

## § 27.49

### EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN SAMPLES FROM INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES

#### § 27.49 Commercial samples of alcoholic beverages.

Samples of distilled spirits, beer, and wine, to be used in the United States by persons importing alcoholic beverages in commercial quantities, are, subject to the limitations in this section, exempt from the payment of any internal revenue tax imposed on, or by reason of, importation. This exemption applies only to samples to be used for soliciting orders for products of foreign countries. In no case shall this exemption apply to more than one sample of each alcoholic beverage product admitted during any calendar quarter for the use of each such person. No sample of beer shall contain more than 8 ounces, no sample of wine shall contain more than 4 ounces, and no sample of distilled spirits shall contain more than 2 ounces.

(76 Stat. 72; 19 U.S.C. 1202)

[T.D. 6300, 23 FR 5168, July 8, 1958; T.D. ATF-2, 37 FR 22740, Oct. 21, 1972. Redesignated at 40 FR 16835, Apr. 15, 1975]

### Subpart E—General Requirements

#### PERMIT FOR IMPORTATION OF DISTILLED SPIRITS, WINES AND BEER

#### § 27.55 Federal Alcohol Administration Act permit.

Under the Federal Alcohol Administration Act and the regulations issued pursuant thereto (27 CFR part 1), any person except an agency of a State or political subdivision thereof, or any officer or employee of any such agency, intending to engage in the business of importing distilled spirits, wines or beer for nonindustrial use is required to procure a permit therefor.

(Sec. 3, 49 Stat. 978, as amended; 27 U.S.C. 203)

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### PACKAGING AND MARKING OF DISTILLED SPIRITS

#### § 27.56 Distilled spirits containers of a capacity of not more than 1 gallon.

Bottled distilled spirits imported into the United States for sale shall be bottled in liquor bottles which conform to the requirements of subpart N of this part and part 5 of this chapter. Empty bottles imported for the packaging of distilled spirits shall conform to the requirements of subpart N of this part. (For Customs requirements as to marking, see 19 CFR parts 11 and 12.)

[T.D. ATF-206, 50 FR 23955, June 7, 1985]

#### § 27.57 Containers in excess of 1 gallon.

Imported containers of distilled spirits in excess of 1 gallon are required to be marked in accordance with customs regulations (19 CFR parts 11 and 12).

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#### LABELING OF DISTILLED SPIRITS

#### § 27.58 Containers of 1 gallon (3.785 liters) or less.

Labels on imported containers of distilled spirits, and on containers of imported distilled spirits bottled in customs custody, for sale at retail, are required to be covered by a certificate of label approval ATF Form 5100.31 issued pursuant to part 5 of this chapter. Containers of imported distilled spirits bottled after taxpayment and withdrawal from customs custody are required to be covered by a certificate of label approval or a certificate of exemption from label approval ATF Form 5100.31 issued pursuant to part 5 of this chapter. When distilled spirits are to be labeled under a certificate of exemption from label approval, the labels affixed to containers are required to conform to the provisions of part 19 of this chapter.

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**Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Treasury**

**§ 27.74**

MARKING AND LABELING OF WINES AND  
BEER

**§ 27.59 Wines.**

All imported wines containing not less than 7 percent and not more than 24 percent of alcohol by volume are required to be packaged, marked, branded, and labeled in conformity with the Federal Alcohol Administration Act and regulations promulgated thereunder (27 CFR part 4), prior to their removal from customs custody. Containers of imported wine bottled or packaged after taxpayment and withdrawal from customs custody are required to be covered by a certificate of label approval or a certificate of exemption from label approval on ATF Form 5100.31 issued pursuant to the Federal Alcohol Administration Act and regulations promulgated thereunder (27 CFR part 4). Imported containers of wine are required also to be marked, branded and labeled in accordance with customs regulations (19 CFR parts 11 and 12).

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**§ 27.60 Beer.**

All imported beer is required to be released from customs custody in conformity with the Federal Alcohol Administration Act and regulations thereunder. The attention of all concerned is directed, in this connection, to the provisions of Regulations 7 (27 CFR part 7) relating to the labeling and advertising of malt beverages, issued under the Federal Alcohol Administration Act. Imported containers of beer are required to be marked and labeled in accordance with customs regulations (19 CFR parts 11 and 12).

CLOSURES FOR CONTAINERS OF  
DISTILLED SPIRITS

**§ 27.61 Containers of distilled spirits to bear closures.**

No person shall transport, buy, possess, or sell, or transfer any imported distilled spirits in containers of 1 gallon (3.785 liters) or less, unless the immediate container thereof has a closure

or other device affixed in accordance with the provisions of this part.

(Sec. 454, Pub. L. 98-369, 98 Stat. 494 (26 U.S.C. 5301))

[T.D. ATF-206, 50 FR 23955, June 7, 1985]

**§ 27.62 Affixing closures.**

Closures or other devices on containers of imported distilled spirits having a capacity of 1 gallon (3.785 liters) or less shall be affixed so as to leave a portion of the closure or other device remaining on the container when it is opened. In addition, the closures or other devices shall be constructed in such a manner as to require that they be broken to gain access to the contents of the containers.

(Sec. 454, Pub. L. 98-369, 98 Stat. 494 (26 U.S.C. 5301))

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EXEMPTIONS

**§ 27.74 Exemption from requirements pertaining to marks, bottles, and labels.**

The provisions of this part relating to the labeling of containers as prescribed by 27 CFR part 5 are not applicable to imported distilled spirits (a) not for sale or for any other commercial purpose whatever; (b) on which no internal revenue tax is required to be paid or determined on or before withdrawal from customs custody; (c) for use as ship stores; or (d) for personal use. Samples of distilled spirits, other than those provided for in §§ 27.49 and 27.75, imported for any purpose are not exempt from the requirements pertaining to marks, bottles, and labels. Samples of wine and beer brought into the United States pursuant to § 27.49 are exempt from the requirements pertaining to marks, bottles, and labels. Samples of wine and beer brought into the United States pursuant to § 27.49 are exempt from the labeling requirements of 27 CFR parts 4 and 7, respectively. Exemptions from the requirements that imported distilled spirits, wines, and beer be marked to indicate