

CHAPTER 34

NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

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34.01 DEFINITIONS. Subdivision 1. **Terms.** Unless the language or context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended, the terms defined in subdivisions 2 and 3, for the purposes of sections 34.02 to 34.11, shall be given the meanings ascribed to them; and the term defined in subdivision 4, for the purposes of section 34.12, shall be given the meaning ascribed to it.

Subd. 2. **Soft drinks and other non-alcoholic beverages.** The term "soft drinks and other non-alcoholic beverages" means and includes (1) carbonated or still beverages, (2) natural and mineral waters, carbonated, plain or otherwise, (3) apple or fruit ciders, natural or reconstituted fruit juices, or cereal beverages and other finished beverages.

Subd. 3. **Carbonated beverages.** A carbonated or still beverage shall be a beverage made of pure cane, beet sugar, or refined corn sugar, or corn syrup or corn syrup solids, with pure water, and pure flavoring materials, with or without fruit acids and harmless coloring materials, and the finished product shall contain not less than seven percent of sugar and less than one-half of one percent of alcohol by volume. All carbonated or still beverages not conforming to the above requirements, to the provisions of sections 34.02 to 34.11, to Laws 1921, Chapter 495, or to the rules, definitions, and standards made thereunder, shall be deemed to be adulterated.

Subd. 4. **Fermented malt beverages.** "Fermented malt beverages" means any liquor or liquid capable of being used for beverage purposes, made by the alcoholic fermentation of an infusion in potable water of barley malt and hops, with or without unmalted grains or decorticated and degerminated grains or sugar, containing one-half of one percent or more of alcohol by volume.

[1927 c 42 s 3, 9; 1933 c 378 s 1; 1937 c 59 s 1; 1937 c 359 s 1; 1945 c 39 s 1; 1947 c 447 s 1; 1953 c 586 s 1] (3965-3, 3965-9, 3965-16)

34.02 LICENSES; EXCEPTIONS. No person shall manufacture, mix, or compound any soft drinks or other non-alcoholic beverage, to be sold in bottles, barrels, kegs, jars, coolers, cans, glasses or tumblers, or other containers, without first having obtained a license therefor from the commissioner. Sections 34.02 to 34.11 shall not apply to beverages manufactured, mixed, or compounded in quantities of one quart or less at one time.

[1927 c 42 s 1; 1947 c 447 s 2; 1953 c 586 s 2] (3965-1)

34.03 SOFT DRINKS INSPECTED; REGISTRATION. No soft drinks or other non-alcoholic beverages, except apple or fruit ciders, natural fruit juices or cereal beverages, not manufactured in this state, shall be sold, offered or exposed for sale, exchanged, or held in possession with intent to sell within this state, unless the same are first inspected and registered with the commissioner.

[1927 c 42 s 2] (3965-2)

34.04 LICENSES; APPLICATIONS, FEES. Any person manufacturing, mixing, or compounding soft drinks or other non-alcoholic beverages, as described in section 34.02, shall apply for a license therefor to the commissioner, in such form, and furnish such information as the commissioner may require. Each application, except as otherwise provided, shall be accompanied by a license fee of \$24, which shall be the annual license fee if the license is granted, provided, however, that if the applicant manufactures, mixes, or compounds soft drinks or other non-alcoholic beverages as described in section 34.02 in quantities of from over one quart to five

gallons, the application shall be accompanied by a license fee of \$3.50 which shall be the annual license fee if license is granted. If the license fee of the applicant is \$24 and license is refused one-half of such sum shall be retained to reimburse the state for inspection, the balance being returned to the applicant. In the case of all other applicants, if license is refused, no portion of the sum so paid shall be returned but all such sums shall be retained to reimburse the state for inspection. If the commissioner shall find that the applicant maintains a proper place and the equipment and containers necessary for the manufacture of soft drinks and other non-alcoholic beverages, as required by sections 34.02 to 34.11, and otherwise complies therewith, the commissioner shall issue to the applicant a license therefor.

[1927 c 42 s 4; 1953 c 586 s 3] (3965-4)

34.05 REGISTRATION BY NON-RESIDENT MANUFACTURERS. Any person who manufactures soft drinks or other non-alcoholic beverages outside of this state, for sale within this state, shall apply for registration with the commissioner in such form and furnish such information as he may require. Samples of all soft drinks or other non-alcoholic beverages so manufactured for sale and sold within this state shall be submitted. Each application shall be accompanied by a registration fee of \$24, which shall constitute the registration fee in case registration is granted, and one-half of which may be retained to reimburse the state for inspection should registration be refused. If the commissioner shall find that the samples so submitted are up to accepted standards, and otherwise comply with the laws of this state, he shall issue to the applicant a certificate of registration.

[1927 c. 42 s. 5] (3965-5)

34.06 LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION; TERM; TRANSFER; FEE; PENALTY. License, or certificate of registration issued hereunder, shall expire on the thirty-first day of March following its issue, and no license or certificate of registration shall be issued for a longer term than one year, and it shall not be transferable from one person to another, or from the ownership to whom issued to another ownership, or from one place to another place or location. When a license or certificate of registration requires a \$24 annual fee but is issued for a less term than one year, the fee for same shall be computed at the rate of \$2.00 for each calendar month or fractional part of such month. Applicants qualifying for a \$3.50 annual license fee, regardless of the term the license is issued for, shall pay that sum as the annual license fee. A penalty of 50 percent of the license or registration fee shall be imposed if license or certificate of registration is not applied for on or before April first, of each year, or within 30 days after such beverages are first manufactured or sold within this state.

