

# Specifications for the Import of Beverages, Spirits, Waters, and Vinegar

## EU

### Range: wines, beer, cider, waters (all types), vinegar

In addition to the general technical requirements and the general labeling requirements, please refer to the following directives:

- Commission Directive [87/250/EEC](#) of 15 April 1987 on the indication of alcoholic strength by volume in the labeling of alcoholic beverages for sale to the ultimate consumer. This Directive shall apply to beverages with an alcoholic strength by volume exceeding 1.2 %, other than grape must, with fermentation arrested otherwise than by the addition of alcohol (classified under heading 22.04 of the Common Customs Tariff), and wine of fresh grapes and grape must with fermentation arrested by the addition of alcohol (classified under heading 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff).
- Regulation (EC) No [110/2008](#) of the European Parliament and the Council of 15 January 2008 on the definition, description, presentation, labeling and protection of geographical indications of spirit drinks and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No [1576/89](#) [[See amending act\(s\)](#)]. Spirit drinks are alcoholic drinks intended for human consumption. By definition, spirit drinks possess particular organoleptic qualities and have a minimum alcoholic strength of 15 % vol. Spirit drinks are produced either directly by distillation, by maceration or by the addition of flavorings, or by mixing a spirit drink with another drink, ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin or certain distillates.
- Council Regulation (EEC) No [1601/91](#) of 10 June 1991 laying down general rules on the definition, description and presentation of aromatized wines, aromatized wine-based drinks and aromatized wine-product cocktails [[See amending act\(s\)](#)]. The use of water in the preparation of these drinks is authorized provided that the quality of the water complies with the provisions of the [directive on natural mineral waters](#). The list of authorized additives and their use are laid down in accordance with the [regulation on food additives](#). The oenological practices and processes applicable to wines and grape must, which are involved in the composition of aromatized drinks, are laid down in Regulation (EC) No [491/2009](#).
- Directive [2009/54/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009 on the exploitation and marketing of natural mineral waters (Recast) - Text with EEA relevance. This Directive does not apply to waters which are medicinal products within the meaning of [Directive 2001/83/EC](#) and to natural mineral waters which are used at source for curative purposes (in the case of thermal or hydromineral establishments). Treatment and potability of

water: only three treatments are authorized, insofar as they do not alter the composition of the water as regards its essential constituents. These are:

- The separation of unstable elements;
- The separation of iron, manganese, sulphur and arsenic compounds by treatment with ozone and under the conditions laid down by the Commission following consultation of the [European Food Safety Agency](#) (EFSA);
- The separation of other undesirable constituents in compliance with the conditions for use laid down by the Commission following consultation of the EFSA.

The revivable total colony count and the number of parasites and pathogenic micro-organisms is checked at source and when the water is bottled. When marketed, a higher bacterial count may only be due to a normal increase. Water must not have any defects from the point of view of touch, taste and smell. It must be packaged in a container which avoids the possibility of adulteration or contamination.

Other requirements covering all the range of products include:

Certificate and analysis report for wine, grape juice and must	<a href="#">EU</a>
Control of contaminants in foodstuffs	<a href="#">EU/GB</a>
Health control of foodstuffs of non-animal origin	<a href="#">EU/GB</a>
Presentation and labeling of wine and certain wine products	<a href="#">EU/GB</a>
Voluntary - Products from organic production	<a href="#">EU/GB</a>
Labeling for foodstuffs	<a href="#">EU/GB</a>

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