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Honorable Michael Ellis President State Senate Room 220 South State Capitol PO Box 7882 Madison WI 53707-7882

Honorable Jeff Fitzgerald Speaker State Assembly Room 211 West State Capitol PO Box 8953 Madison WI 53708-8953

Re: Clearinghouse Rule 12-013

Dear Senator Ellis and Representative Fitzgerald:

This is to notify you that the proposed rule order relating to the activities of brewers, bottlers, out-of-state shippers, and wholesalers is in final draft form. The proposed rule order and Notice of Hearing were published in the Wisconsin Administrative Register on February 15, 2012. A public hearing was held on February 27, 2012.

Copies of the proposed rule order and Report are enclosed. A brief summary of the proposed rule order follows:

Summary of Proposed Rule Order

This proposed rule establishes the requirements for issuance and renewal of fermented malt beverage wholesalers' permits, describes the minimum requirements for fermented malt beverage wholesaler warehouse facilities, details the process for applying for wholesalers' permits, provides guidance regarding eligibility for out-of-state shippers' permits, and details the requirements for obtaining a brewer's permit and clarifies the permits required in contract brewing arrangements.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Chandler Secretary of Revenue

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Enclosure