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Information For
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CHAPTER 1

MANDATORY LABEL INFORMATION

1. BRAND NAME

- GENERAL FEATURES

- Usually, the most prominent piece of information on the label

- Name under which a distilled spirits or line of distilled spirits is marketed

NOTE: If the distilled spirits is not sold under a brand name, the name of the distiller, bottler, importer, etc., [shown on the front of the container] becomes the brand name

- MISLEADING BRAND NAME

A name that describes the age, origin, identity or other characteristics of the distilled spirits is prohibited **UNLESS** the name, whether standing alone or in combination with other printed or graphic material:

- Accurately describes the distilled spirits **AND**

- Conveys no erroneous impression about the distilled spirits

OR

- Is qualified with the word "BRAND"

- TYPE SIZE

There are no established type size requirements for BRAND NAME

- LEGIBILITY

- Must be readily legible

- Must appear on a contrasting background

- PLACEMENT

Must appear on the FRONT of the container

2. CLASS AND TYPE DESIGNATION

- DEFINITION

The specific identity of the distilled spirits

- SEE ALSO CHAPTER 4, CLASS AND TYPE DESIGNATION

- TYPE SIZE

- Minimum 2 mm for containers larger than 200 ml

- Minimum 1 mm for containers of 200 ml or less

- LEGIBILITY

- Must generally appear parallel to the base of the container

- Must be readily legible

- Must appear on a contrasting background

- Must appear separate and apart from any other descriptive or explanatory information

- PLACEMENT

Must appear on the FRONT of the container

3. ALCOHOL CONTENT

- REQUIRED

- Alcohol content must be stated in % alcohol by volume, i.e.,

- “ _____% ALCOHOL (ALC) BY VOLUME (VOL)”

- For products containing solid material, the alcohol content must be stated as “BOTTLED AT _____% ALCOHOL (ALC) BY VOLUME (VOL).” (“Rock and Rye” is an example of a product containing solid material. It contains rock candy or sugar syrup and often fruit)

- **OPTIONAL**

Alcohol content may be expressed in degrees proof in addition to the required alcohol by volume statement. If the proof is shown it must appear at least once on the **FRONT** of the container with the alcohol by volume statement

AND:

- Be set off by parentheses, brackets, dots or otherwise distinguished from the alcohol by volume statement

- May not be more prominent than the alcohol by volume statement

- **TOLERANCES**

The labeled alcohol content must accurately reflect the actual alcohol content of the product. Losses occurring during bottling will not affect the labeled alcohol content provided the loss does not exceed:

- 0.25% alcohol by volume for spirits containing solids in excess of 600 mg per 100 ml

- 0.25% alcohol by volume for spirits bottled in 50 ml and 100 ml containers

- 0.15% alcohol by volume for all other spirits

- **TYPE SIZE**

- Minimum 2 mm for containers larger than 200 ml

- Minimum 1 mm for containers of 200 ml or less

- **LEGIBILITY**

- Must generally appear parallel to the base of the container

- Must be readily legible

- Must appear on a contrasting background

- Must appear separate and apart from any other descriptive or explanatory information

- **PLACEMENT**

Must appear on the **FRONT** of the container

4. NAME AND ADDRESS

- REQUIRED

- For domestic distilled spirits

The name(s) and address(es) of the:

Bottler or
Packer or
Filler

AND/OR

Distiller or
Blender or
Maker or
Preparer or
Manufacturer or
Producer

must appear on the label preceded by an appropriate explanatory phrase such as “BOTTLED BY,” “DISTILLED BY,” “DISTILLED AND BOTTLED BY,” etc.

- For imported distilled spirits

For spirits bottled, packed or filled prior to importation

The name and address of the importer must appear on the label preceded by an appropriate explanatory phrase such as “IMPORTED BY,” “SOLE AGENT” or “SOLE U. S. AGENT”

For spirits bottled, packed or filled after importation

The name and address of the importer and/or bottler, packer or filler must appear on the label preceded by an appropriate explanatory phrase such as “BOTTLED BY,” “IMPORTED AND BOTTLED BY,” “IMPORTED BY AND BOTTLED FOR” or “IMPORTED BY _____ AND BOTTLED BY _____”

NOTE: When spirits are bottled in the U.S., it must be indicated by the required preceding explanatory phrase, e.g., “IMPORTED BY ABC IMPORTS AND **BOTTLED BY** XYZ SPIRITS COMPANY”

- DEFINITIONS

- Name

- The company or corporate name or trade name identical to that shown on the basic permit

- Address

- For domestic distilled spirits

- The city and state where bottling, packing, filling and/or production operations occurred

- NOTE:** The address must be identical to that shown on the basic permit

- OR**

- The city and state of the bottler's, packer's, filler's, distiller's, etc., principal place of business (see PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS section of CHAPTER 5, NAME AND ADDRESS)

- NOTE:** The principal place of business address must be identical to that shown on the basic permit

- For importer distilled spirits

- The city and state of the importer's principle place of business (see PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS section of CHAPTER 5, NAME AND ADDRESS)

- NOTE:** The principal place of business address must be identical to that shown on the basic permit

- SEE ALSO CHAPTER 5, NAME AND ADDRESS

- TYPE SIZE

- Minimum 2 mm for containers larger than 200 ml

- Minimum 1 mm for containers of 200 ml or less

- LEGIBILITY

- Must generally appear parallel to the base of the container
- Must be readily legible
- Must appear on a contrasting background
- Must appear separate and apart from any other descriptive or explanatory information

- PLACEMENT

May appear on the FRONT, BACK or SIDE of the container

5. COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

- APPLICATION

Required for all imported spirits whether bottled, packed or filled prior to or after importation

- FORMAT

- “PRODUCT/PRODUCE OF _____”
(Fill in blank with name of country in which spirits were produced)
- “PRODUCED IN/PRODUCED AND BOTTLED IN _____”
(Fill in blank with name of country in which spirits were produced/produced and bottled)
- “PRODUCED BY/PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY _____”
(Fill in blank with name of producer/producer and bottler and address [country or city and country] in which spirits were produced/produced and bottled)
- “_____ BRANDY”
(Fill in blank with name of country in which brandy was produced), i.e., name of country with class and type designation

- TYPE SIZE

- Minimum 2 mm for containers larger than 200 ml
- Minimum 1 mm for containers of 200 ml or less

- LEGIBILITY
 - Must generally appear parallel to the base of the container
 - Must be readily legible
 - Must appear on a contrasting background
 - Must appear separate and apart from any other descriptive or explanatory information

- PLACEMENT

May appear on the FRONT, BACK or SIDE of the container

6. NET CONTENTS

- REQUIRED

Distilled spirits must be bottled, packed or filled in a metric standard of fill

- SEE ALSO CHAPTER 6, STANDARDS OF FILL

- TYPE SIZE
 - Minimum 2 mm for containers larger than 200 ml
 - Minimum 1 mm for containers of 200 ml or less

- LEGIBILITY
 - Must generally appear parallel to the base of the container
 - Must be readily legible
 - Must appear on a contrasting background
 - Must appear separate and apart from any other descriptive or explanatory information

- PLACEMENT
 - Net contents may be blown or branded into the bottle in lieu of or in addition to stating net contents on the label **EXCEPT THAT** if the net contents are not shown on the label of foreign bottled distilled spirits, a sample of the container must be submitted with the application for certificate of label approval (COLA)

 - May appear on the FRONT, BACK or SIDE of the container

7. PRESENCE OF COLORING MATERIALS

- DISCLOSURE

- The coloring material(s) may be specified on the label

Examples: "COLORED WITH CARAMEL"

"CERTIFIED COLOR ADDED"

"COLORED WITH GRAPESKIN EXTRACT"

"CARAMEL AND CERTIFIED COLOR ADDED"

"COLORED WITH CARAMEL, ANNATTO AND GRAPESKIN EXTRACT"

OR

- "ARTIFICIALLY COLORED" may be used to indicate the presence of any one or a combination of coloring materials **EXCEPT THAT** FD&C Yellow #5 requires specific disclosure. (See Item 9, "FD&C YELLOW #5 DISCLOSURE" of this chapter)

NOTE: Coloring material is **NOT** permissible in every class and/or type of distilled spirits. Additionally, the coloring material caramel may be added to certain types of distilled spirits without label disclosure. See CHAPTER 7, COLORING/FLAVORING/BLENDING MATERIALS for more specific information

- TYPE SIZE

- Minimum 2 mm for containers larger than 200 ml

- Minimum 1 mm for containers of 200 ml or less

- LEGIBILITY

- Must generally appear parallel to the base of the container

- Must be readily legible

- Must appear on a contrasting background

- Must appear separate and apart from any other descriptive or explanatory information

- PLACEMENT

- May appear on the FRONT, BACK or SIDE of the container **EXCEPT THAT**

- For distilled spirits specialties, the coloring material disclosure must appear on the FRONT of the container (as part of the statement of composition). (See CLASSES AND TYPES chart in CHAPTER 4, CLASS AND TYPE DESIGNATION)

8. TREATMENT WITH WOOD

- DISCLOSURE

“COLORED AND FLAVORED WITH WOOD _____” (insert chips, slabs, extracts, etc., as appropriate) is required on labels to indicate treatment with wood

- APPLICATION

Applies only to whisky and brandy treated – **other than through contact with oak containers** – with wood:

- In any manner or form, either directly or indirectly, e.g., chips, slabs, extracts, etc.
- At any point during the production or storage process, up to and including the time of bottling

- EXCEPTION

No disclosure is required on labels of brandy treated with an oak chip infusion that:

- Has been determined by TTB analysis to be harmless coloring, flavoring or blending material (confirmation of harmless coloring, flavoring or blending material status has already been made for French brandies including Armagnac, Cognac, etc.) **AND**
- Does not exceed 2½% by volume of the finished brandy

NOTE: See CHAPTER 7, COLORING/FLAVORING/BLENDING MATERIALS

- TYPE SIZE

- Minimum 2 mm for containers larger than 200 ml
- Minimum 1 mm for containers of 200 ml or less

- LEGIBILITY

- Must generally appear parallel to the base of the container
- Must be readily legible
- Must appear on a contrasting background
- Must appear separate and apart from any other descriptive or explanatory information

- PLACEMENT

Must appear on the FRONT of the container (as part of the class and type designation)

9. FD&C YELLOW #5 DISCLOSURE

- REQUIRED

“CONTAINS FD&C YELLOW #5” must appear on the label of any distilled spirits containing FD&C Yellow #5

- TYPE SIZE

- Minimum 2 mm for containers larger than 200 ml

- Minimum 1 mm for containers of 200 ml or less

- LEGIBILITY

- Must generally appear parallel to the base of the container

- Must be readily legible

- Must appear on a contrasting background

- Must appear separate and apart from any other descriptive or explanatory information

- PLACEMENT

May appear on the FRONT, BACK or SIDE of the container

10. SACCHARIN DISCLOSURE

- REQUIRED

“USE OF THIS PRODUCT MAY BE HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH. THIS PRODUCT CONTAINS SACCHARIN WHICH HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO CAUSE CANCER IN LABORATORY ANIMALS.” is required on distilled spirits containing saccharin

- TYPE SIZE
 - Minimum 2 mm for containers larger than 200 ml
 - Minimum 1 mm for containers of 200 ml or less

- LEGIBILITY
 - Must generally appear parallel to the base of the container
 - Must be readily legible
 - Must appear on a contrasting background
 - Must appear separate and apart from all other label information

- PLACEMENT

May appear on the FRONT, BACK or SIDE of the container

11. SULFITE DECLARATION

- REQUIRED

“CONTAINS SULFITES” or “CONTAINS (A) SULFITING AGENT(S)” or identification of the specific sulfiting agent(s) is required on distilled spirits containing 10 or more parts per million (ppm) sulfur dioxide

- TYPE SIZE
 - Minimum 2 mm for containers larger than 200 ml
 - Minimum 1 mm for containers of 200 ml or less

- LEGIBILITY
 - Must generally appear parallel to the base of the container
 - Must be readily legible
 - Must appear on a contrasting background
 - Must appear separate and apart or substantially more conspicuous than any other descriptive or explanatory information

- PLACEMENT

May appear on the FRONT, BACK or SIDE of the container

12. COMMODITY STATEMENT

- DEFINITION

- For the distilled spirits identified below, the commodity statement is a statement disclosing the percentage of neutral spirits and the commodity from which the neutral spirits were distilled:

