

For the purposes of this article and unless otherwise required by the context:

(t) (1) "Consumer" means any natural person [over the age of twenty-one (21)] 21 years OLD OR OLDER [or in the case of beer and light wine any person over the age of eighteen (18) years] or any corporation not otherwise interdicted by this article or any other law of this State, who buys, possesses, keeps or transports alcoholic beverages upon which the taxes provided by the tax provisions of this article have been paid, for his own use and not for sale.

(2) IN THE CASE OF BEER AND LIGHT WINE, "CONSUMER" INCLUDES ANY NATURAL PERSON OVER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS, AND ANY NATURAL PERSON UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE WHO WAS BORN BEFORE JULY 1, 1964, AND ANY CORPORATION NOT OTHERWISE INTERDICTED BY THIS ARTICLE OR ANY OTHER LAW OF THIS STATE, WHO BUYS, POSSESSES, KEEPS OR TRANSPORTS BEER OR LIGHT WINE UPON WHICH THE TAXES PROVIDED BY THE TAX PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE HAVE BEEN PAID, FOR HIS OWN USE AND NOT FOR SALE.

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(a) (1) Alcoholic Beverages Generally. No alcoholic beverages shall be bought, possessed, stored, imported, transported, kept or suffered to be bought, possessed, stored, imported, transported or kept in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft or on any premises or under his charge or control by any person except: (i) by a consumer or, (ii) by a licensee as provided in this article or, (iii) by a person under [twenty-one] 21 years of age who may have in his possession or transport alcoholic beverages for any lawful purpose with the knowledge and consent of his parent or guardian or incident to the lawful employment of the person as provided for in this article. However, this exception shall not be construed to permit a person under the age of [twenty-one] 21 to buy or consume alcoholic beverages, (except beer and light wine FOR A PERSON DESIGNATED UNDER § 2(T)(2) OF THIS ARTICLE) nor to possess, store, import, transport or keep alcoholic beverages (except beer and light wine FOR A PERSON DESIGNATED UNDER § 2(T)(2) OF THIS ARTICLE) for his own use, nor to buy, possess, store, import, transport or keep alcoholic beverages (except beer and light wine FOR A PERSON DESIGNATED UNDER § 2(T)(2) OF THIS ARTICLE) for any purpose in any county or Baltimore City where otherwise prohibited by this article or any other law of this State.

(2) Nontax Paid Alcoholic Beverages. No alcoholic beverages upon which the taxes provided by the tax provisions of this article have not been paid shall be bought, sold, bargained, imported, stored, transported, possessed or kept or suffered to be bought, sold, bargained, imported, stored, transported, possessed, or kept in any vehicle, vessel, aircraft or on any premises or under his charge or control by any person except: