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NSLC requires permits for Wine and Beer Kit retailers

HALIFAX, July 31, 2009 –The Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation (NSLC) is implementing a permit requirement for Nova Scotia retail businesses selling beer and wine kits.

In a recent Provincial Court decision in the case of Her Majesty The Queen versus Ross Harrington and Wine Kitz, it has been ruled that the sale of wine and beer-making kits is the sale of liquor under the *Liquor Control Act* (LCA). In order to address this ruling, the NSLC is implementing a permit program to ensure retailers conform to the LCA.

Retailers of such products must now obtain a permit for their sale from the NSLC. Permits will be valid for an initial term expiring on December 31, 2010, and will be issued annually thereafter. The permit cost of \$15 covers the cost of issuing and maintaining the permit process.

All retailers should apply for their permits immediately. To obtain a permit, retailers of beer kits and/or wine kits should contact::

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The application form is available on the NSLC's website (www.theNSLC.com) under the permits section.

Retailers with multiple selling locations require only a single permit for all their stores, but must specify on the application the locations where these products are sold.

Retailers are encouraged to apply for permits as soon as possible to comply with the *Liquor Control Act*.

The Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation, the largest single banner retail business in Nova Scotia, generates more than half a billion dollars of revenue a year, returning more than \$200 million profit annually to the province. It employs more than 1,500 Nova Scotians, offering 3,000 products from around the globe through 106 retail, 2,100 licensees and 54 agency stores.

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