

ACCESSION OF ESTONIA

Draft Notification

1.	Observer member to agreement notifying: Government of Estonia
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Economic Affairs
3.	Notified under: Article 15.2
4.	Products covered: HS 24 (2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208); HS 24 (Tobacco)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Regulations of importation and exportation, production and sales of alcohol, tobacco and tobacco products (Alhoholi, tubaka ja tubakatoode sisse- ja väljaveo, tootmise ning müügi korraldamise eeskiri) 20 December 1996, Regulation of the Government of Estonia No. 317 (published in Riigi Teataja No. 91, pages 2674-2683, item No. 1614), (in Estonian only).
6.	Description of content: Synthetic and denatured spirits should be sold as chemicals. Only so registered enterprises having a quality certificate for the goods and registered the brand(s) with the alcohol data bank of Estonia can engage in importation and exportation, production and sales of alcohol, tobacco and tobacco products. (The quality of alcohol sold to the public should be no less than described in the Government Regulation No. 40 of 5 February 1993 On the Quality of Spirits and Vodka Sold to the Population.) All monetary transactions in the case of importation and wholesale of alcohol should be made through a bank, no cash transactions allowed.
7.	Objective and rationale: Prevention of sales to the population of chemically impure toxic substances improperly labelled as destined for personal consumption.
8.	Relevant documents: Government Regulation No. 40 of 5 February 1993 On the Quality of Spirits and Vodka Sold to the Population.
9.	Entry into Force: 20 December 1996
10.	Final date for comments: -
11.	Texts available from Estonia's National Enquiry Point