

Alcohol Warehouse Registration Scheme – registration window

The purpose of the Alcohol Wholesaler Registration Scheme is to reduce the risk of illicit alcohol, on which no duty has been paid, being sold to unsuspecting consumers. To be approved under the scheme, traders wanting to wholesale alcohol will have to pass rigorous checks and, in 2017, the scheme will also provide a facility for retailers to check whether their suppliers are approved. We previously posted articles about the scheme, [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

The registration process will begin until 1 January 2016 and existing business must register by 31 March.

Companies selling duty paid alcohols to other businesses as a distinct business channel need to ensure that their application for AWRS registration is submitted within the 3 month window, as it will be illegal to trade in duty paid B2B alcohols in the UK after 31 March unless an application for registration has been submitted to HMRC. Some estimates say as many as 25,000 business may need to register for the AWRS.

We therefore recommend that businesses trading in duty paid alcohol sales to other businesses in the UK begin their due diligence pre-application processes as soon as possible.

4 Eyes Ltd has helped many excise operators and applicants. If you are affected by the AWRS or would like to discuss any aspect of excise taxation, we welcome your call.

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