

### Subpart D—Labeling Requirements for Distilled Spirits

#### § 5.31 General.

(a) *Application.* No person engaged in business as a distiller, rectifier, importer, wholesaler, or warehouseman and bottler, directly or indirectly, or through an affiliate, shall sell or ship or deliver for sale or shipment or otherwise introduce in interstate or foreign commerce, or receive therein, or remove from customs custody, any distilled spirits in bottles, unless such bottles are marked, branded, labeled, or packaged, in conformity with §§ 5.31 through 5.42.

(b) *Alteration of labels.* It shall be unlawful for any person to alter, mutilate, destroy, obliterate, or remove any mark, brand, or label on distilled spirits held for sale in interstate or foreign commerce or after shipment therein, except:

(1) As authorized by Federal law;

(2) When an additional labeling or re-labeling of bottled distilled spirits is accomplished with labels covered by certificates of label approval which comply with the requirements of this part and with State law;

(3) That there may be added to the bottle, after removal from customs custody, or prior to or after removal from bonded premises, without application for permission to relabel, a label identifying the wholesale or retail distributor thereof or identifying the purchaser or consumer, and containing no references whatever to the characteristics of the product.

(26 U.S.C. 7805 (68A Stat. 917, as amended); 27 U.S.C. 205 (49 Stat. 981, as amended))

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#### § 5.32 Mandatory label information.

There shall be stated:

(a) On the brand label:

(1) Brand name.

(2) Class and type, in accordance with § 5.35.

(3) Alcoholic content, in accordance with § 5.37.

(4) In the case of distilled spirits packaged in containers for which no

standard of fill is prescribed in § 5.47, net contents in accordance with § 5.38(b) or § 5.38a(b)(2).

(b) On the brand label or on a back label:

(1) Name and address, in accordance with § 5.36.

(2) In the case of imported spirits, the country of origin, in accordance with § 5.36.

(3) In the case of distilled spirits packaged in containers conforming to the standards of fill prescribed in § 5.47 or § 5.47a, net contents in accordance with § 5.38(a), § 5.38a(a), or § 5.38a(b)(1).

(4) Coloring or flavoring, in accordance with § 5.39.

(5) A statement that the product contains FD&C Yellow No. 5, where that coloring material is used in a product bottled on or after October 6, 1984.

(6) [Reserved]

(7) *Declaration of sulfites.* There shall be stated, the statement “Contains sulfites” or “Contains (a) sulfiting agent(s)” or a statement identifying the specific sulfiting agent where sulfur dioxide or a sulfiting agent is detected at a level of 10 or more parts per million, measured as total sulfur dioxide. The sulfite declaration may appear on a strip label or neck label in lieu of appearing on the front or back label. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply to:

(i) Any certificate of label approval issued on or after January 9, 1987;

(ii) Any distilled spirits bottled on or after July 9, 1987, regardless of the date of issuance of the certificate of label approval; and,

(iii) Any distilled spirits removed on or after January 9, 1988.

(8) Percentage of neutral spirits and name of commodity from which distilled, or in the case of continuously distilled neutral spirits or gin, the name of the commodity only, in accordance with § 5.39.

(9) A statement of age or age and percentage, when required, in accordance with § 5.40.

(10) State of distillation of domestic types of whisky and straight whisky, except light whisky and blends, in accordance with § 5.36.

(c) In the case of a container which has been excepted under the provisions of § 5.46(d), the information required to