

(ii) A sales agent of one of those under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, provided proof of that agency is presented to the Comptroller; or

(iii) An importer of beer, wine, or distilled beverages produced outside the United States who purchases directly from the brand owner or from a sales agent of a brewer, distiller, rectifier, bottler, manufacturer, vintner, or winery, who is authorized by the brand owner to sell in Maryland, and who has provided proof of this sales agency relationship to the Comptroller; or

(iv) An American sales agent of an importer under subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, provided proof of that agency is presented to the Comptroller.

(4) [(i)] Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a nonresident dealer's permit is not required to make direct sales and shipments to a wholesaler within this State from a location outside the continental limits and possessions of the United States.

[(ii) Any Maryland wholesaler who directly imports beer, wine, or distilled spirits from outside the continental limits and possessions of the United States shall be the brand owner or an importer as described in subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (1) of this subsection.]

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(b) (1) A wholesaler's license in accordance with the fee paid shall entitle the holder to acquire the alcoholic beverages indicated thereon, from licensees and holders of nonresident dealer's permits authorized by this State to make such sales and deliveries. Such a license shall authorize the sale and delivery of such alcoholic beverages from the licensed premises to licensees and permit holders in Maryland and persons outside of this State. A wholesale license of Class 5 and Class 6 when issued shall designate the counties and/or Baltimore City in which the licensee is privileged to sell and such licensee shall sell beer only to retail licensees located in such designated counties and/or Baltimore City.

(2) In Allegany County the holder of a Class 1 or Class 2 wholesaler's license may not sell liquor in any size container smaller than 23 ounces or 680 milliliters to any holder of a special permit issued under § 25(1) of this article.

(3) A WHOLESALE LICENSE OF THE APPROPRIATE CLASS SHALL AUTHORIZE THE HOLDER TO DIRECTLY IMPORT BEER, WINE, OR DISTILLED SPIRITS FROM SOURCES OUTSIDE THE CONTINENTAL LIMITS AND POSSESSIONS OF THE UNITED STATES. HOWEVER, ANY WHOLESALER LICENSEE WHO IMPORTS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR SUBSEQUENT