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## NATIONAL FOREWORD

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This standard is identical with and has been reproduced from EAS 141, Whisky — Specification, published by the East African Community (EAC). The National Standards Council has endorsed the adoption of the 2014 edition of this standard as a Kenya Standard.

For the purposes of this standard, the text of the East African Standard should be modified as follows:

### a) Terminology

The words 'this Kenya Standard' should replace the words 'this East African Standard', wherever they appear.

### b) References

The references to East African Standards should be replaced by references to the appropriate Kenya Standards, where they have been declared.



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## Foreword

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In order to achieve this objective, the Community established an East African Standards Committee mandated to develop and issue East African Standards.

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EAS 141 was prepared by Technical Committee EASC/TC 007, *Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages*.





## Whisky — Specification

### 1 Scope

This East African Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for whisky (whiskey).

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

CAC/GL 66 *Guidelines for the use of flavourings*

CODEX STAN 192, *General standard for food additives*

EAS 12, *Drinking (potable) water — Specification*

EAS 38, *Labelling of pre-packaged foods — Specification*

EAS 39, *Hygiene in the food and drink manufacturing industry — Code of practice*

EAS 100, *Food stuffs — Methods of determination of Lead*

EAS 123, *Distilled water — Specification*

EAS 144, *Neutral spirit — Specification.*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this standard, the following terms and definitions shall apply.

#### 3.1

##### **whisky**

alcoholic spirit obtained from a distillation of fermented mash of malted or unmalted grains such as barley, sorghum, maize, rye or other cereal grain with or without aging

#### 3.2

##### **malt whisky**

whisky made exclusively from malted cereals

NOTE Malt whisky from grains other than barley are also known as grain whisky.

#### 3.3

##### **unmalted whisky**

whisky made exclusively from unmalted cereals

**3.4**

**blended whisky**

blend of malt whisky, and neutral spirit

**4 Quality requirements**

**4.1 Ingredients**

The ingredients for whisky shall include the following:

- a) distilled water conforming to EAS 123 or demineralised water;
- b) neutral spirit, if used for blending, conforming to EAS 144; and
- c) flavouring agents, if used, in accordance with CAC/GL 66.

**4.2 General requirements**

Whisky shall be:

- a) free from any extraneous substances; and
- b) free from haze and particulate matter.

**4.3 Specific quality requirements**

**4.3.1** Whisky shall also comply with the requirements given in Table 1 when tested in accordance with EAS 104.

**Table 1 — Requirements for whisky**

SI No	Characteristic	Requirement
i.	Ethyl alcohol, %, v/v at 20 °C, min.	37.5
ii.	Total solids, % (m/v), max	2.0
iii.	Total ash, % (m/v), max	0.2
iv.	Volatile acids as acetic acid, mg/L of absolute alcohol, max	400
v.	Higher alcohols as amyl alcohol, mg/L of absolute alcohol, max.	2 400
vi.	Aldehydes as acetaldehyde, mg/L absolute alcohol, max	400
vii.	Methyl alcohol, mg/L, max.	300

National deviation

***Ethyl alcohol, %, v/v at 20 °C shall be 37.5 - 45.***

**4.3.2** Blended whisky shall have a minimum of 10 % of absolute alcohol volume from malted and/or unmalted whisky.

## 5 Food additives

Food additives may be used in the preparation of whisky in accordance with CODEX STAN 192.

## 6 Heavy metal contaminants

When tested in accordance with EAS 100 the level of lead shall not exceed 0.01 mg/L.

## 7 Hygiene

Whisky shall be manufactured and handled in a hygienic manner in accordance with EAS 39.

## 8 Weights and measures

The volume and fill of whisky shall comply with the weights and measures regulations of Partner States or equivalent legislation

## 9 Packaging

9.1 Whisky shall be packaged in suitable food grade containers.

### National deviation

***Whisky shall be packaged in glass bottles of not less than 100 mL capacity.***

9.2 Whisky shall be packaged for bulk delivery and storage in containers that shall prevent contamination of the product and preserve its safety and quality.

## 10 Labelling

In addition to the requirements of EAS 38, the following specific labelling requirements shall apply and shall be legibly and indelibly marked:

- a) common name as 'Whisky or Blended whisky';
- b) name, physical location and address of manufacturer;
- c) ethyl alcohol content, % by volume;
- d) net content;
- e) declaration by common name of any additives used;
- f) date of manufacture;
- g) batch identification number/code;
- h) country of origin; and
- i) statutory warnings.

## **11 Sampling and test**

Sampling and testing of potable spirit shall be done in accordance with EAS 104.



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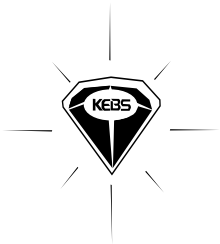
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