GROUP 1

Neutral Spirits/Alcohol produced by redistillation
Vodka produced by redistillation
Grain Spirits produced by redistillation
Blended Whisky
Blended Bourbon Whisky
Blended Wheat Whisky
Blended Rye Whisky
Blended Malt Whisky
Blended Rye Malt Whisky
Blended Corn Whisky
Spirit Whisky
Compounded Gin
Redistilled Gin
Blended Applejack

- For the distilled spirits identified below, the commodity statement is a statement disclosing the commodity from which the neutral spirits were distilled:

GROUP 2

Neutral Spirits/Alcohol produced by original distillation
Vodka produced by original distillation
Grain Spirits produced by original distillation
Distilled Gin

NOTE: For definitions of all listed products, see CLASSES AND TYPES chart in CHAPTER 4, CLASS AND TYPE DESIGNATION

- **FORMAT**

- For distilled spirits listed in GROUP 1 above:

“ _____% NEUTRAL SPIRITS DISTILLED FROM _____”

(Fill in first blank with specific percentage and second blank with name of commodity. The commodity can be identified specifically or by general class, e.g., in the case of corn either “corn” or “grain” may be used)

- OR**

“ _____% _____ NEUTRAL SPIRITS”

(Fill in first blank with specific percentage and second blank with name of commodity. The commodity can be identified specifically or by general class, e.g., in the case of grapes either “grape” or “fruit” may be used)

- For distilled spirits listed in GROUP 2 above:

“DISTILLED FROM _____”

(Fill in blank with name of commodity. The commodity can be identified specifically or by general class, e.g., in the case of rye either “rye” or “grain” may be used)

- **TYPE SIZE**

- Minimum 2 mm for containers larger than 200 ml

- Minimum 1 mm for containers of 200 ml or less

- **LEGIBILITY**

- Must generally appear parallel to the base of the container

- Must be readily legible

- Must appear on a contrasting background

- Must appear separate and apart from any other descriptive or explanatory information

- **PLACEMENT**

May appear on the **FRONT**, **BACK** or **SIDE** of the container

13. STATEMENTS OF AGE

- REQUIRED

A statement of age is required for:

- All types of whisky aged less than 4 years
- Grape lees brandy or grape pomace/grape marc brandy aged less than 2 years
- Distilled spirits labeled with miscellaneous age references or representations
- Distilled spirits labeled with a distillation date

NOTE: Statements of age, miscellaneous age references/representations and distillation dates are not permissible on all distilled spirits. See USE OF AGE/STORAGE STATEMENTS AND DATES ON LABELS chart in CHAPTER 8, STATEMENTS OF AGE to verify whether a particular class and/or type of distilled spirits may be labeled with a specific statement of age, miscellaneous age reference/representation or distillation date.

- SEE ALSO CHAPTER 8, STATEMENTS OF AGE

- TYPE SIZE

- Minimum 2 mm for containers larger than 200 ml
- Minimum 1 mm for containers of 200 ml or less

- LEGIBILITY

- Must generally appear parallel to the base of the container
- Must be readily legible
- Must appear on a contrasting background
- Must appear separate and apart from any other descriptive or explanatory information

- PLACEMENT

- For whisky that has not been blended with neutral spirits:
may appear on the FRONT, BACK or SIDE of the container

■For whisky blended with neutral spirits:
must appear with the commodity statement (see Item 12, “COMMODITY STATEMENT” of this chapter)

■For grape lees brandy and grape pomace/grape marc brandy:
may appear on the FRONT, BACK or SIDE of the container

■For distilled spirits labeled with miscellaneous age references or representations:
must appear on the same side of the container as the age reference or representation

NOTE: The requirement for placement of a specific statement of age on the same side of the container as the miscellaneous age reference or representation does not apply to:

- Whisky aged not less than 4 years
- Brandy **other than** grape lees brandy and grape pomace/grape marc brandy aged less than 2 years or immature brandy
- Rum aged not less than 4 years
- Tequila aged not less than 4 years

PROVIDED the miscellaneous age reference or representation is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label. No statement of age is required for these four classes/types of distilled spirits if these conditions are met

■For distilled spirits labeled with a distillation date:
must appear with the distillation date

14. STATE OF DISTILLATION

- APPLICATION

■Applies only to whisky produced in the U.S.

■Applies to the following specific types of whisky:

- Bourbon Whisky
- Rye Whisky
- Wheat Whisky
- Malt Whisky
- Rye Malt Whisky
- Corn Whisky
- Straight Bourbon Whisky
- Straight Rye Whisky

Straight Wheat Whisky
Straight Malt Whisky
Straight Rye Malt Whisky
Straight Corn Whisky
Straight Whisky
Whisky Distilled From Bourbon Mash
Whisky Distilled From Rye Mash
Whisky Distilled From Wheat Mash
Whisky Distilled From Malt Mash
Whisky Distilled From Rye Malt Mash

- **REQUIRED**

The State of distillation must be specifically identified on the label **IF**:

■The whisky was not distilled in the State identified in the required name and address statement (see Item 4, "NAME AND ADDRESS" of this chapter)

OR

■The whisky was distilled in the State identified in the required name and address statement **BUT**

■The required name and address statement does not appear on the front of the container

OR

■The label is in any way misleading or deceptive as to the actual State of distillation

NOTE: Other explanatory language may be permitted in lieu of the State of distillation as a dispelling statement

- **FORMAT**

The State of distillation may appear:

■As a separate statement, e.g., "DISTILLED IN _____"
(Fill in blank with name of specific State)

OR

■With the class and type designation, e.g., "_____ STRAIGHT BOURBON WHISKY"
(Fill in blank with name of specific State)

- TYPE SIZE
 - Minimum 2 mm for containers larger than 200 ml
 - Minimum 1 mm for containers of 200 ml or less

- LEGIBILITY
 - Must generally appear parallel to the base of the container
 - Must be readily legible
 - Must appear on a contrasting background
 - Must appear separate and apart from any other descriptive or explanatory information

- PLACEMENT

May appear on the FRONT, BACK or SIDE of the container

15. HEALTH WARNING STATEMENT

- REQUIRED

The statement below must appear on all alcohol beverages for sale or distribution in the U.S. containing not less than 0.5% alcohol by volume, intended for human consumption and bottled on or after November 18, 1989:

GOVERNMENT WARNING: (1) According to the Surgeon General, women should not drink alcoholic beverages during pregnancy because of the risk of birth defects. (2) Consumption of alcoholic beverages impairs your ability to drive a car or operate machinery, and may cause health problems.

- FORMAT
 - The words “GOVERNMENT WARNING” must appear in capital letters and in bold type
 - The remainder of the statement may not appear in bold type
 - The statement must appear as a continuous paragraph

- TYPE SIZE

- Minimum 3 mm for containers larger than 3 liters (101 fl. oz.)
- Minimum 2 mm for containers larger than 237 ml (8 fl. oz.) to 3 liters (101 fl. oz.)
- Minimum 1 mm for containers of 237 ml (8 fl. oz.) or less

- LEGIBILITY

- Must be readily legible under ordinary conditions and appear on a contrasting background
- Must appear separate and apart from all other label information
- May not exceed maximum number of characters per inch:

<u>Minimum Type Size Requirement</u>	<u>Maximum Characters Per Inch</u>
1 mm	40
2 mm	25
3 mm	12

- PLACEMENT

May appear on the FRONT, BACK or SIDE of the container

CHAPTER 2

TYPE SIZE AND LEGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

TYPE SIZE

- ALL MANDATORY INFORMATION (**excluding** BRAND NAME* and HEALTH WARNING STATEMENT**)
 - Minimum 2 mm for containers larger than 200 ml
 - Minimum 1 mm for containers of 200 ml or less

LEGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ALL MANDATORY INFORMATION (**excluding** SACCHARIN DISCLOSURE and HEALTH WARNING STATEMENT**)
 - Except for BRAND NAME, must generally appear parallel to the base of the container
 - Must be readily legible
 - Must appear on a contrasting background
 - Must appear separate and apart from any descriptive or explanatory information. If the SULFITE DECLARATION does not appear separate and apart, it must appear substantially more conspicuous than surrounding nonmandatory informatory
- SACCHARIN DISCLOSURE
 - Must be readily legible
 - Must appear on a contrasting background
 - Must appear separate and apart from all other label information

*There are no established type size requirements for BRAND NAME

**See CHAPTER 3, TYPE SIZE AND LEGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH WARNING STATEMENT

CHAPTER 3

TYPE SIZE AND LEGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH WARNING STATEMENT

TYPE SIZE

<u>Container Size</u>	<u>Minimum Type Size Requirement</u>
Over 3 liters (101 fl. oz.)	3 mm
Over 237 ml (8 fl. oz.) to 3 liters (101 fl. oz.)	2 mm
237 ml or less	1 mm

LEGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- May not exceed maximum number of characters per inch

<u>Minimum Type Size Requirement</u>	<u>Maximum Characters Per Inch</u>
1 mm	40
2 mm	25
3 mm	12

- Must be readily legible under ordinary conditions and appear on a contrasting background

CHAPTER 4

CLASS AND TYPE DESIGNATION

GENERAL FEATURES

- Identifies the labeled distilled spirits as to its specific class and/or class and type
- Based on defined classes and types

DEFINITIONS

- CLASS

The broad category “distilled spirits” is divided, under standards of identity, into a number of general but defined classes, e.g., “Neutral Spirits or Alcohol,” “Whisky”

- TYPE

Under most of the general classes are specific, defined types of distilled spirits, e.g., “Vodka” is a specific type of “Neutral Spirits or Alcohol;” “Straight Bourbon Whisky” is a specific type of “Whisky”

CLASS AND TYPE DESIGNATION

- Most TYPE names are sufficient as class and type designations
- Some CLASS names are sufficient as class and type designations

NOTE: On succeeding pages is a chart that categorizes and very broadly defines all classes and most types of distilled spirits. Those classes and types that are sufficient as class and type designations are notated

CLASSES AND TYPES

CLASS	GENERAL CLASS DEFINITION	TYPE	GENERAL TYPE DEFINITION
NEUTRAL SPIRITS OR ALCOHOL ¹	Spirits distilled from any material at or above 95% alcohol by volume (190 proof), and if bottled, bottled at not less than 40% alcohol by volume (80 proof)	VODKA ¹	Neutral spirits distilled or treated after distillation with charcoal or other materials so as to be without distinctive character, aroma, taste or color
		GRAIN SPIRITS ¹	Neutral spirits distilled from a fermented mash of grain and stored in oak containers
WHISKY ²	Spirits distilled from a fermented mash of grain at less than 95% alcohol by volume (190 proof) having the taste, aroma and characteristics generally attributed to whisky and bottled at not less than 40% alcohol by volume (80 proof)	BOURBON WHISKY ¹	Whisky produced in the U.S. at not exceeding 80% alcohol by volume (160 proof) from a fermented mash of not less than 51 percent corn and stored at not more than 62.5% alcohol by volume (125 proof) in charred new oak containers
		RYE WHISKY ³	Whisky produced at not exceeding 80% alcohol by volume (160 proof) from a fermented mash of not less than 51 percent rye and stored at not more than 62.5% alcohol by volume (125 proof) in charred new oak containers
		WHEAT WHISKY ³	Whisky produced at not exceeding 80% alcohol by volume (160 proof) from a fermented mash of not less than 51 percent wheat and stored at not more than 62.5% alcohol by volume (125 proof) in charred new oak containers
		MALT WHISKY ³	Whisky produced at not exceeding 80% alcohol by volume (160 proof) from a fermented mash of not less than 51 percent malted barley and stored at not more than 62.5% alcohol by volume (125 proof) in charred new oak containers
		RYE MALT WHISKY ³	Whisky produced at not exceeding 80% alcohol by volume (160 proof) from a fermented mash of not less than 51 percent malted rye and stored at not more than 62.5% alcohol by volume (125 proof) in charred new oak containers
		CORN WHISKY ³	Whisky produced at not exceeding 80% alcohol by volume (160 proof) from a fermented mash of not less than 80 percent corn and if stored in oak containers stored at not more than 62.5% alcohol by volume (125 proof) in used or uncharred new oak containers and not subjected in any manner to treatment with charred wood
		STRAIGHT BOURBON WHISKY ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bourbon whisky stored in charred new oak containers for 2 years or more • "Straight Bourbon Whisky" may include mixtures of two or more straight bourbon whiskies provided all of the whiskies are produced in the same state

