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## **Kazakhstan - Republic of**

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### **Kazakhstan Alcohol Ban**

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Beverages

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**Report Highlights:**

Kazakhstan introduced a ban on the importation or sale of alcohol products that are not in compliance with the Customs Union Technical Regulation on food safety and Kazakh national labelling requirements. The ban became effective on October 1, 2014 with a transitional period until January 1, 2015.

## **General Information:**

Effective October 1, 2014, the sale and importation of alcohol products that are not in compliance with the Customs Union technical regulation on food safety and Kazakh national labelling requirements are banned. The ban is applicable to products from all countries, which are improperly labelled.

The Chief Sanitary Doctor of the Republic of Kazakhstan signed the amendments to his earlier decree “On amendments to Chief Sanitary Doctor of the Republic of Kazakhstan decree,” dated May 11, 2014 No 7 “Banning imports and sales of alcohol products” dated May 27, 2014 No 12, which states the following:

“1. To Ban:

- 1) From October 1, 2014 alcohol products imported from non-Customs Union countries, as well as releasing to trade alcohol products from Customs Union countries, that are not in compliance with the Customs Union Technical Regulation and Kazakhstan national legislation requirements;
- 2) From January 1, 2015, sales of alcohol products, imported before June 1, 2014, that are not in compliance with the Customs Union Technical Regulation on food safety and Kazakhstan national labelling requirements.”

This decision was taken following bilateral Kazakh-Russian technical consultations. Following the discussions, the Russian delegation recognized existing compliances issues and requested additional time to take corrective measures.

Additionally, the Consumer Rights Protection Committee accepted appeals from Kazakhstani importers and Russian producers and granted the “transition period.” By January 1, 2015, importers must bring alcohol products in compliance with the Customs Union technical regulation on food safety and Kazakh national legislation on labelling. This decision was notified to Russian and Belarussian authorities.

The Committee of the Consumer Rights Protection confirmed that once an alcohol product is properly labelled in accordance with the Customs Union technical regulation on food safety and Kazakh national legislation on labelling, such imports and sales will be allowed.

Earlier detected products that were not in compliance and banned alcohol products are listed below.

Table: Bans and restrictions for alcohol products

No.	Name of product	Country, producer	Date of ban placed	Date of ban lifted
1.	Alcohol products	Russian Federation, Republic of Belarus, Italy, France, Scotland and other countries	imports from October 1, 2014  sales from January 1, 2015	-
2.	Vodka «Talka»	JSC «Sibirski liquor-vodochnyi zavod» Russian Federation, Novosibirskaya oblast, Novosibirskiy rayon, r.p. Koltsovo, promzona Sibirskiy LVZ.	sales from January 1, 2015	-
3.	Vodka «Zelenaya marka «Rjanaya»	JSC «Sibirski liquor-vodochnyi zavod» Russian Federation, Novosibirskaya oblast, Novosibirskiy rayon, r.p. Koltsovo, promzona Sibirskiy LVZ.	sales from January 1, 2015	-
4.	Vodka «Russkiy GARANT kachestva»	JSC «AALTO» Russian Federation, Republic of Karelia, Lakhdenpohja city, Sovetskaya street 69	sales from January 1, 2015	-
5.	Vodka «IMPERIA»	JSC «Russkiy standart vodka», Russian Federation, Saint-Petersburg, Pulkovskoye highway 46	sales from January 1, 2015	-
6.	Vodka «Dikiy gus'» soft	JSC «Samarski kombinat «Rodnil», Russian Federation, Samara city, Vetlyanskaya street 50	sales from January 1, 2015	-
7.	Vodka «Roublevka»	JSC «ITAR», Russian Federation, Kaliningrad Yaltinskaya street 128	sales from January 1, 2015	-
8.	Vodka «Posolskaya»	JSC «Moskovskiy zavod «Kristall» Russian Federation, Moscow, Pervomaiskaya street 57	sales from January 1, 2015	-
9.	Beer «BARKHATNOYE Zhiguli Barnoye»	JSC «Moskovskaya brewery company» Russian Federation, Mytishchi city, Volkovskoye highway.	sales from January 1, 2015	-
10.	Beer «Zhigulevskoye» original	JSC «San InBev», Russian Federation, Moscow oblast, Klin city, Moskovskaya street 28	sales from January 1, 2015	-
11.	Beer «BUD»	JSC «San InBev», Russian Federation, Moscow oblast, Klin city, Moskovskaya street 28	sales from January 1, 2015	-
12.	Beer «Lowenbrau Original»	JSC «San InBev», Russian Federation, Moscow oblast, Klin city, Moskovskaya street 28	sales from January 1, 2015	-
13.	Beer «Pilsner Urquell»	JSC «Brewery Moskva-Efes», Russian Federation, Moscow, Podolskih kursantov street 15B	sales from January 1, 2015	-
14.	Beer «Grolsch Premium Lager»	JSC «Brewery Moskva-Efes», Russian Federation, Moscow, Podolskih kursantov street 15B	sales from January 1, 2015	-
15.	Beer «Brahma»	JSC «San Interbrew», Russian Federation, Moscow oblast, Klin city, Moskovskaya street 28	sales from January 1, 2015	-
16.	Beer drink «HoegaardenWhite»	JSC «San InBev», Russian Federation, Moscow oblast, Klin city, Moskovskaya street 28	sales from January 1, 2015	-
17.	Beer drink «Miller GenuineDraft»	JSC «Brewery Moskva-Efes», Russian Federation, Moscow, Podolskih kursantov street	sales from January 1,	-

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