

**GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1.	Party to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u>
2.	Agency responsible: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (1)
3.	Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Labelling Alcoholic Beverages (HS Chapter 22)
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Alteration of Labels on Containers of Distilled Spirits, Wine, and Beer (6 pages)
6.	Description of content: The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms is proposing to amend the regulations in Title 27 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 4, 5, and 7 which implement Section 205(E) of the Federal Alcohol Administration Act of 1935, which makes it unlawful for any person to alter, mutilate, destroy, obliterate, or remove any mark, brand or label on wine, distilled spirits, or malt beverages held for sale in interstate or foreign commerce or after shipment therein.
7.	Objective and rationale: The proposed amendments will reinstate a requirement that Bureau approval be obtained before relabelling distilled spirits, and will make it unlawful to relabel a distilled spirits, wine, or malt beverage container if the effect of such action is to remove from the container or label any information required by Bureau regulations, or a product identification code placed on the product by the producer for tracing purposes.
8.	Relevant documents: 60 FR 411, 4 January 1995; 27 CFR Parts 4, 5, and 7. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: To be determined
10.	Final date for comments: 6 March 1995
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: