



## News Release

### Government of Nunavut Increases Liquor Markups

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (March 31, 2008)** -- Minister of Finance Louis Tapardjuk announced that increases to Nunavut liquor markups will take effect tomorrow, April 1, 2008. Liquor markups have not changed since 1999.

“It is important to note that operation and maintenance cost increases over the 9 years need to be realized,” said Tapardjuk “This increase will bring the Government of Nunavut’s markup in line with the current Government of Northwest Territories’ markup.”

The Nunavut Liquor Commission will increase the markup on liquor products by approximately 21 percent in the spirit, wine and beer categories, and 10 percent in the cooler category.

Markups are applied on a per-litre basis to the base cost of each liquor item sold by the Liquor Commission. The new markups per litre are: \$25.84 for spirits, \$7.69 for wine, \$1.91 for beer and \$3.00 for coolers.

“I also wish to remind Nunavummiut to use liquor responsibly,” said Tapardjuk.

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