Akpeteshie and other Alcoholic Beverages) Bye-Laws, 2020

1. Application for a License

(1) A person who taps, brews, distills or sells palm wine, Pito, "akpeteshie" or other alcoholic beverages within the area of authority of the Assembly shall obtain a license from the Assembly.

(2) A person shall not sell palm wine or corn beer (Pito) or Akpeteshie or other alcoholic beverages except on premises which have been approved and licensed by the Assembly.

(3) The Assembly shall not approve a license to enable a sale take place near any worship Centre or any place declared "holy" or in any health facility

(4) No Pito or Akpeteshie or other alcoholic beverages shall be brewed or distilled except at a location approved by the Assembly.

2. Application for a License

(1) An application for a license (which in every case may be subject to conditions as the Assembly may impose) shall be in writing to the Assembly.

(2) A license, which may be granted yearly, shall be subject to such conditions as the Assembly may impose and shall be valid from 1st January to 31st December of the year in which the license is issued.

3. Fees

The fee for a license shall be determined by a resolution of the Assembly.

4. Prohibition of persons with infectious diseases from premises

(1) A licensee or person in charge of the premises licensed for the sale of palm wine, corn beer (Pito) or Akpeteshie shall not allow any person suffering from an infectious disease to take part in the serving or sale or consumption of drinks or to remain on the premises.

(2) Likewise, a person of unsound mind (e.g. lunatic) shall be kept away from the premises.

5. Provision of sanitation facilities on premises

A license holder shall provide, at his/her own expense, suitable arrangements for the disposal of litter/waste, urinal, latrine and shall keep the trading place clean and tidy at all times.

6. Prohibition of sale of alcoholic beverages at lorry parks

A person shall not under any circumstance sell palm wine, corn beer (Pito) or Akpeteshie or any other alcoholic beverage at a lorry park.

7. Miscellaneous Prohibitions

No holder of a license for the sale of palm wine, corn beer (Pito) or Akpeteshie or any other alcoholic beverage for consumption on the premises where these items are sold or any agent, or employee of the licensee shall do any of the following at the licensed premises:

(1) Serve any alcoholic beverage to a person who is under the age of eighteen (18) years and drivers on duty;
(2) Serve any alcoholic beverage to an intoxicated person, to any person who is known to be insane or mentally defective;
(3) Misrepresent the brand of any alcoholic beverage sold or offered for sale;
(4) Keep any alcoholic beverage otherwise than in the bottle or container in which it was purchased;
(5) Dilute or otherwise tamper with the contents of any bottle or container of alcoholic

beverage;

8. Disposal of adulterated alcohol

The Assembly shall dispatch authorized persons to shops in search for adulterated alcoholic beverages that have been kept in that shop and confiscate such stock and destroy them without payment of compensation.

9. Obstruction of Assembly officers in the performance of duties

A person shall not obstruct or resist an officer authorized by the Assembly acting or purporting to act in the performance of any duty related to any of the provisions of these bye-
laws

10. Assembly's discretionary powers to withdraw license

The Assembly may withdraw any license granted if any alteration is made to a licensed premises (after the license has been granted) or where the licensee is convicted for a breach of any provision of these bye-laws.

11. Display of signboards at entrance of premises

The holder of a permit shall conspicuously keep it suspended or fixed at the entrance of the licensed premises a sign-board with the holder's name, license number and the inscription ''Licensed to sell palm wine, corn beer (Pito) or ''Akpeteshie''

12. Penalty

A person who contravenes any of the provisions of these bye-laws commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not more than twenty (20) penalty units.