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Taxpayers are choosing the convenience of filing tax returns electronically and making Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payments rather than filing paper returns and submitting paper checks.

The advantages of electronic returns and payments are numerous:

- Electronic returns are **more accurate**. The computer does the arithmetic and eliminates errors.
- Electronic returns are **more certain**. E-filing acknowledges that your return was received and is on file.
- Electronic returns mean **better business**. Avoid paying interest payments because e-filing results in fewer return adjustments.
- EFT allows you to deduct tax payments from your account **on the day you specify**.
- Electronic returns and payments provide **security and confidentiality** for all your transactions.

These efficiencies have never been more important than now when business and government are trying to find ways to provide quality service at a reduced cost.

This letter is to notify you that the Department of Revenue will require you to file your Wisconsin Distilled Spirits, Cider, and Wine Tax Returns (Form AB-130) electronically effective with October 2008 returns due November 17, 2008. The Department will also require you to pay your taxes via EFT if the tax due in the prior year was more than \$40,000.

The Department has two options for electronic filing: XML file transmission and Internet. See the table on the reverse side of this letter for more information.

If you believe the requirement to file electronically causes an *undue hardship* for your business, write to the Secretary of Revenue, Wisconsin Department of Revenue, Mail Stop 5-107, PO Box 8900, Madison, WI 53708-8900. Clearly indicate the circumstances as to why the requirement causes an undue hardship.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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**Wisconsin Liquor Tax Electronic Filing Methods  
for  
Out of State Shippers (FF Permits)  
Wisconsin Liquor Wholesaler/Importer (W Permits)  
Wisconsin Manufacturer (WM Permits)  
Wisconsin Rectifiers (WR Permits)  
Wisconsin Wineries (WWI Permits)**

<b>Filing Method</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Where to Apply and File</b>
XML File Transmission	Using authorized vendor software or converting your file to XML format, your tax return transactions can be securely transmitted over the Internet.	Apply: N/A <a href="http://www.revenue.wi.gov/html/business.html">http://www.revenue.wi.gov/html/business.html</a> Under Electronic Filing - Liquor Tax
Internet Application	This free Internet filing application allows you to file your return electronically, performs calculations, and allows you to make your tax payment via electronic direct withdrawal.	Apply: N/A File: <a href="http://www.revenue.wi.gov/html/business.html">http://www.revenue.wi.gov/html/business.html</a> Under Electronic Filing - Liquor Tax
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)	Paying by EFT requires a separate registration. It is easy to use and DOR is able to issue an acknowledgement that your payment was received, which is a service DOR cannot provide for checks and money orders. EFT also enables you to "warehouse" your payment in advance until the actual due date.	Apply: <a href="http://www.revenue.wi.gov/eserv/eft3.html">http://www.revenue.wi.gov/eserv/eft3.html</a> File: <a href="http://www.revenue.wi.gov/eserv/eftgen.html">www.revenue.wi.gov/eserv/eftgen.html</a>

**General Information**

For more information, call us at ((608) 266-6701, e-mail [excise@revenue.wi.gov](mailto:excise@revenue.wi.gov) or write to Excise Tax Section, Wisconsin Department of Revenue, Mail Stop 5-107, PO Box 8900, Madison, WI 53708-8900.

**Reminders**

Returns are required to be filed for each monthly filing period whether or not you have activity during the period.

Use your correct permit number, as listed on the front of the letter. If you need assistance in locating your permit number, please contact Pam Bradford at (608) 266-6702.

**Wisconsin's Statutes and Administrative Rules**

Section 139.01(2r), Wis. Stats., provides that the Department of Revenue may require electronic filing of intoxicating liquor tax returns.

Rule Tax 1.12(4)(a)5, Wisconsin Administrative Code, provides that the Department of Revenue may require EFT of intoxicating liquor tax and fees when the net amount of taxes and fees due in the prior calendar year was \$40,000 or more.