

## Out of Date (OOD) Draught Stock

Dear Licensee,

We are aware that many pubs have been left with stock of draught beer/cider which they have been unable to sell due to the enforced pub closures. Most of this stock will be out of date by the time pubs are open and able to sell it. Action is required to remove this stock from pub cellars in preparation for fresh stock arriving.

Admiral is offering to support licensees with guidance on dealing with this stock and in submitting claims to the brewers for replacement stock and/or duty recovery. We have now written to all Admiral licensees setting out the steps required to enable Admiral to prepare and submit claims for individual licensees. We have also sent copies of letters by email.

As an Admiral licensee you should have received your letter from us setting out the approach we are proposing for your pub. In some cases, this involves destruction of out of date stock on site and in other cases it will be necessary for stock to be uplifted due to the limitations on pub sewerage systems. It will also be necessary in some cases for a stock-taker to visit and certify your stock before uplift/destruction. Licensees' individual letters provide the details as to which approach you are to take for your OOD draught stock.

### **Water/Sewerage Compliance**

Further to our abovementioned emails and letters, whilst we believe the guidance we have given represents a responsible approach, we are aware that individual water authorities have been expressing varying requirements which is leading to some conflicting messages. We have also seen some cases of licensees being incorrectly advised regarding applications and that fees are required. Some water authorities have now published position statements on the subject, via their websites.

Therefore, for licensees designated for stock destruction on site and who have not yet destroyed their draught stock, we recommend that you should review your individual water/sewerage supplier's website for guidance, and contact them prior to stock destruction. Whilst individual providers may have different procedures to follow we do not expect you to have to pay any charges and it should not be necessary to fill out any complex applications for permits or licences such as a temporary trade effluent discharge consent application (G03). Guidance on the beer destruction process can be found [here](#)

If this results in a delay in stock being destroyed, Admiral will delay the submission of your claim to the brewers until the exercise can be completed and we will discuss with you any support you require whilst this claim is outstanding.

## What value can I expect for my out of date draught stock ?

1. **UNOPENED OOD KEGS** from brewers who are offering replacement stock value will be replaced free of charge or credited to your account. There are some criteria and details for individual brewers can be viewed by clicking the link below:

**Brewers' support – click here**

2. **OPENED KEGS** will be subjected to a request for recovery of excise duty on the contents, provided licensees adhere strictly to the agreed procedures
3. **OPENED CASKS** will not receive any value

## Further Support

If you have not received your letter or email with instructions please contact Admiral Taverns on 01244 321171, option 1 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm).

If you have any other concern at this time, we ask that you contact us by email to [cellarstock@admiraltaverns.co.uk](mailto:cellarstock@admiraltaverns.co.uk) Given our current limited working staff, we can most effectively handle your queries via this email route. All emails will be promptly responded to.

Thank you,

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