

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL  
DEPARTMENT OF EXCISE

No. 915 -EX

Dated, 05. 09. 2013

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of powers conferred by the section 85 and 86 read with section 38 of the Bengal Excise Act, 1909 (Ben. Act V of 1909), the Governor is pleased to make, with immediate effect, the following amendments in the West Bengal Excise (Foreign Liquor) Rules, 1998, as amended, (hereinafter referred to as these rules):-

**Amendments**

In the said rules-

1. Substitute Rule 212 by the following -

*"Rule 212 : (i) Late closing may be allowed on application to the following category of licenses upto 2-00 O' Clock ante-meridiem:*

- (a) the bar/s of the hotels of category 5-star and-above, where there is sanction of playing of music, vocal or instrumental, live or recorded, or dance or professional entertainments, under the provisions of Rule 239 of these rules*
- (b) the bar/(s) of the hotels other than 5-star and above*
- (c) bar/(s) attached to a restaurant*
- (d) bar/(s) attached to a theatre, club or other place of public resort and entertainments.*
- (e) bar/(s) attached to a Tourist Lodge.*

*The Excise Commissioner, if necessary, may direct closure of bar/(s) of these categories of hotels at any time.*

*(ii) Fees for each such late closing granted for each such bar, except bar/(s) attached to a Tourist Lodge of the Tourism Department, Government of West Bengal, shall be at the rate of Rupees Ten thousand only for the first hour and Rupees Twenty thousand only for the next hour respectively after their prescribed closing hours.*

*In case of a Tourist Lodge such fee shall be at the rate of Rupees Two thousand only for the first hour and Rupees Four thousand only for the next hour respectively after their prescribed closing hours for each such late closing granted for each such bar."*

2. Insert Rule 226(A) after Rule 226 as below -

*"Rule 226 (A): The bar/(s) of licensed Hotels of category 5 star and above, where there is no sanction of playing of music, vocal or instrumental, live or recorded, or dance or professional entertainments may remain open for twenty four hours. The Excise Commissioner, if necessary, may direct closure of such bar/(s) of these categories of hotels at any time".*

By order of the Governor,

  
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Principal Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal