

November 2018 Legal & Legislative Update

A. FEDERAL / NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL

TTB Advises Industry Members to Review Promotional Business Practices

The Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) released Industry Circular 2018-7, [Industry Compliance with Trade Practice Laws and Regulations](#), in an effort to ensure compliance with Federal trade practice laws and regulations.

B. THE COURTS

ABInBev-SABMiller Tie-Up Clears Final Hurdle

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia has [granted](#) the Joint Motion for Entry of the Modified Proposed Final Judgment, finding that judgment to be “in the public interest.”

C. THE STATES

Taxation:

New Jersey

[Senate Bill 3031](#) provides credits against the New Jersey alcoholic beverage tax to manufacturers of brewed beverages in the amount of qualified capital expenses paid by the brewer during the tax year. Each individual taxpayer is allowed an annual total of up to \$200,000 in tax credits, which can be applied in a tax year or carried forward up to the next three tax years.

Trade Practice & Other:

Michigan

Signed by the Governor, [House Bill 4668](#) prohibits the use, possession, and sale of marijuana-infused beer, wine, mixed wine drink, mixed spirit drink, or spirits.

New Jersey

[Assembly Bill 4594](#) authorizes the holder of a limited brewery license to hold an unlimited number of on-premises special events and up to 12 off-premises special events per year. A license holder also is permitted to: deliver its product to a consumer’s home; sell soda, whether or not manufactured by the license holder; coordinate with a food vendor to provide food on the licensed premises; and provide menus to consumers. In addition, the bill eliminates the requirement that the license holder provide a tour to a consumer prior to serving alcoholic beverages for consumption on the licensed premises.