



August 17, 2021



RE: Access to Information Request 22-580

Thank you for your access to information request received on June 29, 2021, for information specific to the following:

Please provide any documentation on the number and severity of violations or complaints resulting from the provinces decision to allow restaurants and other licensed sellers to sell alcohol with take-out and delivery orders. The timeline for this request is March 1, 2020 to the present. I am looking for data on any problems that occurred in the province as a result of this policy decision.

SLGA has conducted a thorough search of our records and has found 46 records in response to your request. However, SLGA is not releasing the records because they contain information that are part of investigations as per section 15(1)(c) of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Section 15(1)(c) states the following:

A head may refuse to give access to a record, the release of which could interfere with a lawful investigation or disclose information with respect to a lawful investigation.

Although SLGA is not releasing the documents, I can advise that 10 establishments were investigated for possible violations during the period between March 20, 2020 (the date on which the privilege began) and July 14, 2021. However, only 9 establishments were in violation of the policy decision. Of the investigation that occurred:

- six establishments were provided educational guidance;
- three establishments were issued notice for improvements;

The investigations included alleged violations of:

individuals purchasing off-sale and consuming the off-sale on the restaurant patio

- permittee offering growlers for off-sale
- permittee selling off-sale from an unpermitted location
- alcohol sold as off-sale was consumed in establishment
- permittee selling off-sale below social reference price
- alcohol not packaged appropriately
- permittee offering cocktails for take-out
- alcohol stored and sold from an unpermitted area of establishment
- alcohol not delivered appropriately

If you wish to request a review of this decision, you may do so within one year of this notice by completing a "Request for Review" Form, available on the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner web site, http://www.qp.gov.sk.ca/documents/Forms/F22-01R1-B.pdf, and sending it to:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner #503 – 1801 Hamilton Street Regina, Saskatchewan, S4P 4B4

Thank you for your inquiry under *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. If you have any questions, please call me at 306-787-0589.

Sincerely,

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