CLASS	GENERAL CLASS DEFINITION	TYPE	GENERAL TYPE DEFINITION
		STRAIGHT RYE WHISKY ³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye whisky stored in charred new oak containers for 2 years or more “Straight Rye Whisky” may include mixtures of two or more straight rye whiskies provided all of the whiskies are produced in the same state
		STRAIGHT WHEAT WHISKY ³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wheat whisky stored in charred new oak containers for 2 years or more “Straight Wheat Whisky” may include mixtures of two or more straight wheat whiskies provided all of the whiskies are produced in the same state
		STRAIGHT MALT WHISKY ³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malt whisky stored in charred new oak containers for 2 years or more “Straight Malt Whisky” may include mixtures of two or more straight malt whiskies provided all of the whiskies are produced in the same state
		STRAIGHT RYE MALT WHISKY ³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rye malt whisky stored in charred new oak containers for 2 years or more “Straight Rye Malt Whisky” may include mixtures of two or more straight rye malt whiskies provided all of the whiskies are produced in the same state
		STRAIGHT CORN WHISKY ³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corn whisky stored in used or uncharred new oak containers for 2 years or more “Straight Corn Whisky” may include mixtures of two or more straight corn whiskies provided all of the whiskies are produced in the same state
		STRAIGHT WHISKY ³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whisky produced from a fermented mash of less than 51 percent of any one type of grain and stored in charred new oak containers for 2 years or more “Straight Whisky” may include mixtures of two or more straight whiskies provided all of the whiskies are produced in the same state
		WHISKY DISTILLED FROM BOURBON MASH ¹	Whisky produced in the U.S. at not exceeding 80% alcohol by volume (160 proof) from a fermented mash of not less than 51 percent corn and stored in used oak containers
		WHISKY DISTILLED FROM RYE MASH ¹	Whisky produced in the U.S. at not exceeding 80% alcohol by volume (160 proof) from a fermented mash of not less than 51 percent rye and stored in used oak containers

CLASS	GENERAL CLASS DEFINITION	TYPE	GENERAL TYPE DEFINITION
		WHISKY DISTILLED FROM WHEAT MASH ¹	Whisky produced in the U.S. at not exceeding 80% alcohol by volume (160 proof) from a fermented mash of not less than 51 percent wheat and stored in used oak containers
		WHISKY DISTILLED FROM MALT MASH ¹	Whisky produced in the U.S. at not exceeding 80% alcohol by volume (160 proof) from a fermented mash of not less than 51 percent malted barley and stored in used oak containers
		WHISKY DISTILLED FROM RYE MALT MASH ¹	Whisky produced in the U.S. at not exceeding 80% alcohol by volume (160 proof) from a fermented mash of not less than 51 percent malted rye and stored in used oak containers
		LIGHT WHISKY ¹	Whisky produced in the U.S. at more than 80% alcohol by volume (160 proof) [but less than 95% alcohol by volume (190 proof)] and stored in used or uncharred new oak containers
		BLENDED LIGHT WHISKY OR LIGHT WHISKY – A BLEND ¹	Light whisky blended with less than 20% straight whisky on a proof gallon basis
		BLENDED WHISKY OR WHISKY – A BLEND ³	Whisky produced by blending not less than 20% on a proof gallon basis (excluding alcohol derived from added harmless coloring, flavoring or blending materials*) straight whisky or a blend of straight whiskies and, separately or in combination, whisky of any type or neutral spirits
		BLENDED BOURBON WHISKY OR BOURBON WHISKY – A BLEND ¹	Blended whisky produced in the U.S. containing not less than 51% on a proof gallon basis (excluding alcohol derived from added harmless coloring, flavoring or blending materials*) straight bourbon whisky
		BLENDED RYE WHISKY OR RYE WHISKY – A BLEND ³	Blended whisky containing not less than 51% on a proof gallon basis (excluding alcohol derived from added harmless coloring, flavoring or blending materials*) straight rye whisky
		BLENDED WHEAT WHISKY OR WHEAT WHISKY – A BLEND ³	Blended whisky containing not less than 51% on a proof gallon basis (excluding alcohol derived from added harmless coloring, flavoring or blending materials*) straight wheat whisky
		BLENDED MALT WHISKY OR MALT WHISKY – A BLEND ³	Blended whisky containing not less than 51% on a proof gallon basis (excluding alcohol derived from added harmless coloring, flavoring or blending materials*) straight malt whisky
		BLENDED RYE MALT WHISKY OR RYE MALT WHISKY – A BLEND ³	Blended whisky containing not less than 51% on a proof gallon basis (excluding alcohol derived from added harmless coloring, flavoring or blending materials*) straight rye malt whisky
		BLENDED CORN WHISKY OR CORN WHISKY – A BLEND ³	Blended whisky containing not less than 51% on a proof gallon basis (excluding alcohol derived from added harmless coloring, flavoring or blending materials*) straight corn whisky

CLASS	GENERAL CLASS DEFINITION	TYPE	GENERAL TYPE DEFINITION
		A BLEND OF STRAIGHT WHISKIES OR BLENDED STRAIGHT WHISKIES ³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mixture of straight whiskies produced in different states Mixture of straight whiskies produced in the same state to which harmless coloring, flavoring or blending materials* have been added
		A BLEND OF STRAIGHT BOURBON WHISKIES OR BLENDED STRAIGHT BOURBON WHISKIES ¹	A blend of straight whiskies produced in the U.S. consisting entirely of straight bourbon whiskies
		A BLEND OF STRAIGHT RYE WHISKIES OR BLENDED STRAIGHT RYE WHISKIES ³	A blend of straight whiskies consisting entirely of straight rye whiskies
		A BLEND OF STRAIGHT WHEAT WHISKIES OR BLENDED STRAIGHT WHEAT WHISKIES ³	A blend of straight whiskies consisting entirely of straight wheat whiskies
		A BLEND OF STRAIGHT MALT WHISKIES OR BLENDED STRAIGHT MALT WHISKIES ³	A blend of straight whiskies consisting entirely of straight malt whiskies
		A BLEND OF STRAIGHT RYE MALT WHISKIES OR BLENDED STRAIGHT RYE MALT WHISKIES ³	A blend of straight whiskies consisting entirely of straight rye malt whiskies
		A BLEND OF STRAIGHT CORN WHISKIES OR BLENDED STRAIGHT CORN WHISKIES ³	A blend of straight whiskies consisting entirely of straight corn whiskies
		SPIRIT WHISKY ³	Whisky produced by blending neutral spirits and not less than 5% on a proof gallon basis whisky, straight whisky or combination of whisky and straight whisky provided the straight whisky is used at less than 20% on a proof gallon basis
		SCOTCH WHISKY ¹	Unblended whisky manufactured in Scotland in compliance with the laws of the United Kingdom
		BLENDED SCOTCH WHISKY OR SCOTCH WHISKY - A BLEND ¹	A blend of whiskies manufactured in Scotland in compliance with the laws of the United Kingdom
		IRISH WHISKY ¹	Unblended whisky manufactured in the Republic of Ireland or in Northern Ireland in compliance with their laws
		BLENDED IRISH WHISKY OR IRISH WHISKY – A BLEND ¹	A blend of whiskies manufactured in the Republic of Ireland or in Northern Ireland in compliance with their laws
		CANADIAN WHISKY ¹	Unblended whisky manufactured in Canada in compliance with its laws
		BLENDED CANADIAN WHISKY OR CANADIAN WHISKY – A BLEND ¹	A blend of whiskies manufactured in Canada in compliance with its laws
GIN ¹	Spirits with a main characteristic flavor derived from juniper berries produced by distillation or mixing of spirits with juniper berries and other aromatics or extracts derived from these materials and bottled at not less than 40% alcohol by volume (80 proof)	DISTILLED GIN	Gin produced by original distillation from mash with or over juniper berries and other aromatics or their extracts, essences or flavors
		REDISTILLED GIN	Gin produced by redistillation of distilled spirits with or over juniper berries and other aromatics or their extracts, essences or flavors
		COMPOUNDED GIN	Gin produced by mixing neutral spirits with juniper berries and other aromatics or their extracts, essences or flavors

CLASS	GENERAL CLASS DEFINITION	TYPE	GENERAL TYPE DEFINITION
BRANDY	Spirits distilled from the fermented juice, mash or wine of fruit or from its residue at less than 95% alcohol by volume (190 proof) having the taste, aroma and characteristics generally attributed to brandy and bottled at not less than 40% alcohol by volume (80 proof)	FRUIT BRANDY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brandy distilled solely from the fermented juice or mash of whole, sound, ripe fruit or from standard fruit wine, with or without the addition of not more than 20 percent by weight of the pomace of such juice or wine or 30 percent by volume of the lees of such wine or both. Such brandy may include up to 30% on a proof gallon basis of lees brandy • "Brandy" is <u>grape</u> brandy. Other types of fruit brandy must be further identified, e.g., "Peach Brandy" • Grape brandy must be stored in oak containers for a minimum of 2 years
		PISCO ¹	Peruvian grape brandy stored in other than oak containers
		APPLEJACK OR APPLE BRANDY ¹	Type of FRUIT BRANDY made from apples
		KIRSCHWASSER ¹	Type of FRUIT BRANDY made from cherries
		SLIVOVITZ ¹	Type of FRUIT BRANDY made from plums
		IMMATURE BRANDY ¹	Grape brandy stored in oak containers for less than 2 years
		COGNAC ¹	Grape brandy distilled in the Cognac region of France in compliance with the laws and regulations of the French Government
		ARMAGNAC ¹	Grape brandy distilled in the Armagnac region of France in compliance with the laws and regulations of the French Government
		CALVADOS ¹	Apple brandy distilled in the Calvados region of France in compliance with the laws and regulations of the French Government
		DRIED FRUIT BRANDY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruit brandy distilled from sound, dried fruit or from the standard wine of such fruit • For brandies of this type (except RAISIN BRANDY, see below), the word "Brandy" must be qualified with the name of the fruit from which made preceded by the word "dried," e.g., "Dried Apricot Brandy"
		RAISIN BRANDY ¹	Type of DRIED FRUIT BRANDY made from raisins
		LEES BRANDY ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brandy distilled from the lees or sediment from fermentation of fruit wine • "Lees Brandy" is <u>grape</u> lees brandy. Other types of lees brandy must be further identified, e.g., "Cherry Lees Brandy"

CLASS	GENERAL CLASS DEFINITION	TYPE	GENERAL TYPE DEFINITION
		POMACE BRANDY OR MARC BRANDY ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brandy distilled from the skin and pulp of sound, ripe fruit after the withdrawal of the juice or wine • "Pomace Brandy" or "Marc Brandy" is <u>grape</u> pomace or marc brandy. Other types of pomace or marc brandy must be further identified, e.g., "Apple Pomace Brandy," "Pear Marc Brandy"
		GRAPPA OR GRAPPA BRANDY ¹	Type of POMACE BRANDY made from grapes
		RESIDUE BRANDY ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brandy distilled wholly or in part from the fermented residue of fruit or wine • "Residue Brandy" is <u>grape</u> residue brandy. Other types of residue brandy must be further identified, e.g., "Orange Residue Brandy"
		NEUTRAL BRANDY ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any type of brandy, e.g., "Fruit Brandy," "Residue Brandy," etc., distilled at more than 85% alcohol by volume (170 proof) but less than 95% alcohol by volume (190 proof) • "Neutral Brandy" is <u>grape</u> neutral brandy. Other types of neutral brandy must be further identified, e.g., "Neutral Plum Brandy," "Neutral Citrus Residue Brandy"
		SUBSTANDARD BRANDY ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brandy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) distilled from the fermented juice, mash or wine having a volatile acidity calculated, exclusive of water added to facilitate distillation, as acetic acid and exclusive of sulfur dioxide, in excess of 0.2 gram per 100 cubic centimeters (20 degrees C.) (b) distilled from unsound, moldy, diseased or decomposed juice, mash, wine, lees, pomace or residue or which possesses any taste, aroma or characteristic associated with products distilled from such material • "Substandard Brandy" is <u>grape</u> substandard brandy. Other types of substandard brandy must be further identified, e.g., "Substandard Fig Brandy"
BLENDED APPLEJACK OR APPLEJACK - A BLEND ¹	Mixture of at least 20% on a proof gallon basis apple brandy that has been stored in oak containers for not less than 2 years and not more than 80% on a proof gallon basis neutral spirits, bottled at not less than 40% alcohol by volume (80 proof)	NO TYPE UNDER THIS CLASS	

