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NOTIFICATION

G. O. (P) No. 44/2020/TD.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 20th March, 2020

7th Meenam, 1195

30th Phalguna, 1941.

S. R. O. No. 240/2020

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 24 and 29 of the Abkari Act, 1 of 1077, the Government of Kerala hereby make the following rules further to amend the Kerala Foreign Liquor (Compounding, Blending and Bottling) Rules, 1975 issued under notification No. G.O. (P) 134/75/TD. dated 4th October, 1975 and published as S.R.O. No. 902/75 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 583 dated 4th October, 1975, namely:—



RULES

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) These rules may be called the Kerala Foreign Liquor (Compounding, Blending and Bottling) (Amendment) Rules, 2020.

(2) They shall come into force on the 1st day of April, 2020.

2. *Amendment of the Rules.*—In the Kerala Foreign Liquor (Compounding, Blending and Bottling) Rules,—

(1) in rule 4,—

(i) in sub-rule (i), for the letters, words, figures and brackets “Rs. 2,00,000 (Rupees two lakhs only)”, the words, figures and brackets “Rs. 4,00,000 (Rupees Four lakhs only)” shall be substituted;

(ii) in sub-rule (ii), for the words, figures and brackets “Rs. 2,00,000 (Rupees two lakhs only)”, the words, figures and brackets “Rs. 4,00,000 (Rupees Four lakhs only)” shall be substituted;

(2) in rule 8, in sub-rule (1), for the words, figures and brackets “Rs. 1,00,000 (Rupees one lakh only)”, the words, figures and brackets “Rs. 2,00,000 (Rupees Two lakhs only)”, shall be substituted;

(3) after rule 10A, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:—

“10B. Outside State Manufactures (Distilleries and Compounding, Blending and Bottling Units) engaged in bottling tie-up with Compounding, Blending and Bottling Units in the State.—(1) The manufactures of Indian Made Foreign Liquor, such as Distilleries, Compounding, Blending and Bottling Units or in whatever name they known, situated outside the State, shall be allowed to manufacture Indian Made Foreign Liquor in the Compounding, Blending and Bottling Units in the State subject to the following conditions, namely:—

(i) the manufacture shall submit an application for the purpose before the Excise Commissioner after remitting a fee of Rs. 2,00,000 (Rupees Two Lakhs only) for approving each tie-up arrangements with any of the Compounding, Blending and Bottling Unit in Kerala;

(ii) separate application shall be submitted for the approval of each tie-up arrangements with each Compounding, Blending and Bottling Units in Kerala after remitting fees for each unit as specified in clause (i);



*Explanation:—*Tie-up means mutual agreement between the outside State manufactures or owners of an Indian Made Foreign Liquor brand and Compounding, Blending and Bottling units in the State for compounding, blending or bottling their brands in Kerala.”

- (4) in FORM 2, in the condition number 9, after the word “particulars” the following words and figures shall be inserted, namely:—

“as per the Foreign Liquor (Approval of Labels) Rules, 2018.”

By order of the Governor,

SATYAJEET RAJAN,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

Government have announced its Abkari policy for the year 2020-2021, as per G.O. (Ms.) No. 22/2020/TD. dated 27th February, 2020. Government have *inter alia* decided to enhance the annual fee for compounding and blending license, bottling licence and fee for license for the possession of spirit. It is also decided to introduce an annual fee to the manufactures outside State who engage in tie-up with distilleries/compounding and blending units situated in the State for manufacturing their brands in Kerala. In order to implement the above decision, the Kerala Foreign Liquor (Compounding, Blending and Bottling) Rules, 1975 need to be amended suitably.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

