

Three-Tier Alcohol System

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Issue

Provide a flow chart on the three-tier alcohol distribution system in Connecticut. **This report has been updated by OLR Report [2020-R-0048](#).**

Summary

After the repeal of Prohibition, most states (including Connecticut) adopted a three-tier alcohol distribution structure, which requires the separation of manufacturers from retailers. Generally, under the three-tier distribution structure, manufacturers must sell their products to wholesalers, who in turn sell to retailers, who sell to consumers. But Connecticut, like most states, has certain exceptions that allow smaller manufacturers to sell directly to consumers (e.g., farm wineries).

Figures 1-3 provide a flow chart of Connecticut's three-tiered system for spirits, beer, and wine.

Figure 1: Manufacturer Permit

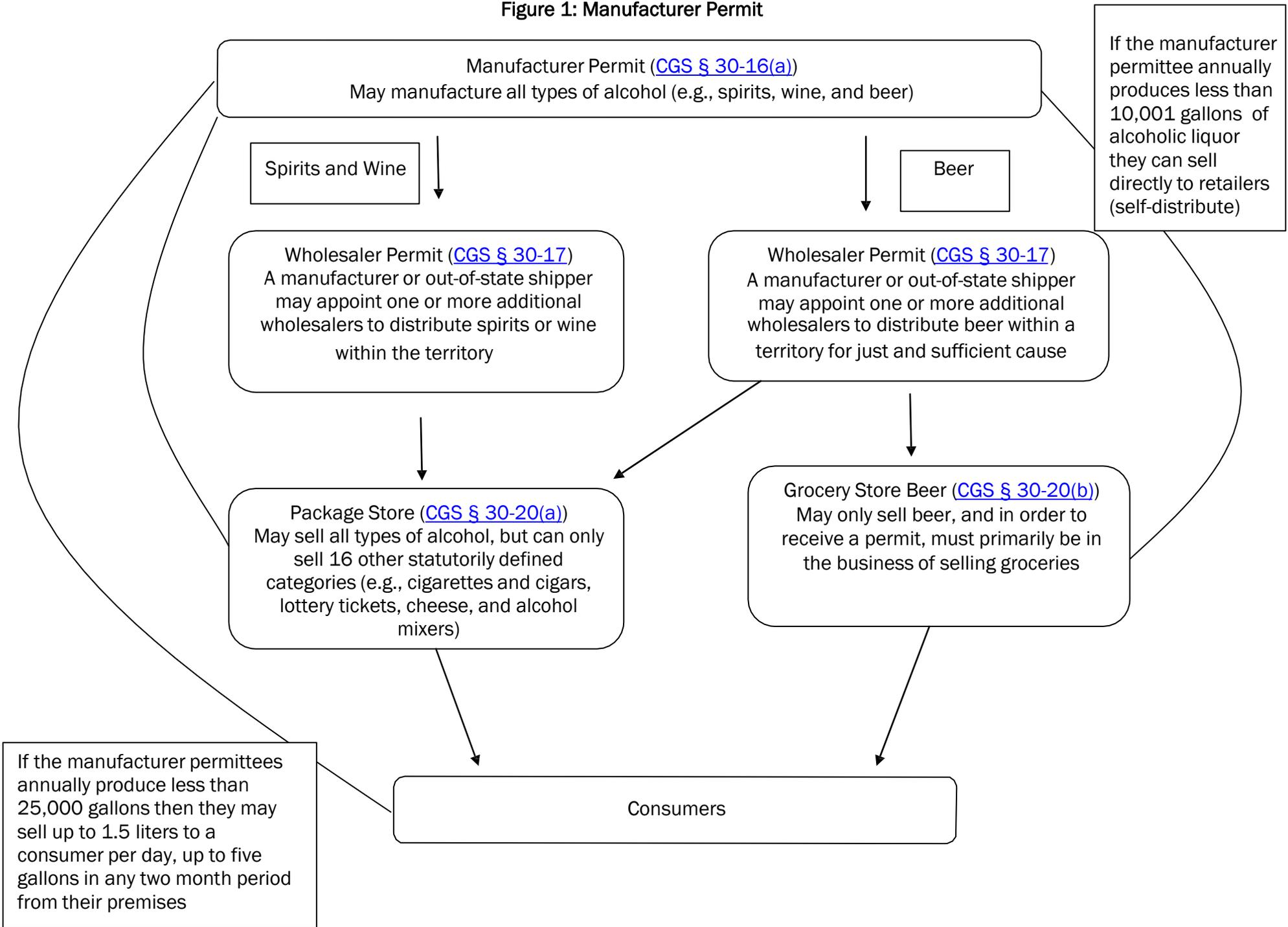


Figure 2: Manufacturer Permit for Wine

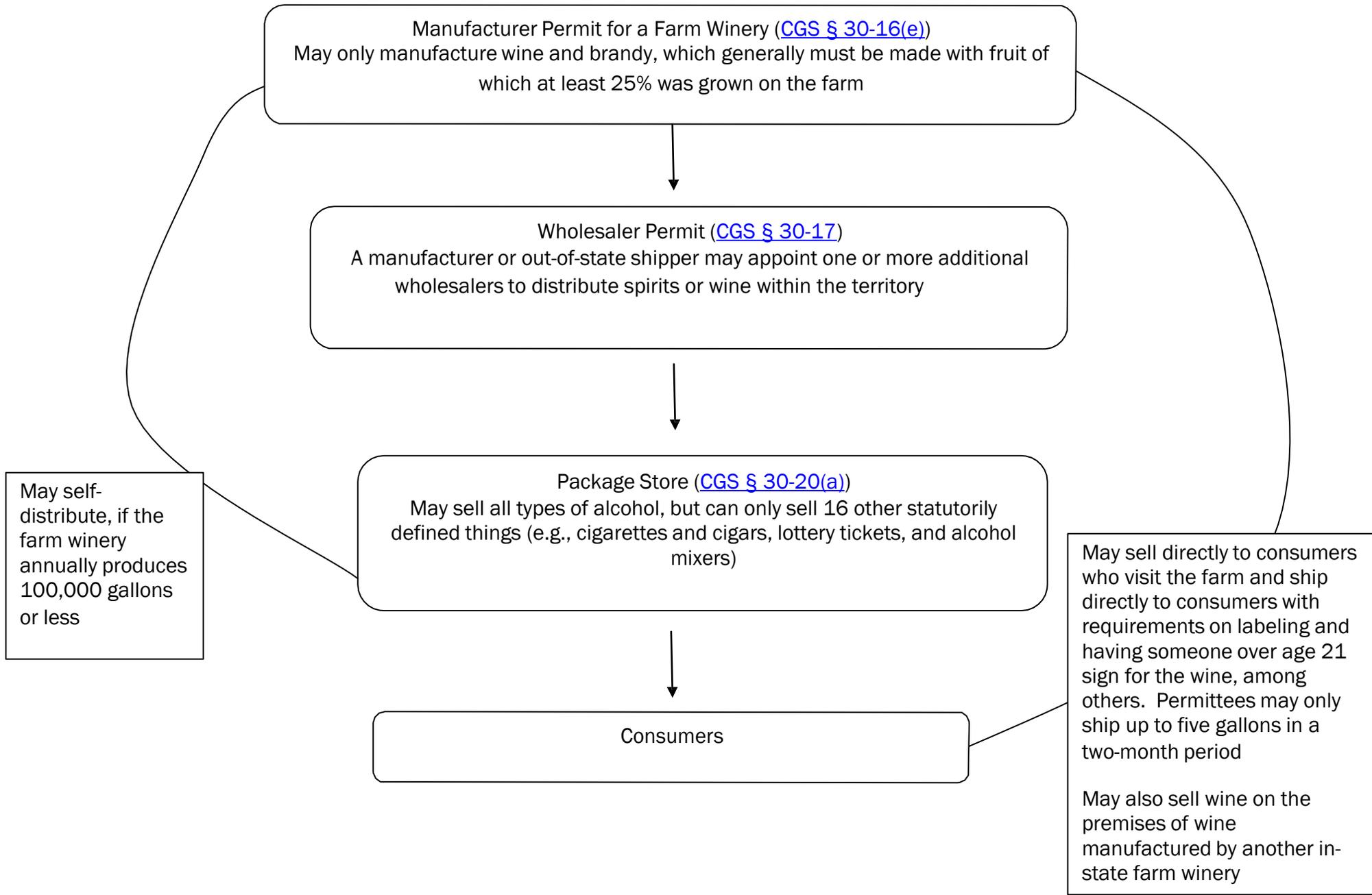
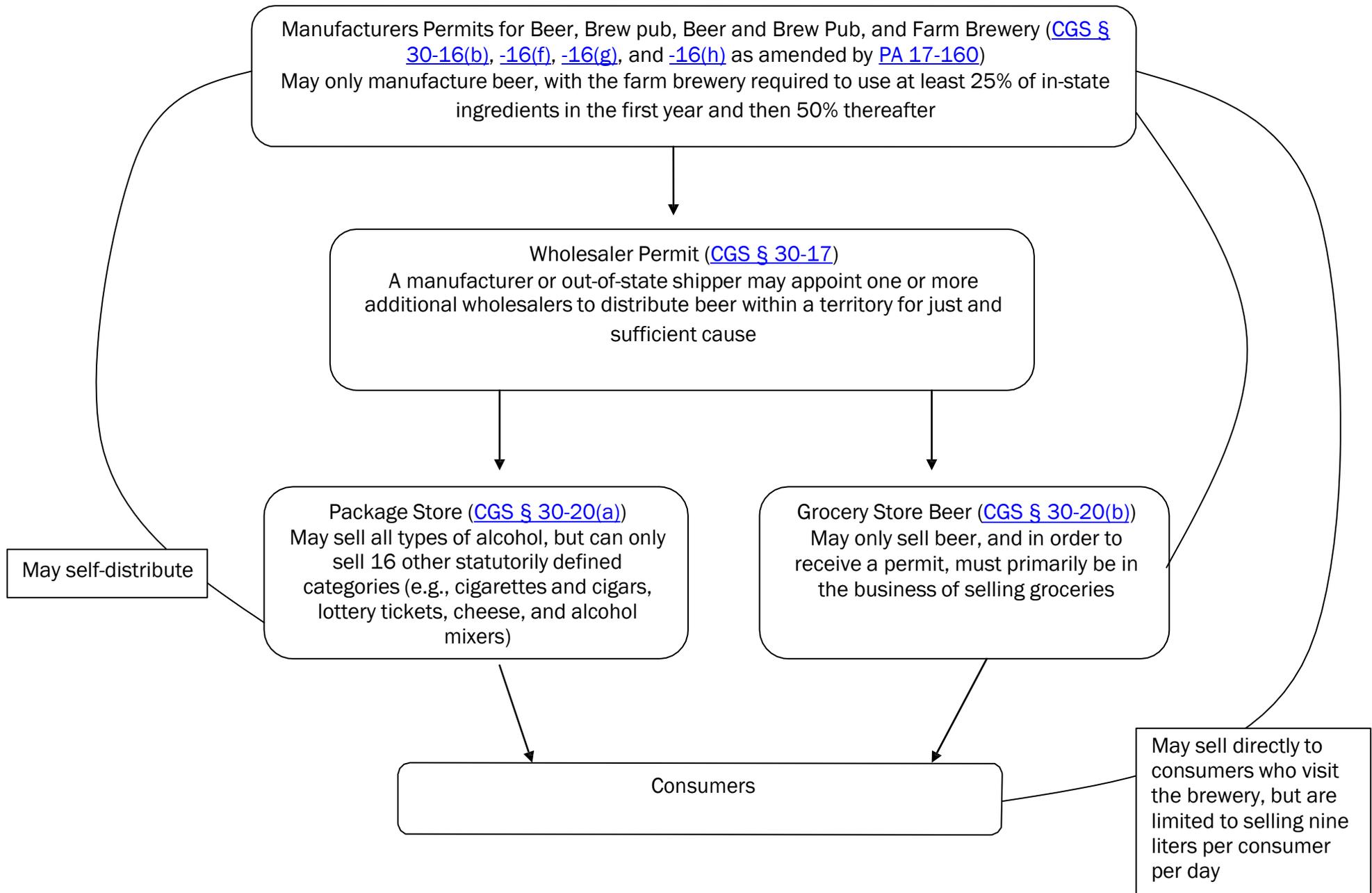


Figure 3: Manufacturer Permits for Beer



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