CLASS	GENERAL CLASS DEFINITION	TYPE	GENERAL TYPE DEFINITION
RUM ¹	Spirits distilled from the fermented juice of sugar cane, sugar cane syrup, sugar cane molasses or other sugar cane by-products at less than 95% alcohol by volume (190 proof) having the taste, aroma and characteristics generally attributed to rum and bottled at not less than 40% alcohol by volume (80 proof)	NO TYPE UNDER THIS CLASS	
TEQUILA ¹	Spirits distilled in Mexico in compliance with the laws and regulations of the Mexican Government from a fermented mash derived principally from the Agave Tequilana Weber ("blue" variety), with or without additional fermentable substances having the taste, aroma and characteristics generally attributed to Tequila and bottled at not less than 40% alcohol by volume (80 proof)	NO TYPE UNDER THIS CLASS	
MESCAL/ MEZCAL ¹	Spirits distilled in Mexico in compliance with the laws and regulations of the Mexican Government from a fermented mash derived from the Mezcal plant, having the taste, aroma and characteristics generally attributed to Mescal/Mezcal and bottled at not less than 40% alcohol by volume (80 proof)	NO TYPE UNDER THIS CLASS	
LIQUEUR/ CORDIAL ¹	Flavored spirits product containing not less than 2½% by weight sugar, dextrose, levulose or a combination thereof made by mixing or redistilling any class or type of spirits with or over fruits, flowers, plants or pure juices therefrom or other natural flavoring materials or with extracts derived from infusions, percolation or maceration of such materials	SLOE GIN ¹	Liqueur/Cordial deriving its main flavor characteristic from sloe berries
		RYE LIQUEUR/RYE CORDIAL ¹	Liqueur/Cordial with the predominant characteristic flavor of rye whiskey made with not less than 51% on a proof gallon basis rye whiskey, straight rye whiskey or whiskey distilled from rye mash bottled at not less than 30% alcohol by volume (60 proof). Wine may be used but if used may not exceed 2½% by volume of the finished product
		BOURBON LIQUEUR/BOURBON CORDIAL ¹	Liqueur/Cordial produced in the U.S. with the predominant characteristic flavor of bourbon whiskey made with not less than 51% on a proof gallon basis bourbon whiskey, straight bourbon whiskey or whiskey distilled from bourbon mash bottled at not less than 30% alcohol by volume (60 proof). Wine may be used but if used may not exceed 2½% by volume of the finished product
		ROCK AND RYE ¹	Liqueur/Cordial with the predominant characteristic flavor of rye whiskey made with not less than 51% on a proof gallon basis rye whiskey, straight rye whiskey or whiskey distilled from rye mash, rock candy or sugar syrup and with or without the addition of fruit, fruit juices or other natural flavoring materials, bottled at not less than 24% alcohol by volume (48 proof). Wine may be used but if used may not exceed 2½% by volume of the finished product

CLASS	GENERAL CLASS DEFINITION	TYPE	GENERAL TYPE DEFINITION
		ROCK AND BOURBON ¹	Liqueur/Cordial produced in the U.S. with the predominant characteristic flavor of bourbon whisky made with not less than 51% on a proof gallon basis bourbon whisky, straight bourbon whisky or whisky distilled from bourbon mash, rock candy or sugar syrup and with or without the addition of fruit, fruit juices or other natural flavoring materials, bottled at not less than 24% alcohol by volume (48 proof). Wine may be used but if used may not exceed 2½% by volume of the finished product
		ROCK AND BRANDY ¹	Liqueur/Cordial with the predominant characteristic flavor of brandy made with grape brandy as the exclusive distilled spirits base, rock candy or sugar syrup and with or without the addition of fruit, fruit juices or other natural flavoring materials, bottled at not less than 24% alcohol by volume (48 proof). Wine may be used but if used may not exceed 2½% by volume of the finished product
		ROCK AND RUM ¹	Liqueur/Cordial with the predominant characteristic flavor of rum made with rum as the exclusive distilled spirits base, rock candy or sugar syrup and with or without the addition of fruit, fruit juices or other natural flavoring materials, bottled at not less than 24% alcohol by volume (48 proof). Wine may be used but if used may not exceed 2½% by volume of the finished product
		RUM LIQUEUR/ RUM CORDIAL ¹	Liqueur/Cordial with the predominant characteristic flavor of rum made with rum as the exclusive distilled spirits base, bottled at not less than 30% alcohol by volume (60 proof). Wine may be used but if used may not exceed 2½% by volume of the finished product
		GIN LIQUEUR/ GIN CORDIAL ¹	Liqueur/Cordial with the predominant characteristic flavor of gin made with gin as the exclusive distilled spirits base, bottled at not less than 30% alcohol by volume (60 proof). Wine may be used but if used may not exceed 2½% by volume of the finished product

CLASS	GENERAL CLASS DEFINITION	TYPE	GENERAL TYPE DEFINITION
		BRANDY LIQUEUR/ BRANDY CORDIAL ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liqueur/Cordial with the predominant characteristic flavor of brandy made with brandy as the exclusive distilled spirits base, bottled at not less than 30% alcohol by volume (60 proof). Wine may be used but if used may not exceed 2½% by volume of the finished product "Brandy Liqueur" or "Brandy Cordial" is <u>grape</u> brandy liqueur/cordial. Other types of brandy liqueurs/cordials must be specifically identified, e.g., "Cherry Brandy Liqueur," "Peach Brandy Cordial"
		ARAK/ARACK/RAKI	Anise flavored liqueur/cordial
		AMARETTO ¹	Almond flavored liqueur/cordial
		KUMMEL ¹	Caraway flavored liqueur/cordial
		OUZO ¹	Anise flavored liqueur/cordial
		ANISE/ANISETTE ¹	Anise flavored liqueur/cordial
		SAMBUCA ¹	Italian anise flavored liqueur/cordial
		PEPPERMINT SCHNAPPS ¹	Peppermint flavored liqueur/cordial
		TRIPLE SEC ¹	Orange flavored liqueur/cordial
		CURACAO ¹	Orange flavored liqueur/cordial
		CRÈME DE _____ ¹¹	Liqueur/Cordial with the predominant flavor as indicated in the name, e.g., "Crème de Menthe" – mint flavored liqueur/cordial
		GOLDWASSER ¹²	German herb flavored liqueur/cordial containing gold flakes
FLAVORED BRANDY ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brandy flavored with natural flavoring materials, with or without the addition of sugar, bottled at not less than 30% alcohol by volume (60 proof) The name of the predominant flavor shall appear as part of the class and type designation, e.g., "Apricot Flavored Brandy" Wine may be added up to 15% by volume of the finished product provided at least 12½% of the wine is derived from the base commodity that corresponds to the labeled flavor of the product. If not, or if the wine addition exceeds 15% by volume of the finished product the classes and/or types and percentages (by volume) of the wine must be stated as part of the class and type designation 	NO TYPE UNDER THIS CLASS	

CLASS	GENERAL CLASS DEFINITION	TYPE	GENERAL TYPE DEFINITION
FLAVORED GIN ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gin flavored with natural flavoring materials, with or without the addition of sugar, bottled at not less than 30% alcohol by volume (60 proof) • The name of the predominant flavor shall appear as part of the class and type designation, e.g., "Lime Flavored Gin" • Wine may be added but if the addition exceeds 2½% by volume of the finished product, the classes and/or types and percentages (by volume) of wine must be stated as part of the class and type designation 	NO TYPE UNDER THIS CLASS	
FLAVORED RUM ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rum flavored with natural flavoring materials, with or without the addition of sugar, bottled at not less than 30% alcohol by volume (60 proof) • The name of the predominant flavor shall appear as part of the class and type designation, e.g., "Butterscotch Favored Rum" • Wine may be added but if the addition exceeds 2½% by volume of the finished product, the classes and/or types and percentages (by volume) of wine must be stated as part of the class and type designation 	NO TYPE UNDER THIS CLASS	
FLAVORED VODKA ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vodka flavored with natural flavoring materials, with or without the addition of sugar, bottled at not less than 30% alcohol by volume (60 proof) • The name of the predominant flavor shall appear as part of the class and type designation, e.g., "Orange Flavored Vodka" • Wine may be added but if the addition exceeds 2½% by volume of the finished product, the classes and/or types and percentages (by volume) of wine must be stated as part of the class and type designation 	NO TYPE UNDER THIS CLASS	
FLAVORED WHISKY ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whisky flavored with natural flavoring materials, with or without the addition of sugar, bottled at not less than 30% alcohol by volume (60 proof) • The name of the predominant flavor shall appear as part of the class and type designation, e.g., "Cherry Flavored Whisky" • Wine may be added but if the addition exceeds 2½% by volume of the finished product, the classes and/or types and percentages (by volume) of wine must be stated as part of the class and type designation 	NO TYPE UNDER THIS CLASS	

CLASS	GENERAL CLASS DEFINITION	TYPE	GENERAL TYPE DEFINITION
IMITATION DISTILLED SPIRITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any class and/or type of distilled spirits treated with flavor(s) and/or color(s) to simulate a different class and/or type of distilled spirits • Any class and/or type of distilled spirits other than a DISTILLED SPIRITS SPECIALTY (see below) containing an artificial flavor** • Any class and/or type of distilled spirits (except cordials, liqueurs and specialties marketed under labels which do not indicate or imply that a particular class and/or type of distilled spirits was used in their manufacture) to which has been added any whisky essence, brandy essence, rum essence or similar essence or extract which simulates or enhances or is used in the particular product to simulate or enhance the characteristics of any class and/or type of distilled spirits • Any type of whisky to which beading oil has been added • Any rum to which neutral spirits or distilled spirits other than rum have been added • Any brandy made from distilling material to which sugar (other than the kind and amount expressly authorized in the production of standard wine) has been added • Any brandy, except blended applejack, to which neutral spirits or distilled spirits other than brandy have been added 	SPECIFIC CLASS OR TYPE TO WHICH DISTILLED SPIRITS WOULD OTHERWISE BELONG, E.G., "IMITATION RUM" ¹	
RECOGNIZED COCKTAILS	Mixed drink that has gained trade and consumer recognition, containing one or more class(es) and/or type(s) of distilled spirits with flavoring and/or coloring materials	APRICOT SOUR ¹³	Apricot flavored brandy or apricot liqueur/cordial and lemon juice or oil or natural lemon flavor**
		BLACK RUSSIAN ¹³	Vodka and coffee flavored brandy or coffee liqueur/cordial
		BLOODY MARY ¹³	Vodka and tomato juice or natural tomato flavor**
		_____ ALEXANDER ¹³ , E.G., "BRANDY ALEXANDER"	Specific distilled spirits indicated in the cocktail name, e.g., brandy in the case of "Brandy Alexander," crème de cacao and cream
		DAIQUIRI ¹³	Rum and lime juice or oil or natural lime flavor**
		_____ DAIQUIRI ¹³ , E.G., "PINEAPPLE DAIQUIRI"	Daiquiri with added flavor as indicated in the cocktail name, e.g., Daiquiri with added pineapple juice or natural pineapple flavor** in the case of "Pineapple Daiquiri"
		EGG NOG ¹³	Brandy, rum or whisky, milk or milk products of at least 6% butter fat, at least 1% egg yolk solids, sweetener and natural flavor**
		GIMLET ¹³	Gin and lime juice, oil or natural lime flavor**
		VODKA GIMLET ¹³	Vodka and lime juice, oil or natural lime flavor**

