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Dear Importer

LABELS : LIQUOR PRODUCTS ACT, 1989 (ACT 60/1989)

The requirements for imported labels are as follow :

- The country of origin must be preceded by the words **"PRODUCED AND BOTTLED IN (name of country)"**, in the prescribed letter size.
- The **B CO NUMBER (obtained from this office) or the words, "IMPORTED BY FOLLOWED BY THE IMPORTERS NAME AND PHYSICAL ADDRESS"** must be indicated on the bottle in the prescribed letter size.
- The alcohol content must be indicated on the bottle in the correct manner (e.g. **XX% ALC/VOL or XX%VOL or XX% ALC**) in the prescribed letter size.
- The alcohol content may not be indicated in degrees proof (43^o). Unless it is indicated next to the correct alcohol indication as prescribed by Act 60 (43%vol)
- The appropriate class designation (**WHISKY, LIQUEUR, SPIRIT APERITIF, VODKA etc**) must be indicated on the bottle in the prescribed letter size.
- In case of a wine, the alcohol indication on the label and the actual alcohol concentration may not differ by more than 1% from each other.
- In case of a spirit and other liquors products, the alcohol indication on the label and the actual alcohol concentration may not differ by more than 0.5% from each other.
- If a product contains more than 10 mg/l Sulphite dioxide, the words **"CONTAINS SULPHITES"** must be indicated on the label in the prescribed letter size of 2mm (each letter)
- The following information is not part of the Liquor Products Act, but just a warning from our side. According to the regulations of the Trade Metrology Act the bottle size indication; "cl" may only be used on bottles up to 1 litre. **The letter height and the prescribed manner in which bottle size must be indicated, can be obtained from the NRCS in Cape Town, there contact number is 021-5263400**

Please note, the mandatory information such as :

- Produced and Bottled in
- the B code number or full name and business address of importer
- the alcohol indication
- the class designation of the product (Whisky, Vodka etc.)
- Contains Sulphites

must be indicated in the same field of vision on a bottle and clearly distinguishable from each other and all the other information on the label.

Please note, according to the Trade Metrology Act, 700 ml bottles may not be imported to the Republic of South Africa.

**** The letter size of the mandatory information differs according to the size of the bottle and the type of liquor. Attached please find Table 9 of Act 60/1989 for the prescribed letter sizes. Please note if the required letter height is at least 2mm for example, the intention of the Act is that EACH letter, number, symbol and letter, must be at least 2mm**

You are welcome to contact this office with any enquiries.

Yours faithfully

ADMINISTERING OFFICER : ACT 60/1989

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**** TABLE 9 OF THE LIQUOR PRODUCTS ACT, 1989 (ACT 60/1989)
LETTER SIZES OF MANDATORY INFORMATION ON IMPORTED LABELS**

Nature of particulars	Minimum vertical height in the case of labels on containers with a content of -		
	Less than 250ml	250 ml but not more than 375 ml	More than 375 ml
1.	2.	3.	4.
1. Class designation			
(a) Flavoured grape liquor, grape liquor and spirit cooler	2 mm	3 mm	5 mm
(b) Other liquor products	1 mm	1.5 mm	2 mm
2. Alcohol content			
(a) Flavoured grape liquor, grape liquor and spirit cooler	2 mm	3 mm	5 mm
(b) Other liquor products	1 mm	1.5 mm	2 mm
3. Country of origin	1 mm	1.5 mm	2 mm
4. Name and address or A/B code number of responsible seller/importer	1 mm	1.5 mm	2 mm