

Form FT-AFT Floor Tax for Alcoholic Beverage Tax

Complete this return in blue or black ink only.

The Connecticut General Assembly has enacted legislation that increases the Alcoholic Beverages Tax and imposes a floor tax on alcoholic beverage inventories effective on July 1, 2011. Each retailer of alcoholic beverages (including grocery stores, package stores, restaurants, taverns, bars, and hotels) is required to take an inventory of all alcoholic beverages owned and held within Connecticut at the opening of business on July 1, 2011. The inventory must include any products ordered by a retailer prior to July 1, 2011, and delivered by a wholesale distributor from July 1, 2011, through July 8, 2011. The invoices for these products will include the statement "Alcohol Floor Tax Due on These Products" in bold red lettering.

Retailers must use **Form FT-AFT**, *Floor Tax for Alcoholic Beverage Tax*, to calculate, report, and pay the floor tax on their alcoholic beverage inventory. Complete *Schedule A, Retailers of Alcoholic Beverages Inventory - Computation of Tax* (on reverse) and **Form FT-22-S**, *Summary of Alcoholic Beverages Floor Tax Inventory Report on Floor Stock of Alcoholic Beverages*, before completing Form FT-AFT. Form FT-AFT must be filed on or before August 15, 2011.

Additional information on the floor tax for Alcoholic Beverage Tax is included in **Special Notice 2011(4)**, *Alcoholic Beverages Tax on Alcoholic Beverages Inventory as of the Opening of Business on July 1, 2011*.

Due Date: You must file a completed and signed Form FT-AFT with the Department of Revenue Services (DRS) and pay the floor tax on or before August 15, 2011.

Interest: If the tax is not paid by the due date, interest is computed on any unpaid tax at the rate of 1% (.01) per month or fraction of a month from the due date until the date of payment.

Penalty: The penalty for late payment of the tax due is 10% of the tax due or \$50, whichever is greater.

Signature: This return must be signed.

Where to File: Use the enclosed return envelope to send your completed Form FT-AFT and payment to:

Department of Revenue Services
PO Box 2938
Hartford CT 06104-2938

Make your check payable to **Commissioner of Revenue Services**.

Enclosed in the *Floor Tax for Alcoholic Beverage Tax* package are:

1. Form FT-AFT (which includes Schedule A);
2. Form FT-22-S;
3. SN 2011(4); **and**
2. A return envelope.

DRS will be out in force to ensure compliance with the law and guarantee fair competition. Any retailer not in compliance with the law will be subject to civil and criminal penalties. **Failure to file Form FT-AFT and pay the floor tax when due will be sufficient reason to revoke any Connecticut license or permit issued to the person.**

You were assigned a specific Connecticut Floor Tax Registration Number based on the Department of Consumer Protection license for your location(s). Use only the designated forms mailed to you by DRS to ensure your floor tax filing is credited to your account. **Do not use this floor tax registration number for any of your other tax return filings.**

This portion of Form FT-AFT is not available on the DRS website. This version is provided only as a reference for instructions and Schedule A. Do not submit this form to DRS.

Retailers were mailed preprinted Form FT-AFT on June 23, 2011. The preprinted form must be completed and returned to DRS on or before August 15, 2011.

If the preprinted form was misplaced, contact DRS during business hours, Monday through Friday:

- 1-800-382-9463 (Connecticut calls outside the Greater Hartford calling area only); or
- 860-297-5962 (from anywhere).

Schedule A Instructions

The inventory must include all alcoholic beverages possessed, in transit, owned, or stored in a back room, warehouse, or other location whether or not pledged as collateral, in inventory on July 1, 2011.

Invoices for any products ordered by a retailer prior to July 1, 2011, and delivered by a wholesale distributor from July 1, 2011, through July 8, 2011, will include the statement "Alcohol Floor Tax Due on These Products" in bold red lettering.