CLASS	GENERAL CLASS DEFINITION	TYPE	GENERAL TYPE DEFINITION
		GRASSHOPPER ¹³	Crème de menthe, crème de cacao and cream
		MAI TAI ¹³	Rum and citrus juices, oils or natural citrus flavors**
		MANHATTAN ¹³	Whisky (any type) and vermouth
		_____ MANHATTAN ¹³ , E.G., "SCOTCH MANHATTAN"	Specific distilled spirits indicated in the cocktail name, e.g., blended scotch whisky in the case of "Scotch Manhattan," and vermouth
		MARGARITA ¹³	Tequila, triple sec and lime or lemon juice or oil or natural lime or lemon flavor**
		_____ MARGARITA ¹³ , E.G., "STRAWBERRY MARGARITA"	Margarita with added flavor as indicated in the cocktail name, e.g., Margarita with added strawberry juice or natural strawberry flavor** in the case of "Strawberry Margarita"
		MARTINI ¹³	Gin and vermouth
		VODKA MARTINI ¹³	Vodka and vermouth
		MINT JULEP ¹³	Straight bourbon whisky and natural mint flavor**
		_____ MINT JULEP ¹³ , E.G., "VODKA MINT JULEP"	Specific distilled spirits indicated in the cocktail name, e.g., vodka in the case of "Vodka Mint Julep," and natural mint flavor**
		OLD FASHIONED ¹³	Straight bourbon whisky and bitters
		PINK SQUIRREL ¹³	Crème de almond, crème de cacao and cream
		SCREWDRIVER ¹³	Vodka and orange juice or oil or natural orange flavor**
		SLOE GIN FIZZ ¹³	Sloe gin liqueur/cordial, lemon juice or oil or natural lemon flavor** and club soda
		TOM COLLINS ¹³	Gin, lemon juice or oil or natural lemon flavor** and club soda
		_____ COLLINS ¹³ , E.G., "VODKA COLLINS"	Specific distilled spirits indicated in the cocktail name, e.g., vodka in the case of "Vodka Collins," lemon juice or oil or natural lemon flavor** and club soda
		WALLBANGER ¹³	Vodka, orange juice or oil or natural orange flavor** and galliano or similar type liqueur/cordial
		WHISKY SOUR ¹³	Whisky and lemon juice or oil or natural lemon flavor**
		_____ SOUR ¹³ , E.G., "PISCO SOUR"	Specific distilled spirits indicated in the cocktail name, e.g., pisco in the case of "Pisco Sour" and lemon juice or oil or natural lemon flavor**
		WHITE RUSSIAN ¹³	Vodka, coffee flavored brandy or coffee liqueur/cordial and cream
ADVOCAAT ¹	Egg flavored distilled spirits product	NO TYPE UNDER THIS CLASS	
AQUAVIT ¹	Caraway flavored distilled spirits product	NO TYPE UNDER THIS CLASS	
BITTERS ¹	Distilled spirits product distinguished by its bitterness produced by blending extracts of plants, seeds, herbs, barks and/or roots with any class and/or type of distilled spirits	NO TYPE UNDER THIS CLASS	

CLASS	GENERAL CLASS DEFINITION	TYPE	GENERAL TYPE DEFINITION
DISTILLED SPIRITS SPECIALTY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distilled spirits not defined under any other class Generally, any class and/or type of distilled spirits that contain or are treated with flavoring and/or coloring materials and/or nonstandard blending or treating materials or processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO DEFINED TYPE(S) UNDER THIS CLASS PRODUCT DEFINITION IS UNIQUE TO COMPOSITION AND PRODUCTION OF THE DISTILLED SPIRITS PRODUCT¹ 	

*See CHAPTER 7, COLORING/FLAVORING/BLENDING MATERIALS

** See FLAVOR MATERIALS section of CHAPTER 7, COLORING/FLAVORING/BLENDING MATERIALS

¹Sufficient as class and type designation

²Sufficient as class and type designation ONLY for whiskies made by:

- Blending two or more specific types of whiskies, e.g., a blend of rye whisky and corn whisky should be designated "Whisky" OR
- Treating with harmless coloring, flavoring or blending materials* a specific type of whisky not customarily so treated, e.g., bourbon whisky treated with caramel should be designated "Whisky"

³■ Sufficient as class and type designation for whisky of this type produced in the U.S.

■ For whisky of this type produced outside the U.S., the class and type designation must include the words "American Type" or "Produced/Distilled/Blended [as appropriate] in _____". (Fill in blank with country of origin)

■ For whisky of this type produced in the U.S. by blending domestic and imported whiskies, the percentage and origin of each foreign whisky (e.g., "25% SPIRIT WHISKY PRODUCED IN JAPAN") must be shown on the **front** of the container

"Gin" is sufficient as class and type designation. "Distilled" may optionally appear as part of the class and type designation, i.e., "Distilled Gin"

"Gin" is sufficient as class and type designation. "Compounded" may appear but is not required as part of the class and type designation. Compounded Gin may not be referred to or described as "Distilled"

Sufficient as class and type designation ONLY for Grape Brandy

Brandy made by blending two or more specific types of brandies must be identified as "Brandy" followed by the percentage of (determined on a proof gallon basis) and name of each specific type of brandy, e.g., "Brandy, 25% Dried Pear Brandy, 75% Lees Brandy"

Percentages are not required if the brandy is derived from:

- 2 specific types of brandies and neither contributes less than 40% of the alcohol on a proof gallon basis
- 3 specific types of brandies and each contributes at least 30% of the alcohol on a proof gallon basis
- 4 specific types of brandies and each contributes at least 20% of the alcohol on a proof gallon basis

Fruit Brandy derived from two or more fruits must be identified as "Fruit Brandy" followed by the percentage of (determined on a proof gallon basis) and name of each fruit from which the brandy was made, e.g., "Fruit Brandy, 30% Apple Brandy, 70% Cherry Brandy"

Percentages are not required if the Fruit Brandy is derived from:

- 2 fruits and neither contributes less than 40% of the alcohol on a proof gallon basis
- 3 fruits and each contributes at least 30% of the alcohol on a proof gallon basis
- 4 fruits and each contributes at least 20% of the alcohol on a proof gallon basis

See footnote 7; these provisions also apply to Dried Fruit Brandy

Sufficient as class and type designation for Arak/Arack/Raki Liqueur/Cordial.

Arak/Arack/Raki containing less than 2½% by weight sugar, dextrose, levulose or combination thereof is a distilled spirits specialty and the class and type designation must include a truthful and adequate statement of composition (see "DISTILLED SPIRITS SPECIALTY" in "CLASS" column of this chart)

¹ Sufficient as class and type designation. For Sambuca produced outside of Italy, the class and type designation "Sambuca" must include the word "type" or "American" or other adjective indicating the true place of production

¹¹Sufficient as class and type designation. Predominant flavor becomes part of the class and type designation, e.g., "Crème de Almond," "Crème de Cocoa," "Crème de Peach"

¹²Sufficient as class and type designation. For Goldwasser produced outside of Germany, the class and type designation "Goldwasser" must include the word "type" or "American" or other adjective indicating the true place of production

¹³The class and type designation is the name of the cocktail with a declaration of the distilled spirits component(s) of the product, e.g., "Screwdriver Made With Vodka"

¹ A distinctive or fanciful product name with a statement reflecting the composition and character of the product is sufficient as class and type designation, e.g., "Spiced Rum, Rum With Spice Flavor"

CHAPTER 5

NAME AND ADDRESS

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

- GENERAL

The principal place of business is the address that appears on the basic permit

- USE

- For domestic distilled spirits

- OR

- For imported distilled spirits bottled, packed or filled **after** importation **labeled with the name and address of the U.S. bottler, packer or filler:**

- The principal place of business address may be used on labels in lieu of the address of the premise where the operation (e.g., bottling, distilling, production, etc.) specified on the label occurred

- For imported distilled spirits bottled, packed or filled **prior** to importation

- OR

- For imported distilled spirits bottled, packed or filled **after** importation **labeled with the name and address of the U.S. importer:**

- The principal place of business address must be used on the label

- CONDITIONS FOR USE

- The address where the operation occurred must be indicated by printing, coding or other markings on the label or container

- AND**

- The proprietor of the distilled spirits plant must file, prior to use, a notice explaining the coding system with:

- Chief, National Revenue Center
8002 Federal Office Building
550 Main Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-3263

NOTE: These two conditions for use apply only to domestic distilled spirits plants; they do not apply to U.S. importers

CONTRACT BOTTLING

- GENERAL

Contract bottling refers to the bottling, packing or filling of a distilled spirits product by a domestic distilled spirits plant for an unrelated domestic distilled spirits plant

Example: A Spirits is a distilled spirits plant located in Newark, New Jersey. A Spirits currently bottles its line of spirits products only in 750 ml bottles. The company would like to expand its size offerings to include 50 ml and 1 liter bottles. It is not, however, equipped to bottle in these sizes. Rather than re-outfitting its plant, A Spirits elects to have other distilled spirits plants do the bottling for it. A Spirits contracts with B Spirits, Cleveland, Ohio to bottle the 50 ml size and C Spirits, Portland, Oregon to bottle the 1 liter size

The three companies are unrelated; B Spirits and C Spirits are **contract bottling** for A Spirits

- LABEL NAME AND ADDRESS STATEMENT

There are several options for the required name and address statement on the label of contract bottled distilled spirits. You may use:

■The **name** of the distiller, blender, maker, preparer, manufacturer or producer **AND** the **address** of the premise where the production or blending operations occurred

OR

■The **name** of the distiller, blender, maker, preparer, manufacturer or producer **AND** the principal place of business **address** (see “PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS” section of this chapter) of the distiller, blender, maker, preparer, manufacturer or producer

OR

■The **name** of the bottler, packer or filler **AND** the **address** of the premise where the bottling, packing or filling operations occurred

OR

■The **name** of the bottler, packer or filler **AND** the principal place of business **address** (see “PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS” section of this chapter) of the bottler, packer or filler

OR

■The **name** of the company for whom the distilled spirits were bottled, packed or filled **AND** the principal place of business **address** of the company for whom the distilled spirits are bottled, packed or filled. The contract bottler may exercise this option **only if**:

The company for whom the distilled spirits are bottled, packed or filled is qualified as a distilled spirits plant

The contract bottler’s permit is amended to include the name of the company for whom the distilled spirits are bottled, packed or filled as a trade name

The address where the bottling, packing or filling operations occurred is indicated by printing, coding or other markings on the label or container

AND

The contact bottler files, prior to use, a notice explaining the coding system with:

Chief, National Revenue Center
8002 Federal Office Building
550 Main Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-3263

CHAPTER 6

STANDARDS OF FILL

CURRENT

■ For containers other than cans:

1.75 Liters	200 ml
1 Liter	100 ml
750 ml	50 ml
375 ml	

NOTE: 500 ml was an authorized standard of fill for bottling until June 30, 1989

■ For cans:

355 ml
200 ml
100 ml
50 ml

PRE-1980

- STANDARDS OF FILL

■ For distilled spirits other than liqueurs/cordials, bitters, recognized cocktails and distilled spirits specialties bottled before January 1, 1980:

1 gallon	4/5 pint
½ gallon	½ pint
1 quart	1/8 pint
4/5 quart	1/10 pint
1 pint	1/16 pint (for brandy only)

■ For liqueurs/cordials, bitters, recognized cocktails and distilled spirits specialties bottled before January 1, 1980:

There are no standards of fill

If not bottled in one of the sizes listed in this section ("PRE-1980"), net contents must be expressed in gallons, quarts, pints, fluid ounces

- LABELING NOTE

For distilled spirits bottled before January 1, 1980, the net contents statement must appear on the FRONT of the container

- DOCUMENTATION

Documentation of bottling or packing prior to January 1, 1980 must accompany the application for certificate of label approval (COLA):

For domestic distilled spirits, documentation is a bottling record

For imported distilled spirits, documentation is a bottling date certificate issued by an authorized certifying official in the country of origin or country of bottling

NOTE: The documentation requirement also applies to distilled spirits bottled before July 1, 1989 in 500 ml containers

CHAPTER 7

COLORING/FLAVORING/BLENDING MATERIALS

GENERAL

- Coloring/ flavoring/blending materials may be used in or added to any class and/or type of distilled spirits. However, the use or addition of these materials may change the class and/or type of the distilled spirits

Example: FD&C Yellow #5 is added to straight bourbon whisky. The resulting product is no longer “straight bourbon whisky.” The product is now a distilled spirits specialty and must be labeled with a statement of composition such as “STRAIGHT BOURBON WHISKY WITH FD&C YELLOW #5 ADDED”

- The use or addition of coloring/ flavoring/blending materials will not cause a change in the class and/or type if the materials used or added can be considered “harmless.” (See “HARMLESS COLORING/FLAVORING/BLENDING MATERIALS” section of this chapter)

COLORING MATERIALS

- STATUS

- Coloring materials must be approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

- Approved coloring materials are categorized as “certified” or “non-certified”

- APPROVED COLORING MATERIALS

All coloring materials approved for use in distilled spirits are listed below:

- Certified Colors

- FD&C Blue #1
- FD&C Blue #2
- FD&C Green #3
- FD&C Red #3
- FD&C Red #40
- FD&C Yellow #5
- FD&C Yellow #6

NOTE: The lake of each certified color, **except for FD&C Red #3**, listed above is an approved coloring material

■Non-certified Colors

Annatto Extract
Beet Extract
Beta Carotene
Caramel
Carmine (Cochineal Extract)
Elderberry Extract
Grapeskin Extract (Enocianina)
Paprika
Saffron
Titanium Dioxide
Turmeric

FLAVORING MATERIALS

- GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Flavoring materials include:

- Essential oils
- Oleoresins
- Spices
- Herbs
- Fruit Juices/Concentrates
- Commercially prepared flavors including essences, extracts, blenders, infusions, etc.

