bagging Alcoholic Beverages

Over the past several years, the Department has received numerous inquiries concerning laws or rules that compel retail licensees to place alcoholic beverages in bags or other containers before handing the beverages to consumers.

Be advised that neither the provisions of the California Alcoholic Beverage Control Act nor the Department's business regulations require any licensee to put alcoholic beverage purchases in bags or other containers before customers leave the licensed premises. It is possible that some cities or counties may have enacted ordinances that require the bagging of alcoholic beverages. If so, licensees should adhere to these local ordinances.