

WAC 314-02-104 Central warehousing. (1) Each retail liquor licensee having a warehouse facility where they intend to receive wine and/or spirits must register their warehouse facility with the board and include the following information:

(a) Documentation that shows the licensee has a right to the warehouse property;

(b) If a warehouse facility is to be shared by more than one licensee, each licensee must demonstrate to the board that a recordkeeping system is utilized that will account for all wine and/or spirits entering and leaving the warehouse for each license holder. The system must also account for product loss;

(c) Licensees in a shared warehouse may consolidate their commitment for the amount of product they plan to order, but their orders must be placed separately and paid for by each licensee; and

(d) Alternatively, if the warehouse does not have a recordkeeping system that provides the required information, wine and/or spirits for each licensee in a shared warehouse must be separated by a physical barrier. Where physical separation is utilized, a sketch of the interior of the warehouse facility must be submitted indicating the designated area the licensee will be storing product. (Example: If ABC Grocery and My Grocery, each licensed to a different ownership entity, both lease space in a warehouse facility, the wine and/or spirits must be in separate areas separated by a physical barrier.)

(2) Spirits retail licensees may have spirits product delivered to their individual licensed premises, at any other spirits retail licensed premises, or at a warehouse facility registered with the board.

(a) Spirits retail licensees may negotiate a volume discount price with a spirits distributor to order spirits product as a group and have all product delivered to one spirits retail licensed premises.

(b) Spirits distributors may accept a group order for spirits and deliver to one spirits retail licensed premises and collect individual checks for payment from each spirits retail licensee that participated in the group order.

(c) Each spirits retail licensee will pick up their spirits product from the spirits retail licensed premises where the spirits product was delivered.

(3) Upon the request of the board, the licensee must provide any of the required records for review. Retail liquor licensees must keep the following records for three years:

(a) Purchase invoices and supporting documents for wine and/or spirits purchased;

(b) Invoices showing incoming and outgoing wine and/or spirits (product transfers);

(c) Documentation of the recordkeeping system in a shared warehouse as referenced in subsection (1)(b) of this section; and

(d) A copy of records for liquor stored in the shared warehouse.

(4) Each licensee must allow the board access to the warehouse for audit and review of records.

(5) If the wine and/or spirits for each licensee in a shared warehouse is not kept separate, and a violation is found, each licensee that has registered the warehouse with the board may be held accountable for the violation.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 66.08.030. WSR 16-01-102, § 314-02-104, filed 12/16/15, effective 1/16/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 66.08.030,

66.24.055, 66.24.160, 66.24.630, and 66.24.640. WSR 12-12-065, §
314-02-104, filed 6/5/12, effective 7/6/12.]