

# Exempt Ingredients and Processes Determined to be Traditional Under TTB Ruling 2014-4

TTB Ruling 2014-4  
Attachment 1

## Exempt Ingredients Under the Conditions of TTB Ruling 2014-4

Industry members are responsible for ensuring that all ingredients, including any parts of fruit, used in the production of malt beverage or beer are wholesome products suitable for human food consumption and comply with applicable ingredient safety regulations of the Food and Drug Administration.

### Fruits (whole fruits, fruit juices, fruit puree or fruit concentrate)

- apples
- apricots
- blackberries
- blueberries
- cherries
- cranberries
- juniper berries
- lemons
- oranges
- peaches
- pumpkins
- raspberries
- strawberries

### Spices

- allspice
- anise
- pepper/peppercorns
- cardamom
- cinnamon
- clove
- cocoa (powder or nibs)
- coriander
- ginger
- nutmeg
- orange or lemon peel or zest
- star anise
- vanilla (whole bean)

### Other Exempted Ingredients

- brown sugar\*
- candy (candi) sugar\*
- chili peppers
- chocolate\*\*
- coffee (coffee beans or coffee grounds)
- honey
- maple sugar/syrup \*
- molasses/blackstrap molasses \*
- lactose

\*When brewers use brown sugar, candy (candi) sugar, maple sugar/syrup or molasses/blackstrap molasses in the fermentation of a malt beverage, the designation is not required to refer to these ingredients. Instead, the malt beverage may be labeled as a "beer" or "ale" and so forth.

\*\*Brewers may make non-misleading references to the use of chocolate malt by designating a product as, for example, "chocolate stout," even though it contains no added chocolate.

## Processes Determined to be Traditional

Industry members may use woodchips, staves, or spirals derived from barrels that were previously used in the production or storage of distilled spirits or wine as part of the process of aging beer, as well as woodchips previously used in the aging of distilled spirits or wine, provided that this process does not add any discernible quantity of distilled spirits or wine to the beer.

- Aging beer in plain barrels or with plain woodchips, spirals or staves made of any type of wood.
- Aging beer in barrels, containing no discernible quantity of wine or distilled spirits, that were previously used in the production or storage of wine or distilled spirits.
- Aging beer with woodchips, spirals or staves derived from barrels, containing no discernible quantity of wine or distilled spirits, that were previously used in the production or storage of wine or distilled spirits, or with woodchips, containing no discernible quantity of wine or distilled spirits, that were previously used in the aging of wine or distilled spirits.