

HOME DEPARTMENT

Mantralaya, Madam Cama Marg, Hutatma Rajguru Chowk,
Mumbai 400 032, dated the 15th February, 2024.

NOTIFICATION

MAHARASHTRA PROHIBITION ACT.

No. BRL-0523/C.R.123(1)/Excise-3.—Whereas the Government of Maharashtra considers that the following rules further to amend the Maharashtra Manufacture of Beer and Wine Rules, 1966, should be brought into force at once, and therefore, the rules should be made without previous publication as provided by the proviso to sub-section (3) of section 143 of the Maharashtra Prohibition Act (XXV of 1949).

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (c), sub-clauses (ii) and (v) of clause (h1) of sub-section (2) of section 143 of the Maharashtra Prohibition Act, the Government of Maharashtra hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Maharashtra Manufacture of Beer and Wine Rules, 1966, as follows, namely :—

1. These rules may be called the Maharashtra Manufacture of Beer and Wine (Amendment) Rules, 2024.

2. In Rule 2 of the Maharashtra Manufacture of Beer and Wine Rules, 1966,—

(a) after clause (ix-a), the following clause shall be inserted, namely :—

“(ix-b) ‘Craft Beer’ means Beer manufactured in a micro-brewery or a restaurant-brewery and maybe aromatised with suitable food ingredients, but, without addition of sugar or synthetic flavours. It may or may not be pasteurised, and may be sold in casks, kegs, bottle, cans or growlers and having alcoholic strength not exceeding 14 proof spirit or 8 per cent. v/v”;

(b) clause (xxi-a) relating to Micro-brewery shall be deleted ;

(c) after clause (xxi-a) relating to mead wine, the following clause shall be inserted, namely—

“(xxi-b) ‘Micro-brewery’ means a building or place where Craft Beer is manufactured, having capacity of fifteen lakh litres per annum and includes every place therein where craft beer is stored and when it is issued for sell also to the person holding retail licences appended to the Bombay Foreign Liquor Rules, 1953 or Special Permits and Licences Rules, 1952 wherein Beer is allowed to be sold either for ‘on’ or ‘off’ consumption directly.” ;

(d) for clause (xxii-a) the following clause shall be substituted as under, namely :—

“(xxii-a) ‘Restaurant-brewery’ means a place adjacent to or a portion of premises of a licence appended to the Bombay Foreign Liquor Rules, 1953 or Special Permits and Licences Rules, 1952 wherein Craft Beer is allowed to be sold ‘on’ consumption, which is set apart for the manufacture of such beer, having capacity of fifteen lakh litres per annum and includes every place therein where Craft Beer is stored and when it is issued for sell either on-site in un-bottled and unpacked form or also to the persons holding retail licences appended to the Bombay Foreign Liquor Rules, 1953 or Special Permits and Licences Rules, 1952 wherein Beer is allowed to be sold either for ‘on’ or ‘off’ consumption directly.”

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

RAVINDRA AUTE,
Deputy Secretary to Government.