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National Food Safety Standard-Distilled Spirits

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Report Highlights:

On August 6, 2012, China's Ministry of Health published Public Notice [2012] No.14, National Food Safety Standard – Distilled Spirits and Integrated Alcoholic Beverages, scheduled for implementation February 1, 2013, with the exception of Article 4.2 to Article 4.4 ,which will come into effect August 1, 2013).

The draft Standard was notified to the WTO as SPS CHN 377 on July 13, 2011.

This report provides an unofficial translation of the Standard.

General Information:
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National Food Safety Standard
Distilled Spirits and Their Integrated Alcoholic Beverages

1. Scope

This standard applies to distilled spirits and their integrated alcoholic beverages.

2. Terms and Definitions

2.1 Distilled Spirits

Distilled spirits refers to the alcoholic beverages made from the main raw materials of grains, tuberous crops, fruits or milk, which are fermented, distilled and blended into original watery liquids that increase alcoholic strength.

2.2 The Integrated Alcoholic Beverages of the Distilled Spirits

The integrated alcoholic beverages are made with distilled spirits and/or edible alcohol as the base wine and adding edible accessory materials or food additives, and then blending, mixing, or re-processing, thus changing the original flavor of the base wine.

3. Technical Requirements

3.1. Requirements on Raw Materials

Relevant standards and specifications concerning the raw materials shall be satisfied.

3.2 Organoleptic Requirement

Relevant provisions in corresponding product standards concerning organoleptic requirements shall be satisfied.

3.3 Physical and Chemical Indexes

The physical and chemical indexes specified in Table 1 shall be satisfied.

Table 1 Physical and Chemical Indexes

Item	Index	
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	Grains	Others	Testing Method
Carbinol a / (g/L) ≤	0.6	2.0	GB/T 5009.48
Cyanide a/ (calculated by HCN) /(mg/L) ≤	8.0		GB/T 5009.48
a Carbinol and Cyanide shall be converted by 100% of <u>alcoholic strength</u>			

3.4. Maximum Limit to Mycotoxin and Pollutants

3.4.1 The maximum limit of pollutants shall comply with the provisions in GB 2762.

3.4.2 The maximum limit of mycotoxins shall comply with the provisions in GB 2761.

3.5 Food Additives

The applied food additives shall comply with the provisions in GB 2760.

4. Labeling

4.1. In addition to the identifications of alcoholic strength, warning signs and warranty period, the labeling of the distilled spirits and their integrated alcoholic beverages shall comply with the requirements as specified in GB7718.

4.2. The alcoholic strength shall be presented in the unit of “% vol”.

4.3 The warning sign “Excessive Drinking is Bad for Your Health” shall be indicated, other warning signs can be marked at the same time.

4.4 Identification of Warranty Period can be exempted from the integrated alcoholic beverages for products of alcoholic strength higher than 10% vol.

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