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**LEGAL UPDATE CONCERNING CONTAINER SIZE LIMITATIONS FOR
DISTILLED SPIRITS**

The Louisiana Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control (“ATC”) is issuing this advisory to inform its permit holders that the law concerning container size limitations for distilled spirits was amended by the Louisiana Legislature this past legislative session to allow for distilled spirits to be sold at retail in fifty milliliter (50 ml) containers. For more information, please review Act No. 319, which is included with this advisory.

ATC strives to keep its permit holders up-to-date on current changes concerning Louisiana alcohol, tobacco and CBD laws. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact ATC at 225-925-4041.

Sincerely,



Ernest Legier, Commissioner
Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control

SENATE BILL NO. 455

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 26:351, (1)(a), and (3)(a), and to repeal R.S. 26:351(7), relative to the limitation on size of containers of beverages of high alcohol content; to authorize wholesalers and manufacturers to possess and pack distilled spirits in certain containers; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 26:351, (1)(a), and (3)(a) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§351. Limitation on size of containers of beverages of high alcoholic content; standards of fill

Except for wines, no manufacturer or wholesaler in this state shall have in his possession any beverages of high alcoholic content outside of his bonded stockroom unless they are in containers of no greater capacity than ~~1.75~~ **one and seventy-five one hundredths** liters. The standards of fill shall be the following:

(1)(a) All distilled spirits sold in or shipped into this state shall be in the following containers: One and seventy-five hundredths liters, one liter, seven hundred fifty milliliters, five hundred milliliters, three hundred seventy-five milliliters, ~~and two hundred milliliters,~~ **and fifty milliliters.**

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(3)(a) Distilled spirits, whether domestically bottled or imported, subject to the metric standard of fill prescribed in Paragraph (1) above shall be packed with the following number of containers per shipping case or container:

Container sizes	Containers per case
1.75 liters	6
1.00 liters	12

1	750 milliliters	12
2	375 milliliters	24
3	355 milliliters	24
4	200 milliliters	48
5	100 milliliters	48
6	<u>50 milliliters</u>	<u>60</u>
7	<u>50 milliliters</u>	<u>120</u>

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9 Section 2. R.S. 26:351(7) is hereby repealed.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____