

Provisions concerning the sale and distribution of alcohol on campus within the framework of association activities

LEX 8.3.2

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The Direction of the Ecole polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne

Based on Art. 4, para. 2, letter 3 e of the Loi sur le personnel de la Confédération;

Based on Art. 11, letter c of the Ordonnance du Conseil des EPF sur le personnel du domaine des écoles polytechniques fédérales;

hereby adopts the following:

Preamble

Under certain circumstances, EPFL authorises the consumption and the sale of alcoholic drinks within the framework of events organised onsite by its students. It implements measures to prevent and reduce the risks associated with alcohol consumption.

With regards to its prevention measures, EPFL follows the recommendations of Addiction Suisse (Swiss Institute for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Problems). It is requested that the student organisers of events follow the guidelines issued on the website <http://www.addictionsuisse.ch>

Article 1 Sale and distribution of alcohol

¹ The sale of alcohol products during events must be announced by the organisers and authorised by the competent authority. A prior request must be submitted three months in advance to the Mediacom Events Service, which will provide a response after consultation with the relevant bodies (Associate Vice Presidency for Academic Affairs, Department of Security, Safety and Facilities Operations, etc.). If authorisation is given, a licence application will be submitted to the Ecublens Police.

² Generally speaking, the distribution of alcohol onsite and within the framework of activities organised by students is prohibited between 6.00am and 5.00pm. Exceptions may be granted on a case by case basis by the Associate Vice Presidency for Academic Affairs, in collaboration with the Mediacom Events Service and upon justified request submitted at least one month in advance.

³ For the legal provisions relating to the above, see LEX 8.3.1, [Event Organisation](#).

Article 2 Sponsoring by alcohol product distributors during events organised by students

¹ The sponsoring of events by alcohol distributors is subject to prior authorisation from the Associate Vice Presidency for Academic Affairs. In addition:

- As far as possible, alcohol distributors should not be the main sponsor of an event;
- Likewise, no banners or advertising posters for alcohol products are to be displayed;
- As with tobacco products, soliciting potential customers (akin to merchandising) for alcohol products is prohibited, as is the free distribution of alcohol products for promotional purposes.

² It is also requested that organisers:

- Implement preventative measures during the event (stands, posters, etc.);
- Actively promote public transport options and car-pooling;
- Offer the public a choice of at least three non-alcoholic drinks at a lower price than the cheapest alcoholic drink, for the same volume.

Article 3 Non-compliance

Non-compliance with these provisions may lead to the prohibition of the event.

Article 4 Entry into force

The present directive entered into force on 1st September 2007 and was revised on 15th March 2021 (version 1.3) and on 1st January 2025 (version 1.4).

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