



# TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION

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## INDUSTRY GUIDANCE

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**To: TABC Licensed Distributors, Wholesalers, & Manufacturing Businesses with Self-Distribution Authority**

**Re: Supporting Retailers in the Delivery of Grocery Supplies**

On March 15, 2020, Governor Abbott's Office issued a [press release](#) announcing the suspension of certain provisions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The suspension allows members of the manufacturing and wholesale tiers to provide logistical support to retailers in delivering grocery products to their stores. Specifically, upper-tier members may provide retailers with the use of their delivery vehicles and incidental distribution.

As such, TABC offers the following guidance to members of the upper tier as they help in the delivery of grocery supplies:

- This suspension of the law will last for the duration of the disaster declaration, unless otherwise specified.
- Participation by upper-tier companies is completely voluntary.
- Upper-tier participants have discretion on whether to assess costs against the retailers at fair market value, or to provide the services free of cost.

TABC stands ready to help its license and permit holders impacted by the coronavirus situation.

For additional assistance and information, affected businesses may identify and contact their local TABC Regional office or contact TABC's Austin headquarters at (512) 206-3333.