- STATUS

All flavoring materials used in alcohol beverages must be:

- Approved by FDA under a specific regulation

OR

- Affirmed as GRAS (generally recognized as safe) by FDA

OR

- Self-affirmed as GRAS with no FDA objection

- FLAVOR CATEGORIZATION

- Categories

For labeling purposes, all flavoring materials are categorized as:

All natural OR

Natural and artificial containing not more than 0.1% artificial topnote (i.e., an artificial material added to enhance the flavor, essence, extract, blender, etc., or replace a flavor note lost in processing) OR

Natural and artificial containing greater than 0.1% artificial topnote OR

All artificial

- Nomenclature

Flavors categorized as “all natural” or “natural and artificial containing not more than 0.1% artificial topnote” are “natural” for labeling purposes

Flavors categorized as “natural and artificial containing greater than 0.1% artificial topnote” or “artificial” are categorized as “artificial” for labeling purposes

BLENDING MATERIALS

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Blending materials include:

- Wine

- Sugar

HARMLESS COLORING/FLAVORING/BLENDING MATERIALS

- DEFINITION

Harmless coloring/flavoring/blending materials are coloring materials, flavoring materials or blending materials that:

- Are an essential component of the particular class and/or type of distilled spirits

Example: By definition, a liqueur/cordial must contain flavoring material. Therefore, flavoring material is an essential component of this class/type of distilled spirits

- Are **not** an essential component but are, through established trade practice, customarily used in the particular class and/or type of distilled spirits
PROVIDED THAT the total addition of coloring/flavoring/blending materials does not exceed 2½% by volume of the finished product

Example: Traditionally, to ensure consistency in color and smoothness, caramel color and blending sherry are added to blended whisky. Consequently, provided the total addition of caramel and blending sherry does not exceed 2½% by volume of the blended whisky, these coloring and blending materials are considered “harmless”

NOTE: In the category of “non-essential but customarily used coloring/flavoring/blending materials,” caramel is the only coloring material permitted

- USE CHART

- Purpose

The chart below specifies:

Whether harmless coloring/flavoring/blending materials may be used in or added to each listed class/type, **AND**

IF harmless coloring/flavoring/blending materials may be used or added:

- Whether the use or addition of harmless coloring/flavoring/blending materials is limited to or may exceed 2½% by volume of the finished product
- What category or type of flavoring materials may be used or added
- Whether the use or addition of harmless coloring/flavoring/blending materials must be disclosed on the label
- Whether there are any additional or specific limitations or restrictions that apply

■Glossary

A number of abbreviated references (both alpha and numeric) are used in the chart below. A glossary of these abbreviations follows:

HCFBM = HARMLESS COLORING/FLAVORING/BLENDING MATERIALS

NTE 2½% = NOT TO EXCEED 2½% [i.e., harmless coloring/flavoring/blending materials may not exceed 2½% by volume of the finished product]

ME 2½% = MAY EXCEED 2½% [i.e., harmless coloring/flavoring/blending materials may exceed 2½% by volume of the finished product]

CFA = CATEGORY OF FLAVOR ALLOWED

The category of flavor is indicated by number:

- 1 = All natural
- 2 = Natural and artificial containing not more than 0.1% artificial topnote
- 3 = Natural and artificial containing greater than 0.1% artificial topnote
- 4 = All artificial

CM = COLORING MATERIALS [if this column is marked, the use of coloring materials must be disclosed on the label]

FM = FLAVORING MATERIALS [if this column is marked, the use of flavoring materials must be disclosed on the label]

BM = BLENDING MATERIALS [if this column is marked, the use of blending materials must be disclosed on the label]

USE OF HARMLESS COLORING/FLAVORING/BLENDING MATERIALS

CLASS/TYPE	HCFBM ALLOWED			CFA	LABEL DISCLOSURE REQUIRED				QUALIFICATION
	YES NTE 2½%	YES ME 2½%	NO		YES			NO	
					CM	FM	BM		
ALEXANDER		X		1, 2	X				
ADVOCAAT		X		1, 2	X				
AMARETTO		X		1, 2	X				
ANISETTE		X		1, 2	X				
APPLEJACK- A BLEND	X			1, 2				X	
APRICOT SOUR		X		1, 2	X				

CLASS/TYPE	HCFBM ALLOWED			CFA	LABEL DISCLOSURE REQUIRED				QUALIFICATION
	YES NTE 2½%	YES ME 2½%	NO		YES			NO	
					CM	FM	BM		
AQUAVIT		X		1, 2	X				
ARAK		X		1, 2	X				
ARMAGNAC	X			1, 2				X	
BITTERS		X		1, 2	X				
BLACK RUSSIAN		X		1, 2	X				
BLOODY MARY		X		1, 2	X				
BOURBON LIQUEUR/ CORDIAL		*		1, 2	X				*Wine, if used, may not exceed 2½% by volume of the finished product
BRANDY (DRIED FRUIT)	X			1, 2				X	
BRANDY (FRUIT)	X			1, 2				X	
BRANDY (GRAPE)	X			1, 2				X	
BRANDY (IMMATURE)	X			1, 2				X	
BRANDY (LEES)	X			1, 2				X	
BRANDY (NEUTRAL)	X			1, 2				X	
BRANDY (POMACE/MARC)	X			1, 2				X	
BRANDY (RAISIN)	X			1, 2				X	
BRANDY (RESIDUE)	X			1, 2				X	
BRANDY (SUBSTANDARD)	X			1, 2				X	
BRANDY LIQUEUR/ CORDIAL		*		1, 2	X				*Wine, if used, may not exceed 2½% by volume of the finished product
CALVADOS	X			1, 2				X	
CANADIAN WHISKY			X						
CANADIAN WHISKY- A BLEND			X						
COGNAC	*			1				X	*HCFBM is limited to sugar, caramel and oak chip infusion
CRÈME DE		X		1, 2	X				
CURACAO		X		1, 2	X				
DAQUIRI		X		1, 2	X				
DISTILLED SPIRITS SPECIALTY		X		1, 2, 3, 4	X	X	*		*The use or addition of sugar does not require label disclosure
EGG NOG		X		1, 2	X				

CLASS/TYPE	HCFBM ALLOWED			CFA	LABEL DISCLOSURE REQUIRED				QUALIFICATION
	YES NTE 2½%	YES ME 2½%	NO		YES			NO	
					CM	FM	BM		
FLAVORED BRANDY		X		1, 2	X		*		*Wine may be added up to 15% by volume of the finished product provided at least 12½% of the wine is derived from the base commodity that corresponds to the labeled flavor of the product. If not, or if the wine addition exceeds 15% by volume of the finished product, the percentages and classes/types of wine must also be disclosed on the label (as part of the class/type designation)
FLAVORED GIN		X		1, 2	X		*		*If wine is used and exceeds 2½% by volume of the finished product, the percentages and classes/types of wine must also be disclosed on the label (as part of the class/type designation)
FLAVORED RUM		X		1, 2	X		*		*If wine is used and exceeds 2½% by volume of the finished product, the percentages and classes/types of wine must also be disclosed on the label (as part of the class/type designation)
FLAVORED VODKA		X		1, 2	X		*		*If wine is used and exceeds 2½% by volume of the finished product, the percentages and classes/types of wine must also be disclosed on the label (as part of the class/type designation)

CLASS/TYPE	HCFBM ALLOWED			CFA	LABEL DISCLOSURE REQUIRED				QUALIFICATION
	YES NTE 2½%	YES ME 2½%	NO		YES			NO	
					CM	FM	BM		
FLAVORED WHISKY		X		1, 2	X		*		*If wine is used and exceeds 2½% by volume of the finished product, the percentages and classes/types of wine must also be disclosed on the label (as part of the class/type designation)
GIMLET		X		1, 2	X				
GIN (COMPOUNDED)		*		1, 2				X	*HCFBM is juniper berries and (optionally) other aromatics or their extracts, essences or flavors blended with neutral spirits
GIN (DISTILLED)		*		1, 2				X	*HCFBM is juniper berries and (optionally) other aromatics or their extracts, essences or flavors added to mash prior to distillation
GIN (REDISTILLED)		*		1, 2				X	*HCFBM is juniper berries and (optionally) other aromatics or their extracts, essences or flavors added to distilled spirits prior to redistillation
GIN LIQUEUR/ CORDIAL		*		1, 2	X				*Wine, if used, may not exceed 2½% by volume of the finished product
GOLDWASSER		X		1, 2	X				
GRAIN SPIRITS			X						
GRAPPA	X			1, 2				X	
GRASSHOPPER		X		1, 2	X				
IMITATION DISTILLED SPIRITS		X		1, 2, 3, 4	X				
IRISH WHISKY			X						
IRISH WHISKY- A BLEND			X						
KIRSCHWASSER	X			1, 2				X	
KUMMEL		X		1, 2	X				
LIQUEUR/ CORDIAL		X		1, 2	X				
MAI TAI		X		1, 2	X				
MANHATTAN		X		1, 2	X				
MARGARITA		X		1, 2	X				
MARTINI		X		1, 2	X				
MESCAL			X						
MINT JULEP		X		1, 2	X				
NEUTRAL SPIRITS OR ALCOHOL			X						
OLD FASHIONED		X		1, 2	X				
OUZO		X		1, 2	X				

CLASS/TYPE	HCFBM ALLOWED			CFA	LABEL DISCLOSURE REQUIRED				QUALIFICATION
	YES NTE 2½%	YES ME 2½%	NO		YES			NO	
					CM	FM	BM		
PEPPERMINT SCHNAPPS		X		1, 2	X				
PINK SQUIRREL		X		1, 2	X				
PISCO	X			1, 2				X	
ROCK AND BOURBON		*		1, 2	X				*Wine, if used, may not exceed 2½% by volume of the finished product
ROCK AND BRANDY		*		1, 2	X				*Wine, if used, may not exceed 2½% by volume of the finished product
ROCK AND RUM		*		1, 2	X				*Wine, if used, may not exceed 2½% by volume of the finished product
ROCK AND RYE		*		1, 2	X				*Wine, if used, may not exceed 2½% by volume of the finished product
RUM	X			1, 2				X	
RUM LIQUEUR/ CORDIAL		*		1, 2	X				*Wine, if used, may not exceed 2½% by volume of the finished product
RYE LIQUEUR/ CORDIAL		*		1, 2	X				*Wine, if used, may not exceed 2½% by volume of the finished product
SAMBUCA		X		1, 2	X				
SCOTCH WHISKY			X						
SCOTCH WHISKY- A BLEND			X						
SCREWDRIVER		X		1, 2	X				
SLIVOVITZ	X			1, 2				X	
SLOE GIN		X		1, 2	X				
SLOE GIN FIZZ		X		1, 2	X				
TEQUILA			X						
TOM COLLINS		X		1, 2	X				
TRIPLE SEC		X		1, 2	X				
VODKA	*			1				X	*HCFBM limited to citric acid (maximum of 0.1% by volume of the finished product) and sugar (maximum of 0.2% by volume of the finished product) added directly or by addition of a citric acid/sugar blender
WALLBANGER		X		1, 2	X				
WHISKIES (A BLEND OF STRAIGHT BOURBON)	X			1, 2				X	
WHISKIES (A BLEND OF STRAIGHT CORN)	X			1, 2				X	
WHISKIES (A BLEND OF STRAIGHT MALT)	X			1, 2				X	

