

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

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

The Importation of Intoxicating Liquors Act, a federal statute, gives the provinces and territories full control over the importation of intoxicating liquor into their jurisdictions. (Note: there are certain exceptions, such as bulk importations by licensed distillers and brewers for blending purposes). Consequently, Canadian importers should consult the appropriate provincial or territorial liquor authority before considering the importation or interprovincial trade of intoxicating liquor.

Standards of identity and labeling requirements for alcoholic beverages exist in the Food and Drugs Act and Regulations, the Consumer Packaging and Labeling Act and Regulations and the Excise Act and Regulations. Standardized container size requirements for wine exist in the Consumer Packaging and Labeling Regulations.

In addition to the general technical requirements as well as the general labeling requirements, exporters should review the following Canadian regulations/standards:

- The Consumer Packaging and Labeling Act
- Food and Drug Acts and Regulations (FDR)

Both are found at the following address:

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/about-the-cfia/acts-and-regulations/eng/1299846777345/1299847442232>

All alcoholic beverages regulations fall under Division 2 of the FDR sections B.02.001 till B.02.32.

For waters refer to: FDR division 12

FDR – Pre-packaged water and ice; section B.12.001 (see Can.std no.22;B.12.001-B12.009)

For vinegar (all types) refer to FDR division 19

FDR – Vinegar; sections B19.001-B19.009 (see Can.std no.22;B.19.001-B.19.009)

For wine and cider:

FDR – Wine and cider; sections B02.100-B.02.121

For wood packaging materials (all origins except continental USA), brokers/importers should attest to one of the following for materials made out of wood with respect to the packaging material being used:

- 1- Wood packaging contained with shipment displays the ISPM15 compliant stamp
- 2- Wood packaging material is accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate
- 3- Wood packaging is manufactured from wood exempted from ISPMNo.15
- 4- No wood packaging contained with shipment (if applicable)

You can also access the following portal by using the commodity name of the right HS CODE.

See also: Automated Import Reference system (AIRS):

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/plants/imports/airs/eng/1300127512994/1300127627409#>