

Notification of the Excise Department
Prescribing Quality Standard for Imported Liquor

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By virtue of the provision of Section 154 Paragraph two of the Excise Act, B.E. 2560 (2017), with the provisions of Clause 5 (2) and Clause 8 (4) of the Ministerial Regulation Liquor Importation Permission B.E. 2560 (2017) as amended by Ministerial Regulation Liquor Importation Permission (No. 2) B.E. 2562 (2019), the Director General of the Excise Department issues this Notification has prescribed the quality standard for imported liquor as follows:

Clause 1. Liquors to be imported into the Kingdom shall have the quality standard in accordance with quality standard description attached to this Notification, except ethanol and distilled liquors with the alcoholic content higher than 80 percent shall have the quality standard in accordance with the industrial product standards as to be announced by the Industrial Product Standards law.

Clause 2. Liquors which had been submitted to the Excise Department for quality analysis and notified the test results that the liquors are qualified in accordance with the industrial product standards or had received the certificate of analysis that are qualified with the industrial product standards before the day of coming into force of this Notification shall use the test results or the certificate of analysis for a period of not more than 3 years from the effective date of this Notification, except beer shall use the test results or the certificate of analysis for a period of not more than 60 days from the effective date of this Notification.

Clause 3. Liquors to be imported into the Kingdom which are in between the process of analysis or has filed the application for permission in accordance with the Ministerial Regulation Liquor Importation Permission B.E. 2560 (2017) given on the 12th day of September B.E. 2560 (2017), when receive the liquor importation permission will get the time extend the submission of samples of liquors for analysis within 30 days from the day the liquors are imported into the Kingdom according to the Notification of the Excise Department Extension of the Implementation Period to be in compliance with the Excise

Tax Act B.E. 2560 (2017) (No. 6) given on the 22nd day of April B.E. 2562 (2019) in accordance with the industrial product standards.

Liquors under paragraph one shall use the test results for a period of not more than 3 years from the effective date of this Notification, except beer shall use the test results for a period of not more than 60 days from the effective date of this Notification.

Clause 4. The Notification shall be effective on the announcement date of this Notification.

Announced on the 5th day of June B.E. 2562 (2019)

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Standard of Analysis for Beer

Beer shall have the standard of alcohol by volume, chemical attributes, food additives and contaminants which are specified below, by using the test method of Association of Official Analytical Chemists (AOAC) or the equivalent test method.

1. Alcohol by volume shall be as specified on the label which the tolerance shall be ± 1 degree (percent by volume) by using the test method of AOAC 26.1.09 or the equivalent test method. In case of dispute the test method, shall use the test method of AOAC as a method to judge.

2. Chemical attributes shall be as specified in the table below and using the test method of AOAC or the equivalent test method. In case of dispute the test method, shall use the test method of AOAC as a method to judge.

Item	Substances	Not exceed	Test Method
1	Methyl alcohol	50 ppm	AOAC 26.1.36
2	Ethyl carbamate	50 ppb	AOAC 28.1.48

3. Food additives shall be as specified in the table below and using the test method of AOAC or the equivalent test method. In case of dispute the test method, shall use the test method of AOAC as a method to judge.

Item	Substances	Not exceed	Test Method
1	Sulfur dioxide	30 ppm	AOAC 27.1.39

4. Contaminants shall be as specified in the table below and using the test method of AOAC or the equivalent test method. In case of dispute the test method, shall use the test method of AOAC as a method to judge.

Item	Substances	Not exceed	Test Method
1	Arsenic	0.1 ppm	AOAC 9.1.01
2	Lead	0.2 ppm	AOAC 9.2.19
3	Copper	1.5 ppm	AOAC 28.1.23
4	Ferrous	1.5 ppm	AOAC 28.1.24

Standard of Analysis for Wine and Sparkling Wine made from Grapes, and Fermented Liquor

Wine and Sparkling Wine made from Grapes, and Fermented Liquor shall have the standard of alcohol by volume, chemical attributes, food additives and contaminants which are specified below, by using the test method of Association of Official Analytical Chemists (AOAC) and American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) or the equivalent test method.

1. Alcohol by volume shall be as specified on the label which the tolerance shall be ± 1 degree (percent by volume) by using the test method of AOAC 26.1.09 or the equivalent test method. In case of dispute the test method, shall use the test method of AOAC as a method to judge.

2. Chemical attributes shall be as specified in the table below and using the test method of AOAC and ASTM or the equivalent test method. In case of dispute the test method, shall use the test method of AOAC and ASTM as a method to judge.

Item	Substances	Not exceed	Test Method
1	Aldehyde (Acetaldehyde)	160 ppm	AOAC 26.1.24
2	Methyl alcohol	420 ppm	AOAC 26.1.36
3	Ethyl carbamate	200 ppb	AOAC 28.1.48

3. Food additives shall be as specified in the table below and using the test method of AOAC or the equivalent test method. In case of dispute the test method, shall use the test method of AOAC as a method to judge.

Item	Substances	Not exceed	Test Method
1	Sulfur dioxide	400 ppm	AOAC 27.1.39
2	Benzoic acid or salt of benzoic acid	250 ppm	AOAC 37.1.62A
3	Sorbic acid or salt of sorbic acid	200 ppm	AOAC 28.2.02

4. Contaminants shall be as specified in the table below and using the test method of AOAC or the equivalent test method. In case of dispute the test method, shall use the test method of AOAC as a method to judge.

Item	Substances	Not exceed	Test Method
1	Arsenic	0.1 ppm	AOAC 9.1.01
2	Lead	0.2 ppm	AOAC 9.2.19
3	Ferrocyanide	Not found	ASTM D 4374

Standard of Analysis for Distilled Liquor

Distilled liquor shall have the standard of alcohol by volume, chemical attributes, food additives and contaminants which are specified below, by using the test method of Association of Official Analytical Chemists (AOAC) or the equivalent test method.

1. Alcohol by volume shall be as specified on the label which the tolerance shall be ± 1 degree (percent by volume) by using the test method of AOAC 26.1.09 or the equivalent test method. In case of dispute the test method, shall use the test method of AOAC as a method to judge.

2. Chemical attributes shall be as specified in the table below and using the test method of AOAC or the equivalent test method. In case of dispute the test method, shall use the test method of AOAC as a method to judge.

Item	Substances	Not exceed	Test Method
1	Fusel oil	5,500 ppm	AOAC 26.1.28
2	Furfural	50 ppm	AOAC 26.1.32
3	Aldehyde (Acetaldehyde)		AOAC 26.1.24
	3.1 not exceed 40 degree	160 ppm	
	3.2 exceed 40 degree	220 ppm	
4	Methyl alcohol	1,000 ppm	AOAC 26.1.36
5	Ethyl carbamate	400 ppb	AOAC 28.1.48

Remark: Aldehyde (Acetaldehyde) examination criteria will be considered from %abv stated on product label.

3. Food additives shall be as specified in the table below and using the test method of AOAC or the equivalent test method. In case of dispute the test method, shall use the test method of AOAC as a method to judge.

Item	Substances	Not exceed	Test Method
1	Benzoic acid or salt of benzoic acid	200 ppm	AOAC 37.1.62A
2	Sorbic acid or salt of sorbic acid	200 ppm	AOAC 28.2.02

4. Contaminants shall be as specified in the table below and using the test method of AOAC or the equivalent test method. In case of dispute the test method, shall use the test method of AOAC as a method to judge.

Item	Substances	Not exceed	Test Method
1	Arsenic	0.1 ppm	AOAC 9.1.01
2	Lead	0.2 ppm	AOAC 9.2.19