Preparation of Prescribed Forms

Retailers may use their own method for taking inventory. However, this detailed inventory must be converted onto **Form FT-22-S, Summary of Alcoholic Beverages Floor Tax Inventory Report on Floor Stock of Alcoholic Beverages**.

Form FT-22-S is broken into inventory sections as follows:

1. **Still Wine** not in excess of 21% alcohol by volume;
2. **Still Wines produced by small wineries** (producers of 55,000 gallons or less per year) not in excess of 21% alcohol by volume;
3. **Fortified Wines** in excess of 21% alcohol by volume and **Sparkling Wines**;
4. **Beer and Other Malt Liquors** for draught barrels only;
5. **Beer and Other Malt Liquors** for other size containers;
6. **Distilled Liquors** (such as whiskey, gin, rum, vodka, brandy, liqueurs, cordials, cocktails and similar compounds containing distilled spirits);
7. **Liquor Coolers** not more than 7% of alcohol by volume; and
8. **Alcohol** in excess of 100 proof.

The brand name of the product held in inventory is not required. Only the total number of bottles (or barrels) for the common sizes listed is required. This total is then multiplied by the listed wine gallon multiplier to arrive at the total number of gallons subject to the alcohol beverages inventory (floor) tax. Additionally, each section allows for other sizes if needed. To identify wine gallon multipliers for other sizes, see **Form FT-22-S, Alcohol Beverages Conversion Table for Other Sizes**, Page 4.

How to Report "Opened Bar Stock"

The standard method for taking an itemized inventory uses the quantity contained in an open bottle in multiples of tenths of a bottle. For example, a bottle half full would be .50 and would be added to your total quantity of bottles when completing Form FT-22-S.

Failure to File Form FT-AFT

Failure to file this form and pay the tax due will be sufficient reason to revoke any state license or permit issued by DRS to that person. Additionally, if any person fails to file this report, DRS will estimate the amounts of alcoholic beverages held by that person based upon any information in the possession of the Commissioner of Revenue Services. Even if you possess no alcoholic beverages in inventory on July 1, 2011, you must file this form.

Additional Information

If you need additional information or assistance call the Excise Taxes Unit at 860-541-3224, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Schedule A

Retailers of Alcoholic Beverages Inventory - Computation of Tax

Column A Beverage Classification	Column B Quantity	Column C Tax Rate	Column D Amount of Tax
1. Still Wines - Not in Excess of 21% Alcohol by Volume In Column B, enter the amount from Form FT-22-S , Line 1, Column 4.		\$0.12 Per Wine Gallon	
2. Still Wines Produced by Small Wineries (producers of 55,000 gallons or less per year) - Not in Excess of 21% Alcohol by Volume In Column B, enter the amount from Form FT-22-S , Line 2, Column 4.		\$0.03 Per Wine Gallon	
3. Fortified Wines in Excess of 21% Alcohol by Volume and Sparkling Wines In Column B, enter the amount from Form FT-22-S , Line 3, Column 4.		\$0.30 Per Wine Gallon	
4. Beer and Other Malt Liquors - Draught Barrels Only In Column B, enter the amount from Form FT-22-S , Line 4, Column 4.		\$1.20 Per Barrel	
5. Beer and Other Malt Liquors - Other Containers In Column B, enter the amount from Form FT-22-S , Line 5, Column 4.		\$0.04 Per Wine Gallon	
6. Distilled Liquors In Column B, enter the amount from Form FT-22-S , Line 6, Column 4.		\$0.90 Per Wine Gallon	
7. Liquor Coolers - Not More Than 7% of Alcohol by Volume In Column B, enter the amount from Form FT-22-S , Line 7, Column 4.		\$0.41 Per Wine Gallon	
8. Alcohol - In Excess of 100 Proof In Column B, enter the amount from Form FT-22-S , Line 8, Column F.		\$0.90 Per Proof Gallon	
9. Total Tax Due Total of Lines 1 through 8. Enter amount here and on Form FT-AFT, Line 1 on front page. 9.			