



LIQUOR DISTRIBUTION BRANCH

When coming into Canada, for a year or longer, you are not restricted to the amount of wine and spirits you bring back, however, for large quantities we would obtain approval from the Director of Expenditure prior to proceeding with the processing of the transaction. Please contact the B.C. Liquor Distribution Branch at ldbcustoms@bcldb.com for your specific circumstances.

To qualify for the reduced rates, you must provide proof of status for your entry into Canada:

1. Immigrant (Enters Canada with the intention of establishing, for the first time, a residence for a period of not less than 12 months), OR
2. Former Resident (absent from Canada for a period of at least one year), OR
3. Temporary Resident with visa over 12 months or longer
 - The alcohol beverage has been in your possession for at least six months or longer prior to arriving in Canada (proof of receipt may required)
 - The product must accompany you personal possessions

At the present time based on a .750 litre size bottle the approximate amount payable for each bottle is as follows:

Table Wine	\$2.00	per bottle
Fortified Wine	\$3.00	per bottle
Sparkling Wine	\$3.00	per bottle
Spirits	\$8.00	per bottle

These figures include the Provincial mark-up only (applicable tax is not included) and would be prorated for different sizes or partial bottles. Federal duties and taxes are also calculated on top of this amount and shown on the B3.

The Liquor Distribution Branch must prepare a Canada Customs entry form, known as a B3, on your behalf, covering the importation of your products. To correctly determine the duty and taxes to be charged, we would ask that you supply us with a list containing the following information:

- Number of bottles
- Bottle size
- Product Type/Description e.g. Wine, Spirit
- Percentage of Alcohol

We would also ask that we be given the **name of the Country you are coming from**, and a local address, phone number, fax number or e-mail address, in case we need to contact you for additional information.

Once we have all this information, we can fill out the form, and based on your instruction, we can fax, e-mail, or mail the completed B3 Claim form to you.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

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