

TTB Alcohol Beverage Sampling Program

2011 Results

We selected 337 distilled spirits, 204 malt beverages, and 117 wines for the 2011 ABSP, with 658 total products included in the survey. After analyzing these products, we found 143 products that were non-compliant. By commodity, we found that 84 distilled spirits products, 40 malt beverage products, and 19 wine products were non-compliant. The most common compliance issues we identified involved alcohol content that did not match the label and was outside regulatory tolerances. This difference can lead to additional tax liability for the industry member. For a complete list of findings by commodity, see the charts below.

2011 Findings

Distilled Spirits

We identified 90 noncompliance issues in 84 different distilled spirits products.

Reasons for Noncompliance*	Number of Products
Alcohol content: over	60
Alcohol content: under	9
Mandatory information differs from COLA	9
Fill: under	5
Non-mandatory information differs from COLA	5
Adulterated	1
Type size/legibility	1
Total Instances of Noncompliance	90

*[Definitions of Non-Compliance Categories](#)

Malt Beverages

We identified 46 noncompliance issues in 40 different malt beverage products.

Reasons for Noncompliance*	Number of Products
Alcohol content: under	13
Alcohol content: over	8
Fill: Over	6
Fill: Under	5
Statement of average analysis	3
Non-mandatory information differs from COLA	3
Class, type, or statement of composition is incorrect	3
Mandatory information differs from COLA	2
Prohibited practice	1
Government Warning has Error	1
Type size/legibility	1
Total Instances of Noncompliance	46

[*Definitions of Non-Compliance Categories](#)

Wine

We identified 19 noncompliance issues in 19 different wine products.

Reasons for Noncompliance*	Number of Products
Non-mandatory information differs from COLA	6
Tax class	3
No COLA	3
Alcohol content: Over	2
Pesticides	2
Mandatory information differs from COLA	1
Alcohol content: Under	1
Prohibited practice	1
Total Instances of Noncompliance	19

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