

# Specifications for the import of Beverages, Spirits, Waters, and Vinegar Brazil

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

## **The Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply MAPA's Requirements for Alcoholic and Other Beverages**

The General Coordination for Wine and Beverages (CGVB) has the regulatory authority to enforce federal laws regarding the registration and labeling of beer, distilled spirits, wine, soft drinks, and juices, including laboratory tests.

Recently, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply (MAPA) changed its non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages import regulations through Normative Instruction no. 54 and no. 55 of November 18th, 2009. The new regulation exempts winery registration within MAPA and also establishes new formats for the certificate of analysis and certificate of origin for all alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. According to these normative, the certificates must follow the model presented in ANNEX VIII. Moreover, under this new procedure, MAPA also requires a list of entities eligible to issue the certificate of origin and analysis. In the past, companies have provided a document issued by Chambers of Commerce. Nowadays, each foreign government has to formally notify the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply (MAPA) of eligible entities. The list of eligible entities is available at MAPA's web page (<http://www.agricultura.gov.br/>).

In addition to the general import requirements and labeling requirements, the major regulations for alcoholic and beverage products, both domestic and imported, are:

- Lei nº10970 of November 12, 2004;

Replaces law 7678 of 1988 and regulates the production, marketing, and circulation of grape wine and other measures.

- Decreto nº 2314 of September 4, 1997;

Regulates Law 8918 of July 14, 1994, which provides for the standardization, classification, registration, inspection, and monitoring the production of beverages.

- Decreto nº 3510 of June 16, 2000;
- Decreto nº 4851 of October 2, 2003

Last 2 decrees are amendments to the decree no. 2314.of 1997.

- Labeling of food and beverage products must be in accordance to GoB regulations

Mineral water is under the authority of the National Agency of Sanitary Surveillance (ANVISA). Part of the Ministry of health (MS). On March 16, 2000, ANVISA published Resolucao nº 22 and nº 23 in the

Diario Oficial (Brazil's Federal Register), establishing the procedures for registration and exemption of registration for imported food products that fall under the regulatory authority of the Ministry of Health. These regulations were updated by Resolucao nº 278 of September 22, 2005 (Brazil std no.18). The objectives of these three rules are to provide guidance to importers and to improve ANVISA's efficiency in coordinating public health actions on imported food products. Under the Resolucao nº 278 , Imported Mineral water must be registered with ANVISA.

#### **USEFUL LINKS**

On MAPA "Sislegis" portal

<http://extranet.agricultura.gov.br/sislegis-consulta/consultarLegislacao.do>

ON ANVISA (Ministry of Health) HS

[http://portal2.saude.gov.br/saudelegis/leg\\_norma\\_pesq\\_consulta.cfm?limpar=pesquisa](http://portal2.saude.gov.br/saudelegis/leg_norma_pesq_consulta.cfm?limpar=pesquisa)