CLASS/TYPE	HCFBM ALLOWED			CFA	LABEL DISCLOSURE REQUIRED				QUALIFICATION
	YES NTE 2½%	YES ME 2½%	NO		YES			NO	
					CM	FM	BM		
WHISKIES (A BLEND OF STRAIGHT RYE MALT)	X			1, 2				X	
WHISKIES (A BLEND OF STRAIGHT RYE)	X			1, 2				X	
WHISKIES (A BLEND OF STRAIGHT WHEAT)	X			1, 2				X	
WHISKIES (A BLEND OF STRAIGHT)	X			1, 2				X	
WHISKY	X			1, 2				X	
WHISKY (BLENDED BOURBON)	X			1, 2				X	
WHISKY (BLENDED CORN)	X			1, 2				X	
WHISKY (BLENDED LIGHT)	X			1, 2				X	
WHISKY (BLENDED MALT)	X			1, 2				X	
WHISKY (BLENDED RYE MALT)	X			1, 2				X	
WHISKY (BLENDED RYE)	X			1, 2				X	
WHISKY (BLENDED WHEAT)	X			1, 2				X	
WHISKY (BLENDED)	X			1, 2				X	
WHISKY (BOURBON)			X						
WHISKY (CORN)	X			1, 2				X	
WHISKY (DISTILLED FROM BOURBON MASH)	X			1, 2				X	
WHISKY (DISTILLED FROM MALT MASH)	X			1, 2				X	
WHISKY (DISTILLED FROM RYE MALT MASH)	X			1, 2				X	
WHISKY (DISTILLED FROM RYE MASH)	X			1, 2				X	
WHISKY (DISTILLED FROM WHEAT MASH)	X			1, 2				X	
WHISKY (LIGHT)	X			1, 2				X	
WHISKY (MALT)	X			1, 2				X	
WHISKY (RYE MALT)	X			1, 2				X	
WHISKY (RYE)	X			1, 2				X	
WHISKY (SPIRIT)	X			1, 2				X	
WHISKY (STRAIGHT BOURBON)			X						

CLASS/TYPE	HCFBM ALLOWED			CFA	LABEL DISCLOSURE REQUIRED				QUALIFICATION
	YES NTE 2½%	YES ME 2½%	NO		YES			NO	
					CM	FM	BM		
WHISKY (STRAIGHT CORN)			X						
WHISKY (STRAIGHT MALT)			X						
WHISKY (STRAIGHT RYE MALT)			X						
WHISKY (STRAIGHT RYE)			X						
WHISKY (STRAIGHT WHEAT)			X						
WHISKY (STRAIGHT)			X						
WHISKY (WHEAT)	X			1, 2				X	
WHISKY SOUR		X		1, 2	X				
WHITE RUSSIAN		X		1, 2	X				

CHAPTER 8

STATEMENTS OF AGE

DEFINITION OF “AGE”

- Age is the period during which, after distillation and before bottling, distilled spirits have been stored in oak containers
- For bourbon, rye, wheat, malt or rye malt whiskies and straight whiskies, other than straight corn whisky (which must be stored in used or uncharred new oak containers), the oak container must be a charred new oak container

FORMAT

- For all distilled spirits **except**

Whiskies (other than corn whisky and light whisky) produced in the U.S. and stored in reused oak containers and

Types of whiskies containing neutral spirits (e.g., blended whisky, spirit whisky, etc.)

the statement of age (whether required or optional) must appear as:

- “____ YEARS OLD”
(Fill in blank with specific age or age of youngest distilled spirits in blend)

OR

- “AGED ____ YEARS”
(Fill in blank with specific age or age of youngest distilled spirits in blend)

OR may appear as a statement of age and percentage:

- “____% _____ YEARS OLD”

OR

- “____% _____ AGED ____ YEARS”

(This option applies to mixtures or blends, e.g., a mixture or blend of two or more rums of different ages. Fill in first blank with the percent of the finished product on a proof gallon basis contributed by each listed distilled

spirits [listed percentages must total 100%]; the second blank with the class/type of each distilled spirits; the third blank with the specific age of each distilled spirits)

Example: Three rums of different ages are blended. Although a statement of age is not required, the bottler elects to label the rum with an age statement that discloses the age of each rum in the blend:

“25% RUM 4 YEARS OLD
35% RUM 5 YEARS OLD
40% RUM 6 YEARS OLD”

■ For whiskies (other than corn whisky and light whisky) produced in the U.S. and stored in reused oak containers, the statement of age (whether required or optional) must appear as:

➤ “_____ STORED ____ YEARS IN REUSED COOPERAGE”
(Fill in first blank with class/type of distilled spirits; second blank with number of years distilled spirits were stored in reused oak containers)

OR may appear as a statement of storage and percentage:

➤ “____% _____ STORED ____ YEARS IN REUSED COOPERAGE”
(This option applies to mixtures or blends, e.g., a mixture or blend of two or more whiskies distilled from bourbon mash of different ages. Fill in first blank with the percent of the finished product on a proof gallon basis contributed by each listed distilled spirits [listed percentages must total 100%]; the second blank with the class/type of each distilled spirits; the third blank with the number of years each distilled spirits is stored in reused containers)

Example: Two whiskies distilled from bourbon mash are blended. Both whiskies are less than 4 years old. A statement of age is therefore required on the label. The bottler elects to disclose the age of each whisky in the blend:

“55% WHISKY DISTILLED FROM BOURBON MASH STORED 3½
YEARS IN REUSED COOPERAGE
45% WHISKY DISTILLED FROM BOURBON MASH STORED 2
YEARS IN REUSED COOPERAGE”

■ For types of whiskies containing neutral spirits, a statement of age and percentage is required

The age and percentage statement must reference all whiskies contained in the product either:

➤ Specifically by class/type, e.g., “straight bourbon whisky,” “rye whisky,” etc.

OR

- Generally as “straight whisky” or “whisky,” as appropriate. For example, “straight bourbon whisky” may be identified as “straight whisky;” “rye whisky” may be identified as “whisky”

The age and percentage statement (whether required or optional) must appear as:

- If one straight whisky and/or one other whisky is/are contained in the product

“____% STRAIGHT WHISKY [OR SPECIFIC TYPE OF STRAIGHT WHISKY] _____ YEARS OLD”

AND/OR

“____% WHISKY [OR SPECIFIC TYPE OF WHISKY] _____ YEARS OLD”

(Fill in first blank with the percent of the finished product on a proof gallon basis contributed by the straight whisky and/or other whisky; the second blank with the specific age of the straight whisky and/or other whisky)

- If two or more straight whiskies and/or two or more other whiskies are contained in the product

“____% STRAIGHT WHISKY [OR SPECIFIC TYPE OF STRAIGHT WHISKY] _____ YEARS OLD
____% STRAIGHT WHISKY [OR SPECIFIC TYPE OF STRAIGHT WHISKY] _____ YEARS OLD”

AND/OR

“____% WHISKY [OR SPECIFIC TYPE OF WHISKY] _____ YEARS OLD
____% WHISKY [OR SPECIFIC TYPE OF WHISKY] _____ YEARS OLD”

(Fill in first blank with the percent of the finished product on a proof gallon basis contributed by each straight whisky and/or other whisky; the second blank with the specific age of each straight whisky and/or other whisky)

OR

“____% STRAIGHT WHISKIES _____ YEARS OR MORE OLD”

AND/OR

“____% WHISKIES _____ YEARS OR MORE OLD”

(Fill in first blank with the percent of the finished product on a proof gallon basis contributed by the straight whiskies and/or other whiskies; the second

blank with the age of the youngest straight whisky and/or other whisky in the blend)

Example: A blend of straight bourbon whisky (5%), straight rye whisky (8%), rye whisky (10%) and wheat whisky (12%) are used in the production of a distilled spirits product that also contains neutral spirits. All of the whiskies are less than 4 years old. The required age and percentage statement may appear as:

“5% STRAIGHT WHISKY [OR STRAIGHT BOURBON WHISKY] 2 YEARS OLD
8% STRAIGHT WHISKY [OR STRAIGHT RYE WHISKY] 3 YEARS OLD
10% WHISKY [OR RYE WHISKY] 3½ YEARS OLD
12% WHISKY [OR WHEAT WHISKY] 3 YEARS OLD”

OR

“13% STRAIGHT WHISKIES 2 YEARS OR MORE OLD
22% WHISKIES 3 YEARS OR MORE OLD”

NOTE: The statement of age and percentage for whiskies containing neutral spirits must appear with the commodity statement. (See Item 12, COMMODITY STATEMENT in CHAPTER 1, MANDATORY LABEL INFORMATION) The percentages of the whiskies and neutral spirits shown on the label must total 100%

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- If used in the brand name, the word “old” or other word denoting age is not considered an age reference
- Age may be understated but may not be overstated. In the instance of a straight whisky aged 59 months, the age may not be overstated as “5 years old” but may be understated as, for example, “over 4 years old”

USE CHART

In the chart below, the classes/types identified in the CLASSES AND TYPES chart in CHAPTER 4, CLASS AND TYPE DESIGNATION are listed alphabetically. The use of a specific statement of age, miscellaneous age reference and vintage and distillation dates is addressed for each class/type

USE OF AGE/STORAGE STATEMENTS AND DATES ON LABELS

CLASS/TYPE	IS A SPECIFIC STATEMENT OF AGE ALLOWED?	IS A MISCELLANEOUS AGE REFERENCE ALLOWED?	IS A VINTAGE DATE ALLOWED?	IS A DISTILLATION DATE ALLOWED?
ALEXANDER	NO	NO	NO	NO
ADVOCAAT	NO	NO	NO	NO
AMARETTO	NO	NO	NO	NO
ANISETTE	NO	NO	NO	NO
APPLEJACK (APPLE BRANDY)	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the applejack is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
APPLEJACK- A BLEND	NO	NO	NO	NO
APRICOT SOUR	NO	NO	NO	NO
AQUAVIT	NO	NO	NO	NO
ARAK	NO	NO	NO	NO
ARMAGNAC	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the Armagnac is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
BITTERS	NO	NO	NO	NO
BLACK RUSSIAN	NO	NO	NO	NO
BLODDY MARY	NO	NO	NO	NO
BOURBON LIQUEUR/CORDIAL	NO	NO	NO	NO
BRANDY (SUBSTANDARD)	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the substandard brandy is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
BRANDY (DRIED FRUIT)	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the dried fruit brandy is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date

CLASS/TYPE	IS A SPECIFIC STATEMENT OF AGE ALLOWED?	IS A MISCELLANEOUS AGE REFERENCE ALLOWED?	IS A VINTAGE DATE ALLOWED?	IS A DISTILLATION DATE ALLOWED?
BRANDY (FRUIT - OTHER THAN GRAPE)	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the other-than-grape fruit brandy is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
BRANDY (GRAPE LEES)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the grape lees brandy is less than 2 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the grape lees brandy is not less than 2 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the grape lees brandy is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
BRANDY (GRAPE POMACE OR GRAPE MARC)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the pomace or marc brandy is less than 2 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the grape pomace or grape marc brandy is not less than 2 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the grape pomace or grape marc brandy is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
BRANDY (GRAPE)	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the grape brandy is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
BRANDY (IMMATURE GRAPE)	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference	NO	YES IF the immature brandy is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
BRANDY (IMMATURE GRAPE RESIDUE)	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference	NO	YES IF the immature residue brandy is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
BRANDY (LEES - OTHER THAN GRAPE)	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the other- than-grape lees brandy is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date

CLASS/TYPE	IS A SPECIFIC STATEMENT OF AGE ALLOWED?	IS A MISCELLANEOUS AGE REFERENCE ALLOWED?	IS A VINTAGE DATE ALLOWED?	IS A DISTILLATION DATE ALLOWED?
BRANDY (NEUTRAL)	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the neutral brandy is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
BRANDY (POMACE OR MARC – OTHER THAN GRAPE)	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the other-than-grape pomace or marc brandy is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
BRANDY (RAISIN)	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the raisin brandy is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
BRANDY (RESIDUE)	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the residue brandy is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
BRANDY LIQUEUR/ CORDIAL	NO	NO	NO	NO
CALVADOS	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the Calvados is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
CANADIAN WHISKY	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the Canadian whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the Canadian whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the Canadian whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
CANADIAN WHISKY- A BLEND	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the blended Canadian whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the blended Canadian whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO

