

**Subpart B—Definitions****§ 16.10 Meaning of terms.**

As used in this part, unless the context otherwise requires, terms shall have the meaning ascribed in this section.

*Act.* The Alcoholic Beverage Labeling Act of 1988.

*Alcoholic beverage.* Includes any beverage in liquid form which contains not less than one-half of one percent (.5%) of alcohol by volume and is intended for human consumption.

*Bottle.* To fill a container with an alcoholic beverage and to seal such container.

*Bottler.* A person who bottles an alcoholic beverage.

*Brand label.* The label carrying, in the usual distinctive design, the brand name of the alcoholic beverage.

*Container.* The innermost sealed container, irrespective of the material from which made, in which an alcoholic beverage is placed by the bottler and in which such beverage is offered for sale to members of the general public.

*Health.* Includes, but is not limited to, the prevention of accidents.

*Person.* Any individual, partnership, joint-stock company, business trust, association, corporation, or any other business or legal entity, including a receiver, trustee, or liquidating agent, and also includes any State, any State agency, or any officer or employee thereof.

*Sale and distribution.* Includes sampling or any other distribution not for sale.

*State.* Includes any political subdivision of any State, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Wake Island, the Midway Islands, Kingman Reef, or Johnston Island.

*State law.* Includes State statutes, regulations and principles and rules having the force of law.

*TTB.* The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC.

*United States.* The several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Common-

wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Wake Island, the Midway Islands, Kingman Reef, and Johnston Island.

*Use of other terms.* Any other term defined in the Alcoholic Beverage Labeling Act and used in this part shall have the same meaning as assigned to it by the Act.

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**Subpart C—Health Warning Statement Requirements for Alcoholic Beverages****§ 16.20 General.**

(a) *Domestic products.* On and after November 18, 1989, no person shall bottle for sale or distribution in the United States any alcoholic beverage unless the container of such beverage bears the health warning statement required by § 16.21. It is the responsibility of the bottler to provide, upon request, sufficient evidence to establish that the alcoholic beverage was bottled prior to November 18, 1989.

(b) *Imported products.* On and after November 18, 1989, no person shall import for sale or distribution in the United States any alcoholic beverage unless the container of such beverage bears the health warning statement required by § 16.21. This requirement does not apply to alcoholic beverages that were bottled in the foreign country prior to November 18, 1989. It is the responsibility of the importer to provide, upon request, sufficient evidence to establish that the alcoholic beverage was bottled prior to such date.

**§ 16.21 Mandatory label information.**

There shall be stated on the brand label or separate front label, or on a back or side label, separate and apart from all other information, the following statement:

GOVERNMENT WARNING: (1) According to the Surgeon General, women should not drink alcoholic beverages during pregnancy because of the risk of birth defects.