

Buying alcohol in Svalbard to serve on board

All ships sailing in Svalbard waters must have a license to serve/sell alcoholic beverages on board, and, you must have a license to serve alcohol to be able to apply for an import permit for alcohol to Svalbard.



Svalbard Brewery was established in 2011, after more than five years of hard work and patience. In August 2015 they could serve freshly brewed local Svalbard beer for the first time. A product that is 94% Svalbard, where 16% of our high-quality water comes from the 2000-year-old glacier Bogerbreen.

Ships sailing in Svalbard that got a license to serve or sell alcohol from Sysseimesteren, can order beer directly from the local Svalbard Brewery. Deliveries are available in 30l keykegs and 0,33l cans.

For beer tastings and tours of the brewery see

<https://www.svalbardbryggeri.com/visit-the-brewery/>

Sustainability "cork money"

Longyearbyen local council has, in the "Regulation on profit distribution from Nordpolet AS", been tasked with distributing the net profit from sale of alcohol in Svalbard for welfare purposes. Welfare purposes mean measures of general benefit for the population of Longyearbyen.

Grants from this fund must stimulate development and activity among individuals, teams and associations. Through the awards, Longyearbyen local council wants to reflect the diversity of cultural life in Longyearbyen.

Way forward:

1. Application for a license to serve alcohol

To serve/sell alcohol you need to apply the Governor of Svalbard. You can do that [here](#). The application processing period is four weeks.

2. Ordering of alcohol to sell and serve on board

Two options:

[Nordpolet](#) selling beer (inc. locally produced beer from Svalbard Brewery), wine and liquor. Please use the order form from COOP Svalbard enclosed. Send the approved license to serve, and order form to: proviant.svalbard@coop.no This includes the distribution of cork money to the local community.

[Svalbard Brewery](#) selling locally produced beer. For order and price list contact Svalbard Brewery: ordre@svalbardbryggeri.no

3. Delivery to vessel

Make an appointment with your local ship agent to get the alcohol on board.

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