



Announcement

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TTB Issues Ruling 2013–1 Malt Beverages Sold Exclusively in Intrastate Commerce

On March 27, 2013, TTB issued [Ruling 2013–1 Malt Beverages Sold Exclusively in Intrastate Commerce](#). TTB Ruling 2013–1 provides that the regulations implementing the Federal Alcohol Administration Act (FAA Act) do not require brewers to obtain a certificate of label approval in order to bottle or pack malt beverages that will not be shipped or delivered for sale or shipment into another State. The regulations do not require a brewer to obtain either a certificate of label approval or a certificate of exemption for a domestically bottled malt beverage that will be sold exclusively in the State in which it was bottled.

The ruling also holds that regardless of whether a domestically bottled malt beverage will be sold in intrastate commerce, brewers must comply with all applicable marking, branding, and labeling requirements under regulations implementing the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for all beer removed from the premises, and must comply with the health warning statement requirements imposed by the Alcoholic Beverage Labeling Act with regard to alcoholic beverages manufactured or bottled for sale or distribution in the United States.