

An. Code, 1924, sec. 1. 1933 (Special Sess.), ch. 2, sec. 1. 1937, ch. 411, sec. 1.

1. (Definitions.) For the purposes of this Article and unless otherwise required by the context:

(a) "Alcoholic beverage" means alcohol, brandy, whiskey, rum, gin, cordial, beer, ale, porter, stout, wine, cider and any other spirituous, vinous, malt or fermented liquor, liquid, or compound, by whatever name called, containing one-half of one per centum or more of alcohol by volume, which is fit for beverage purposes.

(b) "Beer" means any brewed alcoholic beverage, and includes ale, porter and stout.

(c) "Light wine" means any naturally fermented wine containing not in excess of fourteen per cent. (14%) of alcohol by volume.

(d) "Wine" means any fermented beverage, including light wines, and wines the alcoholic content of which has been fortified by the addition of alcohol, spirits or other ingredients.

(d-1) The words "sparkling wine" shall mean champagne or any artificially carbonated wine.

(e) "Person" means a natural person, an association, a partnership or a corporation.

(f) "Manufacturer" means a person operating a plant within this State for distilling, rectifying, blending, brewing, fermenting or bottling any alcoholic beverage.

(g) "Wholesaler" means a person who purchases or imports any alcoholic beverage for sale to wholesale or retail dealers only, and includes a County Liquor Control Board.

(h) "Retail dealer" means a person who deals in or sells any alcoholic beverage to any person other than a license holder, and includes a county dispensary.

(i) "License holder" or "Licensee" means the holder of any license, issued under the provisions of this Article or of any other law of this State, and includes a County Liquor Control Board and a county dispensary.

(j) "Importer" means a person importing any alcoholic beverage.

(k) "Import" means to transport or ship, or to order or arrange for the transportation or shipment, of alcoholic beverages into this State from any other State, district, territory or country.

(l) "Comptroller" means the Comptroller of the Treasury of the State of Maryland.

(m) "Club" means an association or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for educational, social, fraternal, patriotic, political or athletic purposes and not for profit.

(n) "Hotel" means an establishment for the accommodation of the public equipped with not less than ten bedrooms and a dining room with facilities for preparing and serving regular meals, wherein the average daily receipts from the hire of rooms and the sale of foods exceed the average daily receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages, provided that the Board of License Commissioners, in any county having such a Board or in Baltimore City, may by rule or regulation prescribe a different standard as to what shall constitute a hotel.

(o) "Restaurant" means an establishment for the accommodation of the public equipped with a dining room with facilities for preparing and serving regular meals, wherein the average daily receipts from the sale of foods exceed the average daily receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages.