Service of Alcohol Guidance

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Guidance Overview

The purpose of this guidance is to assist ADGM Entities, located in Al Maryah Island, in relation to the requirements for serving alcohol to guests for consumption within their premises. This guidance covers:

- Commercial license and alcohol permits;
- Service of alcohol to the ADGM Entities’ customers;
- Adequate record keeping relating to liquor stock and supplier details; and
- Monitoring and surveillance systems within the premises.

Service of Alcohol Requirements

In accordance with the applicable UAE laws concerning alcohol, all ADGM Entities must adhere to the following requirements:

1. ADGM Entities must hold, and maintain, a valid commercial license and alcohol permit, issued by the RA, at all times.

2. Alcoholic beverages may be served in transparent or coloured vessels (e.g. glass/bottle) within the ADGM Entities’ premises (indoors or outdoors).

3. The ADGM Entity’s outdoor area(s) should not be in full open view to the public. A level of screening, but not full screening, is required.

4. The ADGM Entities must ensure that no customer is permitted to leave their premises with an alcoholic beverage(s).
5. The ADGM Entities must maintain up to date and accurate records and documents relating to the quantities and movement of its liquor stock.

6. The ADGM Entities must maintain a valid liquor purchase contract from approved suppliers in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

7. Alcoholic beverages must not be served except to persons aged 21 years or more.

8. It is prohibited to conduct any retail or wholesale distribution or sales of alcoholic beverages, unless the business is licensed to do so by the RA.

9. It is prohibited to advertise the sale of alcohol on Al Maryah Island (except promotions within the ADGM Entity's premises).

10. The ADGM Entities shall ensure that all CCTV cameras are in continuous working order. Where a CCTV equipment defect occurs, it must be repaired without delay and reported to the RA.
Introduction to Abu Dhabi Global Market

Abu Dhabi Global Market ("ADGM") is a broad based international financial centre, established pursuant to Abu Dhabi Law No. 4 of 2013 in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. With its own civil and commercial laws based on English common law, ADGM offers the local, regional and international business community a world-class legal system and regulatory regime.

This guidance has been prepared and issued by the Registration Authority to assist ADGM registered tourist and hotel entities ("ADGM Entities") established in ADGM, in relation to the service of alcohol.

Registration Authority

The Registration Authority ("RA") is one of ADGM’s three independent authorities, together with the Financial Services Regulatory Authority and ADGM Courts. The RA is responsible for the administration of the commercial legislation in ADGM including the registration and commercial licensing of businesses operating in or from Al Maryah Island, Abu Dhabi.

The Corporate Relations Division

The Corporate Relations Division forms part of the RA and is responsible for issuing permits and NOCs to ADGM Entities, to facilitate their operations and assist in their compliance with the set guidelines for such practices.

The Corporate Relations Division offers various services to ADGM Entities, their employees (and families). Those services include but are not limited to:
- Establishment Cards & E Channel Accounts;
- Employment Residency Visas;
- Establishment of Companies;
- Employment Residency Visas;
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Permission to sell alcohol in ADGM is governed by the ADGM laws and regulations. ADGM has a comprehensive set of laws and regulations in place to ensure the responsible service of alcohol. The RA is responsible for the administration of these laws and regulations.

In order to ensure compliance with the laws and regulations, all ADGM Entities are required to obtain a Service of Alcohol License from the RA. This license allows the establishment to sell alcohol to its customers in a responsible manner.

In addition to the Service of Alcohol License, all ADGM Entities are required to have in place a comprehensive Alcohol Service Plan. This plan outlines the procedures and guidelines for the responsible service of alcohol.

The RA is responsible for enforcing these laws and regulations, and will conduct regular inspections to ensure compliance. Failure to comply with the laws and regulations may result in fines, penalties, or revocation of the Service of Alcohol License.

The RA also provides guidance and training to ADGM Entities on the responsible service of alcohol. This includes providing training sessions on the laws and regulations, as well as providing guidance on best practices for the responsible service of alcohol.

By following these laws, regulations, and guidelines, ADGM Entities can ensure the responsible service of alcohol to their customers.

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بعد سوق أبوظبي العالمي مركزاً مالياً عالمياً واسع النطاق، تم إنشاؤه وفقاً للقانون رقم 4 عام 2013 في إمارة أبوظبي. من خلال قوانينه المدنية والتجارية الخاصة القائمة على القانون الإنجليزي العام، يوفر سوق أبوظبي العالمي بيئة جاذبة للأعمال المحلية والإقليمية والدولية بالإضافة إلى نظام قانوني وتنظيمياً على مستوى عالمي.

تم إصدار هذا التوجيه الإرشادي لمساعدة المؤسسات السياحية والفنادق المسجلة في سلة التسجيل لدى سوق أبوظبي العالمي ("سلطة التسجيل") في حالة الرقاقة والأنظمة للأسس من الناحية التجارية، ويكون تسجيل السير سلباً عن إدارة التشريعات التجارية ويسجل وتلخص الشركات الواقعة في جزيرة أبوظبي.

إدارة علاقات الشركات

تشكل إدارة علاقات الشركات جزءاً من سلة التسجيل وهي المسؤولة عن إصدار تراخيص وشهادات عدم ممارسة عمل، وذلك لمساعدتهم في عملياتهم التشغيلية، وتسهيل أمثالهم للوانح والقوانين السميرة.

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- Work permits;
- Special & Alcohol permits; and
- Events NOCs.

Contact Details

The RA is open from Sunday to Thursday, 9:00am to 3:00pm. The Corporate Relations Division may be contacted on the following email: Gov.Services@adgm.com

Disclaimer

Please note that this guidance includes non-binding and interpretive guidance with regard to the service of alcohol in ADGM. Further advice from a specialist professional in relation to the implementation of this guidance may be required. ADGM makes no representations as to accuracy, completeness, correctness or suitability of any information and will not be liable for any error or omission. Information in this guidance is not to be deemed, considered or relied upon as legal advice and should not be treated as a substitute for a specific advice concerning any individual situation. Any action taken upon the information provided in this guidance is strictly at your own risk and ADGM will not be liable for any losses and damages in connection with the use of or reliance on information provided in this guidance.

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