

WAC 314-11-105 What can the board do with lawfully seized liquor? (1) Per RCW 66.08.030(20) and chapter 66.32 RCW, the board may destroy lawfully seized liquor under the following conditions:

(a) The board must maintain a record of the type, brand, and amount of liquor seized for at least one year.

(b) The lawfully seized liquor may be destroyed only after:

(i) The board's charges of a violation of Title 66 RCW or board regulations have been sustained after an administrative proceeding pursuant to chapter 314-29 WAC as now or hereafter amended, in which the liquor to be destroyed has been the subject of, or evidence in, the administrative proceeding; or

(ii) The board's charges of a violation of Title 66 RCW or board regulations have been admitted or are not contested by the person from whom the liquor was seized and the liquor seized was the subject of the charged violation; or

(iii) The liquor was seized pursuant to lawful arrest and liquor was held as evidence in a criminal proceeding where a final disposition has been reached; or

(iv) When no administrative or judicial proceedings are held, all parties who claim a right, title, or interest in the seized liquor have been given notice and opportunity for a hearing to determine their right, title, or interest in the subject liquor. Claims of right, title, or interest in seized liquor must be made to the board, in writing, within 30 days of the date of seizure.

(2) If the liquor lawfully seized is in its original, sealed container, the board may either:

(a) Sell the unopened beer, wine, or spirits to the distributor selling the product at a negotiated price. The bill of sale must be kept for three years; or

(b) Upon written request from a law enforcement agency, provide the liquor to the law enforcement agency for bona fide training.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 66.08.030. WSR 24-23-002, s 314-11-105, filed 11/6/24, effective 12/7/24. Statutory Authority: RCW 66.08.030 and 66.08.050. WSR 12-17-006, § 314-11-105, filed 8/1/12, effective 9/1/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 66.08.030, 66.28.100, 66.28.040, 66.28.090, 66.44.010, 66.44.070, 66.44.200, 66.44.270, 66.44.291, 66.44.292, 66.44.310, 66.44.316, 66.44.318, 66.44.340, 66.44.350, and chapter 66.44 RCW. WSR 01-06-014, § 314-11-105, filed 2/26/01, effective 3/29/01.]