



# Regulatory News Alerts & Updates

## **Regulatory Alert: Canadian Provinces Restrict the Sale of US Origin Alcohol**

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### **Background**

On March 4, 2025, the provincial governments of Canada directed the local government agencies/corporations responsible for regulating the importation and sale of all alcohol products for their respective provinces to restrict the sale of alcohol products that are produced (i.e., country of origin) in the United States (US). In addition to the sale restriction, the provinces of Ontario, Alberta, Quebec, and Manitoba, have also imposed a ban preventing the importation of these products. The import ban applies to both commercial and casual (i.e. to individuals for personal use/consumption) importations.

These steps were taken in response to the US imposing tariffs on certain products of Canada that are imported into the US. At this time, no timetable has been provided for how long the sales restriction and import ban (where applicable) will remain in place.

### **Impact to FedEx and our Customers**

The following FedEx customers are advised to pause the importation (commercial and casual) of all alcohol products manufactured in the United States (US), when destined to the provinces of Ontario, Alberta, Quebec and Manitoba, to prevent shipments from being returned to the shipper (at the shipper's expense) or abandoned to customs.

- FedEx approved and licensed alcohol shippers
- Licensed consignees (businesses) of alcohol
- Consumers importing wine directly from shippers/on-line platforms

Important: Alcohol products produced in countries other than the US are not subject to the sales restriction or import ban.

For additional information on shipping alcohol with FedEx, please visit [fedex.com](https://www.fedex.com).

## **Additional Resources**

Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO) General Update

<https://doingbusinesswithlcbo.com/content/dbwl/en/basepage/home/updates/lcbo-to-stop-selling-u-s-products-in-response-to-u-s--tariffs-on.html>

Alberta Gaming Liquor and Cannabis (AGLC) Tariff Response

<https://aglc.ca/liquor-bulletins/US-tariff-response>

SAQ (i.e., Quebec Liquor Board) Withdrawal of US Products

[https://www.saq.com/en/content/about-us/clarifications/withdrawal-of-american-products-from-the-saq?srsId=AfmBOopVyK4U9Kqb\\_HdeN6a4jFc4wAAG0j8K1Fr734Hcnd80fxEChcju](https://www.saq.com/en/content/about-us/clarifications/withdrawal-of-american-products-from-the-saq?srsId=AfmBOopVyK4U9Kqb_HdeN6a4jFc4wAAG0j8K1Fr734Hcnd80fxEChcju)

Manitoba Tariff Response

<https://manitoba.ca/tariffresponse/>

New Brunswick Tariff Response

<https://www.anbl.com/update>

Nova Scotia Tariff Response

<https://news.novascotia.ca/en/2025/03/04/statement-us-tariffs>

Prince Edward Island Tariff Response

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/news/cabinet-committee-on-trade-relations-announces-provinces-tariff-response-plan-to-support-island>

Newfoundland Tariff Response

<https://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2025/exec/0304n01/>

FedEx Alcohol Shipping Requirements

<https://www.fedex.com/en-us/shipping/alcohol.html#authorized-shipper>