



LIQUOR DISTRIBUTION BRANCH

Re: Casual Importation

Thank you for contacting the British Columbia Liquor Distribution Branch.

Individuals or Canadian residents (returning after 48 hours or more) meeting the minimum age requirements of the province of British Columbia and entering into British Columbia can include in their personal exemption, without assessment, up to either 1.5 litres of wine or 1.14 litres of liquor, or, as a substitute, 8.5 litres of beer or ale (please refer to [Alcohol and Tobacco Limits](#)). An individual can bring in a maximum of 45.45 litres total, as long as the product accompanies them through Customs.

Alcohol in excess of the personal exemption limits and up to a maximum of 45.45 litres are subject to, Provincial markup fees, duties and taxes that applies. The following information is provided for general guidelines only in order for you to estimate the Provincial Charges that would be payable:

Wine – the provincial charges are assessed at the value converted to Canadian dollars multiplied by 85%. That is on a \$10.00 bottle of wine, an individual will be charged approximately \$8.50 per bottle. Minimum \$2.44/litre to maximum \$17/litre.

Spirits - the provincial charges are assessed at the value converted to Canadian dollars multiplied by 150%. That is on a \$10.00 bottle of spirits, an individual will be charged approximately \$15.00 per bottle. Minimum \$13.19/litre to maximum \$40/litre.

Beer - the provincial charges are assessed at the value converted to Canadian dollars multiplied by 55%. That is on a \$1.00 bottle of beer, an individual will be charged approximately \$0.55 per bottle. Minimum \$1.13/litre.

Cider, Wine Coolers & Spirit Coolers - the provincial charges are assessed at the value converted to Canadian dollars multiplied by 70%. That is on a \$1.00 bottle of beer, an individual will be charged approximately \$0.70 per bottle. Minimum \$1.27/litre.

These figures are for **provincial mark up only** which does not include the federal duties and taxes. It is also subject to Customs Officers' assessment.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact us as we would be glad to assist you in any way.

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