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## 0.0 FOREWORD

0.1 This Standard was approved for adoption by the National Standards Council on February 20, 2002 for use as a Dominica National Standard (DNS).

0.2 Compulsory status has been recommended in an effort to prevent fraud and deception arising from misleading labelling to protect the consumer or user against danger to health or safety, as well as to give adequate information to the consumer or user and to generally ensure the quality of goods and services.

0.3 Many goods for retail sale are commonly sold prepackaged by the manufacturer, the packager, or the retailer. It was therefore recognized that provisions for the information to be given on labels of brewery products would help the consumer or purchaser to assess the quality of goods and their relation to his/her needs and resources.

0.4 It is also intended to assist manufacturers in meeting the labelling requirements imposed by regional and extra-regional markets.

0.5 This standard will be effective as a compulsory standard on a date to be notified by the Minister responsible for the Bureau of Standards in a notice to be published in the Dominica Gazette as required by the Standards Act No. 4 of 1999.

0.6 In the formulation of this standard assistance has been derived from Caribbean Common Market Standards Council (CCMSC) now known as CARICOM Regional Organisation for Standards and Quality (CROSQ). In addition the following references were used -

1. Canada, Food and Drugs Regulations, Section B.02; (1988)
2. Trinidad and Tobago, Brewery Act;
3. Trinidad and Tobago, Food and Drugs Regulations, (1980);
4. Association of Official Analytical Chemists (AOAC) “ Methods of Analysis” 14th Edition (1984);
5. J. Association of Public Analysts, Vol. 14:1976; pages 17 – 22;
6. Excise Laboratory, Food and Drugs Division, Trinidad and Tobago.



## 1.0 SCOPE

- 1.1 This standard specifies requirements for labelling of brewery products to be sold in the Commonwealth of Dominica.
- 1.2 It does not cover beverages sold under common names, including the words “beer” and “ale”, that are not derived from cereals (for example, ginger beer, ginger ale, root beer).

## 2.0 DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this standard, the following definitions shall apply:

- 2.1 **Brewery Products** include beverages derived from cereals that are manufactured and sold under the following common names:
- a) ale;
  - b) beer;
  - c) lager, or lager beer;
  - d) malta;
  - e) malt liquor;
  - f) shandy;
  - g) stout, (or porter).
- 2.2 **Ale, Stout, Porter, Malt Liquor** means a beverage produced by the alcoholic fermentation by yeast (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*) prepared from potable water, malted barley, wheat, hops or hops extract, with or without other added ingredients and shall be brewed in such a manner as to have the aroma, flavor, and other characteristics that are commonly recognized in ale, stout, porter or malt liquor.
- 2.2 **Beer** means a beverage produced by the alcoholic fermentation by yeast (*S. cerevisiae*) of a wort prepared from malted barley, wheat or other cereal, hops or hops extract, with or without other added ingredients and shall be brewed in such a manner as to have the aroma, flavor and other characteristics that are commonly recognized in beer.
- 2.3 **Lager Beer** means a beer fermented by yeast (*S. cerevisiae* or *carisbergensis*) which has been stored in the cold during clarification and maturation, and brewed in such a manner as to have the aroma, flavor and other characteristics that are commonly recognized in lager beer.

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- 2.4 **Malta** means a beverage produced by combining wort, sugar, hops, and carbon dioxide, to which yeast flavor may be added, which has the aroma, flavor and other characteristics that are commonly recognized in malta.
- 2.5 **Milk Stout** means a stout, which includes lactose (or other sugar sweetener), added after fermentation.
- 2.6 **Shandy** means a beverage made by mixing beer or lager beer with a carbonated beverage, a fruit or vegetable juice or extract, sugar, carbon dioxide, potable water.
- 2.7 **Alcoholic content** means the percentage of ethanol (ethyl alcohol) in terms of volume at 15.56°C (60°F) contained in the brewery product and measured by a method included or mentioned in the standard for Brewery Products.