CLASS/TYPE	IS A SPECIFIC STATEMENT OF AGE ALLOWED?	IS A MISCELLANEOUS AGE REFERENCE ALLOWED?	IS A VINTAGE DATE ALLOWED?	IS A DISTILLATION DATE ALLOWED?
COGNAC	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the Cognac is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
CRÈME DE	NO	NO	NO	NO
CURACAO	NO	NO	NO	NO
DAQUIRI	NO	NO	NO	NO
DISTILLED SPIRITS SPECIALTY	NO	NO	NO	NO
EGG NOG	NO	NO	NO	NO
FLAVORED BRANDY	NO	NO	NO	NO
FLAVORED GIN	NO	NO	NO	NO
FLAVORED RUM	NO	NO	NO	NO
FLAVORED VODKA	NO	NO	NO	NO
FLAVORED WHISKY	NO	NO	NO	NO
GIMLET	NO	NO	NO	NO
GIN (COMPOUNDED)	NO	NO	NO	NO
GIN (DISTILLED)	NO	NO	NO	NO
GIN (REDISTILLED)	NO	NO	NO	NO
GIN LIQUEUR/ CORDIAL	NO	NO	NO	NO
GOLDWASSER	NO	NO	NO	NO
GRAIN SPIRITS	NO BUT a statement of the period of storage in oak containers is allowed	NO	NO	NO
GRAPPA	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the grappa is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
GRASSHOPPER	NO	NO	NO	NO
IMITATION DISTILLED SPIRITS	NO	NO	NO	NO
IRISH WHISKY	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the Irish whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the Irish whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the Irish whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
IRISH WHISKY- A BLEND	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the blended Irish whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the blended Irish whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO

CLASS/TYPE	IS A SPECIFIC STATEMENT OF AGE ALLOWED?	IS A MISCELLANEOUS AGE REFERENCE ALLOWED?	IS A VINTAGE DATE ALLOWED?	IS A DISTILLATION DATE ALLOWED?
KIRSCHWASSER	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the kirschwasser is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
KUMMEL	NO	NO	NO	NO
LIQUEUR/ CORDIAL	NO	NO	NO	NO
MAI TAI	NO	NO	NO	NO
MANHATTAN	NO	NO	NO	NO
MARGARITA	NO	NO	NO	NO
MARTINI	NO	NO	NO	NO
MESCAL	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference	NO	YES IF the mescal is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
MINT JULEP	NO	NO	NO	NO
NEUTRAL SPIRITS OR ALCOHOL	NO	NO	NO	NO
OLD FASHIONED	NO	NO	NO	NO
OUZO	NO	NO	NO	NO
PEPPERMINT SCHNAPPS	NO	NO	NO	NO
PINK SQUIRREL	NO	NO	NO	NO
PISCO	NO	NO	NO	NO
ROCK AND BOURBON	NO	NO	NO	NO
ROCK AND BRANDY	NO	NO	NO	NO
ROCK AND RUM	NO	NO	NO	NO
ROCK AND RYE	NO	NO	NO	NO
RUM	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the rum is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the rum is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
RUM LIQUEUR/ CORDIAL	NO	NO	NO	NO
RYE LIQUEUR/ CORDIAL	NO	NO	NO	NO
SAMBUCA	NO	NO	NO	NO
SCOTCH WHISKY	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the Scotch whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the Scotch whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the Scotch whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date

CLASS/TYPE	IS A SPECIFIC STATEMENT OF AGE ALLOWED?	IS A MISCELLANEOUS AGE REFERENCE ALLOWED?	IS A VINTAGE DATE ALLOWED?	IS A DISTILLATION DATE ALLOWED?
SCOTCH WHISKY- A BLEND	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the blended Scotch whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the blended Scotch whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO
SCREWDRIVER SLIVOVITZ	NO YES	NO YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO NO	NO YES IF the slivovitz is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
SLOE GIN	NO	NO	NO	NO
SLOE GIN FIZZ	NO	NO	NO	NO
TEQUILA	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the Tequila is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the Tequila is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
TOM COLLINS	NO	NO	NO	NO
TRIPLE SEC	NO	NO	NO	NO
VODKA	NO	NO	NO	NO
WALLBANGER	NO	NO	NO	NO
WHISKIES (A BLEND OF STRAIGHT BOURBON)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if any of the straight bourbon whiskies in the blend are less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS all of the straight bourbon whiskies in the blend are not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO
WHISKIES (A BLEND OF STRAIGHT CORN)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if any of the straight corn whiskies in the blend are less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS all of the straight corn whiskies in the blend are not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO

CLASS/TYPE	IS A SPECIFIC STATEMENT OF AGE ALLOWED?	IS A MISCELLANEOUS AGE REFERENCE ALLOWED?	IS A VINTAGE DATE ALLOWED?	IS A DISTILLATION DATE ALLOWED?
WHISKIES (A BLEND OF STRAIGHT MALT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if any of the straight malt whiskies in the blend are less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS all of the straight malt whiskies in the blend are not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO
WHISKIES (A BLEND OF STRAIGHT RYE MALT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if any of the straight rye malt whiskies in the blend are less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS all of the straight rye malt whiskies in the blend are not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO
WHISKIES (A BLEND OF STRAIGHT RYE)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if any of the straight rye whiskies in the blend are less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS all of the straight rye whiskies in the blend are not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO
WHISKIES (A BLEND OF STRAIGHT WHEAT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if any of the straight wheat whiskies in the blend are less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS all of the straight wheat whiskies in the blend are not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO
WHISKIES (A BLEND OF STRAIGHT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if any of the straight whiskies in the blend are less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS all of the straight whiskies in the blend are not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO
WHISKY	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO

CLASS/TYPE	IS A SPECIFIC STATEMENT OF AGE ALLOWED?	IS A MISCELLANEOUS AGE REFERENCE ALLOWED?	IS A VINTAGE DATE ALLOWED?	IS A DISTILLATION DATE ALLOWED?
WHISKY (BLENDED BOURBON)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the straight bourbon whisky portion of the product is less than 4 years old	YES BUT the age reference must be specific to the straight bourbon whisky portion of the product and a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the straight bourbon whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO
WHISKY (BLENDED CORN)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the straight corn whisky portion of the product is less than 4 years old	YES BUT the age reference must be specific to the straight corn whisky portion of the product and a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the straight corn whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO
WHISKY (BLENDED LIGHT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if either the light whisky or straight whisky portion of the product is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS both the light whisky and straight whisky portions of the product are not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO
WHISKY (BLENDED MALT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the straight malt whisky portion of the product is less than 4 years old	YES BUT the age reference must be specific to the straight malt whisky portion of the product and a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the straight malt whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO
WHISKY (BLENDED RYE MALT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the straight rye malt whisky portion of the product is less than 4 years old	YES BUT the age reference must be specific to the straight rye malt whisky portion of the product and a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the straight rye malt whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO

CLASS/TYPE	IS A SPECIFIC STATEMENT OF AGE ALLOWED?	IS A MISCELLANEOUS AGE REFERENCE ALLOWED?	IS A VINTAGE DATE ALLOWED?	IS A DISTILLATION DATE ALLOWED?
WHISKY (BLENDED RYE)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the straight rye whisky portion of the product is less than 4 years old	YES BUT the age reference must be specific to the straight rye whisky portion of the product and a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the straight rye whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO
WHISKY (BLENDED WHEAT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the straight wheat whisky portion of the product is less than 4 years old	YES BUT the age reference must be specific to the straight wheat whisky portion of the product and a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the straight wheat whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO
WHISKY (BLENDED)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the straight whisky portion of the product is less than 4 years old	YES BUT the age reference must be specific to the straight whisky portion of the product and a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the straight whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO
WHISKY (BOURBON)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the bourbon whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the bourbon whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the bourbon whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY (CORN)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the corn whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the corn whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the corn whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date

CLASS/TYPE	IS A SPECIFIC STATEMENT OF AGE ALLOWED?	IS A MISCELLANEOUS AGE REFERENCE ALLOWED?	IS A VINTAGE DATE ALLOWED?	IS A DISTILLATION DATE ALLOWED?
WHISKY (DISTILLED FROM BOURBON MASH)	NO BUT a statement of the period of storage in used oak containers is REQUIRED if the whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a statement of the period of storage in used oak containers must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in used oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY (DISTILLED FROM MALT MASH)	NO BUT a statement of the period of storage in used oak containers is REQUIRED if the whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a statement of the period of storage in used oak containers must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in used oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY (DISTILLED FROM RYE MALT MASH)	NO BUT a statement of the period of storage in used oak containers is REQUIRED if the whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a statement of the period of storage in used oak containers must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in used oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY (DISTILLED FROM RYE MASH)	NO BUT a statement of the period of storage in used oak containers is REQUIRED if the whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a statement of the period of storage in used oak containers must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in used oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY (DISTILLED FROM WHEAT MASH)	NO BUT a statement of the period of storage in used oak containers is REQUIRED if the whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a statement of the period of storage in used oak containers must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in used oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY (LIGHT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the light whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the light whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the light whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date

CLASS/TYPE	IS A SPECIFIC STATEMENT OF AGE ALLOWED?	IS A MISCELLANEOUS AGE REFERENCE ALLOWED?	IS A VINTAGE DATE ALLOWED?	IS A DISTILLATION DATE ALLOWED?
WHISKY (MALT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the malt whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the malt whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the malt whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY (RYE MALT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the rye malt whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the rye malt whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the rye malt whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY (RYE)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the rye whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the rye whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the rye whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY (SPIRIT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the whisky portion of the product is less than 4 years old	YES BUT the age reference must be specific to the whisky portion of the product and a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO
WHISKY (STRAIGHT BOURBON)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the straight bourbon whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the straight bourbon whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the straight bourbon whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY (STRAIGHT CORN)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the straight corn whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the straight corn whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the straight corn whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date

CLASS/TYPE	IS A SPECIFIC STATEMENT OF AGE ALLOWED?	IS A MISCELLANEOUS AGE REFERENCE ALLOWED?	IS A VINTAGE DATE ALLOWED?	IS A DISTILLATION DATE ALLOWED?
WHISKY (STRAIGHT MALT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the straight malt whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the straight malt whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the straight malt whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY (STRAIGHT RYE MALT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the straight rye malt whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the straight rye malt whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the straight rye malt whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY (STRAIGHT RYE)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the straight rye whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the straight rye whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the straight rye whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY (STRAIGHT WHEAT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the straight wheat whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the straight wheat whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the straight wheat whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY (STRAIGHT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the straight whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the straight whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the straight whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY (WHEAT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the wheat whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the wheat whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the wheat whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY SOUR	NO	NO	NO	NO
WHITE RUSSIAN	NO	NO	NO	NO

CHAPTER 9 CONTAINERS

GENERAL FEATURES

- DESIGN

The design of the container may not be visually misleading as to the container's actual capacity

- MATERIALS

Any materials used in the construction or manufacture of containers must be approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for use in the packaging of beverage alcohol products

STANDARD CONTAINERS

- CRITERIA

A container is standard if:

- The contents are visible through the container **AND**

- The shape or design of the container is not distinctive, i.e., unusual, non-traditional, etc.

- MAXIMUM CONTAINER CAPACITY

- Headspace may not exceed 8% of the total capacity of the container after closure for containers of 200 ml or more

- Based on the headspace allowance, the maximum container capacity for each of the current standards of fill (see CHAPTER 9, STANDARDS OF FILL) is:

STANDARD OF FILL	MAXIMUM CONTAINER CAPACITY
200 ml	217 ml
375 ml	407 ml
750 ml	815 ml
1 Liter	1086 ml
1.75 Liters	1901 ml

NON-STANDARD OR DISTINCTIVE CONTAINERS

- CRITERIA

A container is non-standard if:

- The contents are not visible through the container **OR**
- The shape or design of the container is distinctive, i.e., unusual, non-traditional, etc.

- MAXIMUM CONTAINER CAPACITY

The maximum container capacity for each of the current standards of fill (see CHAPTER 9, STANDARDS OF FILL) is:

STANDARD OF FILL	MAXIMUM CONTAINER CAPACITY
50 ml	83 ml
100 ml	133 ml
200 ml	268 ml
355 ml	418 ml
375 ml	441 ml
750 ml	882 ml
1 Liter	1334 ml
1.75 Liters	2334 ml



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