[1927 c 42 s 6; 1953 c 586 s 4] (3965-6)

34.07 BEVERAGE INSPECTION FUND. All fees collected hereunder by the commissioner, together with all fines paid for the violation of the provisions of sections 34.02 to 34.11, shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the beverage inspection fund, hereby created. The money so derived is hereby appropriated to compensate for and meet the expense of inspection and supervision, as provided for in sections 34.02 to 34.11. The money so collected and appropriated shall be expended by the commissioner for inspection, supervisions, publications, short courses, and such other activities as in his judgment may be necessary, not inconsistent with the provisions of sections 34.02 to 34.11.

[1927 c. 42 s. 7] (3965-7)

34.08 SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE; HEARINGS. The commissioner shall have power to suspend or revoke any such license or certificate of registration for failure to comply with the provisions of sections 34.02 to 34.11, or rules and regulations made thereunder, either temporary or permanent, but before any permanent revocation of license or certificate of registration shall be made, the commissioner shall serve upon the licensee or certificate holder, by registered letter containing a copy thereof, an order to show cause why the license or certificate of registration should not be permanently revoked, stating the grounds thereof and the time and place of hearing, which time shall not be less than 15 days after the mailing of the order.

At the appointed time and place, and at such times as the matter may be adjourned to, the commissioner shall hear all proper evidence relating to the cause of the proposed revocation and, within a reasonable time thereafter, he shall make and file his decision of the matter and forthwith mail to the licensee or certificate holder a copy thereof.

The commissioner may temporarily suspend the license of any licensee for violations of sections 34.02 to 34.11, regulations made thereunder, or under Laws 1921, Chapter 495, but no such temporary suspension shall exceed 30 days, in which time steps may be taken by the commissioner for permanent revocation, as above provided.

Any person, whose license or certificate of registration has been so suspended or revoked, shall discontinue the manufacture of, or sale within this state of, any soft drinks or other non-alcoholic beverages, until the suspension is removed or a new license or certificate is granted.

[1927 c. 42 s. 8] (3965-8)

34.09 SANITATION REQUIRED. All factories, rooms, and places where soft drinks or other non-alcoholic beverages are manufactured, mixed, compounded, and placed in containers shall be well lighted and kept in a clean and sanitary condition; and all machinery, apparatus, and utensils used in the manufacture of such beverages shall be kept clean and sanitary and in a clean and sanitary place.

[1927 c. 42 s. 10] (3965-10)

34.10 CONTAINERS, CLEANSING. Before being filled with such beverages, all bottles, jars, and coolers shall be sterilized by soaking for a period of not less than five minutes in a solution consisting of a minimum of three percent of caustic soda, expressed in terms of sodium hydrate, heated to not less than 130 degrees Fahrenheit, and then thoroughly rinsed in pure water until freed from alkali. Jars and coolers, before being refilled, shall be cleansed and washed as in the manner above prescribed for bottles. When such beverages are marketed in second-hand or used barrels, kegs, or other wooden containers, such containers shall be thoroughly cleansed and coated on the inside with paraffin, pitch, or other suitable material. No beverages shall be placed in containers known as the "Hutchinson plunger bottle," or any container of similar type.

[1927 c. 42 s. 11; 1947 c. 447 s. 3] (3965-11)

34.11 MARKINGS OF CONTAINERS. It shall be unlawful for any person to place his products in bottles or containers bearing any name blown in the glass or appearing thereon other than the true name, or the registered trade name, of the manufacturer; provided, however, that a beverage marketed under a registered trade name or trade mark may be placed by the manufacturer thereof under franchise, license, or permit from or under contract with, the owner and holder of the trade name or trade mark for such beverage in a bottle into which there was blown or on which there appears the name or the address of another manufacturer of such beverage provided the manufacturer who so places such beverage in such bottle affixes thereto a label or cap on which appears his name and address together with such other information as the commissioner may require; and, provided further, that a successor in interest of a beverage manufacturer may, by using label or cap as hereinbefore provided, use the bottle of his predecessor.

[1927 c. 42 s. 12; 1947 c. 447 s. 4] (3965-12)

34.12 BARLEY MALT, PER CENT REQUIRED IN MALT BEVERAGES. No fermented malt beverages shall be sold in this state unless 66% per cent, or more, of the grain used in its manufacture consists of barley malt.

[1937 c. 59 s. 1] (3965-16)

34.13 ENFORCEMENT. Subdivision 1. The commissioner, his inspectors, assistants, and employees, shall enforce the provisions of sections 34.02 to 34.11; and, in so doing, shall have all the powers and authority with relation thereto that is conferred upon them, and each of them, by Laws 1921, Chapter 495.

Subd. 2. The department of agriculture, dairy, and food shall be charged with the enforcement of section 34.12 and it is hereby authorized and directed to procure samples on the open market for chemical analysis.

[1927 c. 42 s. 1, 13; 1937 c. 59 s. 2] (3965-1, 3965-13, 3965-17)

34.14 VIOLATIONS; PENALTIES. Subdivision 1. Any person violating any of the provisions of sections 34.02 to 34.11, or of any regulations made thereunder or now in force, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 30 days for the first offense; and in the sum of not less than \$50 or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than 60 days for each subsequent offense.

Subd. 2. Any violation of section 34.12 shall be a misdemeanor and punished accordingly.

[1927 c. 42 s. 14; 1937 c. 59 s. 3] (3965-14, 3965-18)