

701—1000.20(123) Filling and selling of beer in a container other than the original container. Class “B,” class “C,” special class “C,” and class “E” retail alcohol licensees, and the licensee’s employees may fill, refill, and sell beer in a container other than the original container, otherwise known as a growler, subject to Iowa Code section 123.31A and this rule.

1000.20(1) Definitions.

“*Beer*,” for the purposes of this rule, means “beer” as defined in Iowa Code section 123.3(7) and “high alcoholic content beer” as defined in Iowa Code section 123.3(22).

“*Growler*,” for the purposes of this rule, means any fillable and sealable glass, ceramic, plastic, aluminum, or stainless steel container designed to hold beer or high alcoholic content beer.

“*Original container*,” for the purposes of this rule, means a vessel containing beer that has been lawfully obtained and has been securely capped, sealed, or corked at the location of manufacture. For special class “A” beer permit holders, an “original container” includes a tank used for storing and serving beer.

1000.20(2) Filling and refilling conditions.

a. A growler may be filled or refilled only with beer from the original container purchased from a class “A” beer permittee. However, a special class “A” beer permittee may fill or refill a growler with beer manufactured by the special class “A” beer permittee on the permittee’s licensed premises.

b. A retailer may exchange a growler to be filled or refilled.

c. The filling or refilling of a growler must be conducted in compliance with applicable state and federal food safety statutes and regulations.

1000.20(3) Sealing conditions. A filled or refilled growler must be securely sealed at the time of the sale by the licensee or permittee or the licensee’s or permittee’s employees in the following manner:

a. A growler must bear a cap, lid, stopper, or plug.

b. A plastic heat shrink wrap band, strip, or sleeve must extend around the cap or lid or over the stopper or plug to form a seal that must be broken upon the opening of the growler. A lid permanently affixed with a can seamer does not need a plastic heat shrink wrap band, strip, or sleeve.

c. The heat shrink wrap seal must be so secure that it is visibly apparent when the seal on a growler has been tampered with or a sealed growler has otherwise been reopened.

1000.20(4) Additional conditions.

a. A growler filled pursuant to this rule cannot be delivered or direct-shipped to a consumer.

b. A growler filled pursuant to this rule cannot be sold or otherwise distributed to a retailer.

c. A licensee or permittee or a licensee’s or permittee’s employees are not to allow a consumer to fill or refill a growler.

d. The filling, refilling, and selling of a growler is limited to the hours in which alcoholic beverages may be legally sold.

e. A filled or refilled growler is not to be sold to any consumer who is under legal age, intoxicated, or simulating intoxication.

f. An original container may only be opened on the premises of a class “B” or class “E” retail alcohol licensee for the limited purposes of filling or refilling a growler as provided in this rule or for a tasting in accordance with rule 701—1003.6(123).

1000.20(5) Violations. Failure to follow this rule subjects the licensee or permittee to the penalty provisions provided in Iowa Code chapter 123.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 123.31A.

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