

#### **14B NCAC 15C .0203    SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR PRODUCT APPROVALS**

(a) All brands of spirituous liquor sold in this State shall have first been approved for listing and resale by the Commission.

(b) Listing Policy. In view of the fact that North Carolina is a monopoly state, the Commission is responsible for maintaining a wide range of spirituous liquor products and prices and a balanced selection between the various types of products. It is the Commission's responsibility to ensure that the various types of products, including specialty items and imports, are available to the North Carolina consumer, as well as the more popular products. To this end, the Commission shall, at least once a year, consider new spirituous liquor products for placement on the state's approved list. Listings shall be in the discretion of the Commission after considering sales trends of the type of product, sales trends of the product in other states, and the need for the product in the North Carolina market. The Commission shall also, at least once a year, consider delisting items from the approved list. Items maintaining adequate sales histories for type and price range will not be considered for delisting unless the delisting is part of a penalty invoked after hearing, pursuant to this Chapter.

(c) Items shall be submitted to the Commission for consideration for listing, and will be considered only if they are offered on the prescribed forms by the distiller, rectifier, bottler or importer.

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