

State of Vermont Department of Liquor and Lottery

To: House General CommitteeFrom: Wendy Knight, CommissionerDate: March 21, 2022Re: Illegal Shipping of Direct-to-Consumer Spirits in Vermont

The Department is aware of 15 companies that illegally ship spirits into Vermont. Some companies, such as Bottle Haus, include disclaimers that shift liability to the purchaser, acknowledging that they may ship to areas where it is not allowed.

Reserve Bar

Whiskey and Whiskey

Uptown Spirits

Nationwide Liquor

Taster's Club (Subscription)

<u>Remedy Liquor</u>

Sip Whiskey

Bevvi

MiniBar Delivery

<u>American Cocktail Club (Subscription)</u> - Disclaimer on the FAQ page says, "We ship the Everything Box to all states except for: AK, KS, KY, MS, UT." Their Everything box includes spirits.

Top Shelf Wine and Spirits – Website includes a shipping estimation tool that allows you to enter your zip code and view shipping options.

<u>**Grey Goose**</u> – Disclaimer on website says, "Local regulations prohibit shipping this kit to the following states: AL, AK, AR, HI, ID, MI, NC, OH, TN, and UT."

<u>Country Wine & Spirits</u> – Disclaimer on website says, "Country Wine and Spirits ships domestically within the US excluding Hawaii, Alaska, Utah, and Massachusetts."

<u>The Bottle Haus</u> – Disclaimer on website says, "Non-California residents are responsible for determining if their state or county laws allow wines or spirits products to be shipped into their state or county. Each state or county has their own laws and

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regulations related to these products. Please check with your appropriate agencies. Each individual accepts full responsibility for their state verification."

<u>Wine to Ship</u> – Website includes a disclaimer that says, "Currently, we are NOT shipping to: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Mississippi, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Utah, Virginia and Washington."