

## Severn Trent – Trade Effluent Position Statement

### Discharges of Waste Beer arising as a direct result of Government Regulations 2020 in response to the Covid 19 pandemic – Updated for 2021

#### Background

This Position Statement covers the disposal of waste beer from establishments affected by the above restrictions. It does not cover beer returned to breweries for disposal at brewery premises. Permission to discharge beer from breweries including microbreweries attached to public houses will require the separate submission of a fully completed G02 form or, for a short duration discharge, a G03 form. Under normal circumstances we do not condone the disposal of finished product to the sewerage network, however, during these unprecedented times we believe that we should wherever possible try and accommodate this disposal route subject to our assessment and approval being given for each site concerned.

#### Our Approach

You should consult the HMRC and 'Return Your Beer' websites (<https://www.returnyourbeer.co.uk>) for general advice on returning spoiled beer to the producer as this is considered the primary route for disposal in line with Government Guidance found [here](#).

In circumstances where beer cannot be returned, the disposal to sewer can be considered as a secondary option.

**In all cases** you should contact our support team [trade.affluent@severntrent.co.uk](mailto:trade.affluent@severntrent.co.uk) detailing your name, address, postcode and the volume of beer for disposal in litres or gallons.

Each enquiry will be assessed individually. Before any disposal takes place you will require our written permission. You will be informed as soon as is practicable of the outcome of the assessment and if permission is granted, we will set out the conditions specific to your application.

The assessment will be made based upon;

- the volume, (typically <1 cubic metre) and the flow rate (typically <1 litre /second)
- the availability of capacity in the sewerage network and at the receiving sewage treatment works

Records should be maintained of the date, time and the volume of beer discharged and no discharge is made to the surface water system. (Storm drains)

Bulk applications for multi-sites can be submitted and will be considered.

The discharge is still governed by legislation. Section 111 of the Water Industry Act 1991 makes it an offence to discharge anything to a sewer which will adversely impact on the sewerage network or receiving waste water treatment works.

In particular you need to be sure that your flow is not so significant that it surcharges sewers and causes flooding.

If you are in doubt about this process please contact [trade.affluent@severntrent.co.uk](mailto:trade.affluent@severntrent.co.uk) by email at least 7 working days before the date you intend to start the work. We will reply to the email to confirm the position.

#### Enforcement

Severn Trent Water reserve the right to take any necessary enforcement action, including legal action, in cases where discharges are suspected of having a detrimental impact on public health, Severn Trent's operations, or the environment.

**Applications made after February 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 will not be subject to a charge for this service.** We reserve the right to review this position at any time.