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4301-9-02 Electronic data interchange.

- (A) For purposes of this rule, "Electronic Data Interchange" or "EDI" means a transfer of information initiated through an electronic device among persons engaged in the manufacture, distribution, and retail sale of alcoholic beverages.
- (B) In accordance with section 4301.10(A)(9) of the Revised Code, which encourages the establishment of an electronic exchange of information, electronic data interchange or EDI is hereby permitted.
- (C) Electronic data interchange is permissible under the following conditions:
 - (1) Any agreement to engage in EDI for the transfer of information between manufacturers, wholesale distributors, or retail permit holders must be voluntary and must be in writing. No manufacturer, wholesale distributor, or retail permit holder may refuse to do business with or otherwise limit business with another manufacturer, wholesale distributor, or retail permit holder for declining to engage in EDI.
 - (2) All parties to EDI transactions will maintain records of such transactions for two years from the date of the transactions, and make the records available for inspection by the division, upon request.
 - (3) Each party engaging in EDI must pay their own costs associated with EDI.
 - (4) No wholesale distributor or retail permit holder engaging in EDI may require the use of software or hardware that is specific to either party.