**3.0 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- 3.1 The common names listed in column 1 (common names) of Table 1 shall be used to describe brewery products which have alcoholic content in the ranges set out in column 2 (range of alcoholic content by volume).

**Table 1****PERCENTAGE (%) RANGE OF ALCOHOLIC CONTENT BY VOLUME**

<b>COMMON NAME</b>	<b>RANGE OF ALCOHOLIC CONTENT BY VOLUME PERCENTAGE (%) ABV.</b>
*Near beers/Non-alcoholic Beer, Non-alcoholic Ale, Non-alcoholic Stout, Non-alcoholic Porter.	0.0% - 0.5%
*Low Alcohol Beer, Low Alcohol Ale, Low Alcohol Stout, Low Alcohol Porter.	Over 0.5% - 1.2%
Extra Light Beer, Extra Light Ale, Extra Light Stout, Extra Light Porter.	Over 1.2% - 2.5%
Light Beer, Light Ale, Light Stout, Light Porter.	Over 2.5% - 4.0%
Beer/Ale/Stout/ Porter.	Over 4.0% - 5.5%
Strong Beer/ Strong Ale/ Strong Stout/ Strong Porter/ Malt Liquor.	Over 5.5% - 8.0%

*\*These are additional and/or revised Common Names.*

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3.1.1 Shandy means a mixture containing not less than 0.5% abv. and not more than 1.2% abv., bright ale, shandy concentrate, sugar, carbon dioxide and water.

3.1.2 Malta shall have no detectable alcoholic content.

**4.0 LABELLING REQUIREMENTS**

4.1 Retail containers of brewery products shall be labelled with information on the English language, clearly and prominently displayed, and readily discernable under customary conditions of sale and use. Information presented in other languages shall be clearly separated from that in English.

4.2 The information on the label shall include:

- a) the common name of the brewery product in accordance with the definitions in Sections 2 and Section 3.1 as applicable;
- b) any brand name or trade name;
- c) the legal name of the manufacturer or brewer, together with an adequate postal or registered office address;
- d) the name of the person controlling the trade name or brand name, if different from the person mentioned in (c), together with an indication of his/her address;
- e) the name of the country of origin;
- f) a declaration of the net contents of the retail container as an average quantity in terms of milliliters (mL);
- g) the name and address of importers or distributors;
- h) alcoholic content of the bottled product as a percentage by volume;
- i) "best before" date; and
- j) batch number, lot number or date mark.

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- 4.2.1 The labels on retail containers of shandy shall also include:
- a) a list of the ingredients in descending order of proportion by weight;
  - b) an indication of the fruit or vegetable flavor used in the product; and
  - c) an indication of the alcoholic strength by volume.
- 4.2.2 The labels on retail containers of malta shall also include:
- a) a list of the ingredients in descending order of proportion by weight, in which "wort" may be named, and
  - b) the statement "non-alcoholic".
- 4.2.3 The labels on retail containers of ale, beer, malta, malt liquor, porter, shandy or stout may include:
- a) nutritional information, in terms of the Recommended Daily Allowances (RDA) for vitamins and minerals set by the Caribbean Food and Nutrition Institute or the U.S. authorities;
  - b) any warning as to the effects of alcohol on health or safety that may be required by an authority;
  - c) if in a glass container, whether the container may be returned to the dealer or manufacturer. ("returnable") or disposed of otherwise;
  - d) if in a metal or plastic container, an indication whether the container material may be recycled; or
  - e) whether a refund or payment is made for a returnable glass container.

4.3 Bulk containers (barrels, casks, or pressurized containers for sale from draught) shall be labelled with:

- a) the common name of the brewery product;
- b) the brand name or trade name;
- c) the name of the brewer, manufacturer or person controlling the brand name, and an adequate postal address;
- d) the average net contents of the bulk containers; and
- e) when exported, the name of the country of origin.

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