

2025 CATEGORY CODES

100 VODKA

Vodka

- 100.10 **A** Wheat Vodka
- 100.10 **B** Rye Vodka
- 100.10 **C** Potato Vodka
- 100.10 **D** Sugar Cane Vodka
- 100.10 **E** Corn Vodka
- 100.10 **F** Fruit Vodka (*specify fruit*)
- 100.10 **G** Mixed Grain Vodka (*specify grains*)
- 100.10 **H** Other Vodka (*specify*)
- 100.20 **Flavored Vodka** (*specify flavor*)

110 AQUAVIT

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120 GIN

- 120.10 **London Dry Gin**
- 120.20 **Contemporary/New Western Gin**
- 120.30 **Old Tom Gin**
- 120.40 **Genever**
- 120.50 **Sloe Gin**
- 120.60 **Wood-Finished/Aged Gin**
- 120.70 **Flavored Gin** (*specify flavor*)

130 ASIAN SPIRITS

Saké

- 130.10 **A** Junmai Daiginjō
- 130.10 **B** Junmai Ginjō
- 130.10 **C** Junmai
- 130.10 **D** Daiginjō
- 130.10 **E** Ginjō
- 130.10 **F** Honjōzō
- 130.10 **G** Futsushu

Shōchū

For all Shōchū, please specify Honkaku, Kōrui, or Blended

- 130.20 **A** Rice (Kome)
- 130.20 **B** Sweet Potato (Imo)
- 130.20 **C** Barley (Mugi)
- 130.20 **D** Brown Sugar (Kokutō)
- 130.20 **E** Buckwheat (Soba)
- 130.20 **F** Long Grain Rice/Thai Rice (Awamori)
- 130.20 **G** Other (*specify*)

130 ASIAN SPIRITS (CONTINUED)

Soju

- 130.30 **A** Distilled
- 130.30 **B** Diluted
- 130.30 **C** Cocktail

130.40 Makgeolli

Baijiu

- 130.50 **A** Strong Aroma (浓香)
- 130.50 **B** Light Aroma (清香)
- 130.50 **C** Sauce Aroma (酱香)
- 130.50 **D** Rice Aroma (米香)
- 130.50 **E** Chi Aroma (豉香) / Fat Aroma (脂香)
- 130.50 **F** Extra-Strong Aroma (馥郁香)
- 130.50 **G** Laobaigan Aroma (老白干香)
- 130.50 **H** Medicine Aroma (药香)
- 130.50 **I** Mixed Aroma (兼香)
- 130.50 **J** Phoenix Aroma (凤香)
- 130.50 **K** Sesame Aroma (芝麻香)
- 130.50 **L** Small-Qu Light Aroma (小曲清香)
- 130.50 **M** Special Aroma (特香)

140 CANE SPIRITS

For all Rum entries in categories 140.10 and 140.20, please specify if Pot Still, Column Still, or Blended Pot and Column Still

Rum from Molasses/Evaporated Cane Product

- 140.10 **A** Up to 4 Years Old
- 140.10 **B** 5 Years and Older
- 140.10 **C** Solera Aged
- 140.10 **D** No Age Statement

Rum from Fresh Sugar Cane Juice

- 140.20 **A** Up to 4 Years Old
- 140.20 **B** 5 Years and Older
- 140.20 **C** Solera Aged
- 140.20 **D** No Age Statement

140.30 Rhum Agricole

140.40 Black/Navy Rum

Cachaça

- 140.50 **A** Aged
- 140.50 **B** Unaged

140.60 Flavored/Spiced Rum (*specify flavor*)

140.70 Other Cane Spirit

(Arrak, Clairin, Aguardiente, etc.) (*specify*)

150 AGAVE AND AGAVE ADJACENT SPIRITS

Tequila

- 150.10 Blanco/Silver Tequila
- 150.20 Reposado Tequila
- 150.30 Añejo Tequila
- 150.40 Extra Añejo Tequila
- 150.50 Cristalino Tequila
- 150.60 Flavored Tequila (*specify flavor*)

Mezcal

(specify type of agave and if Artesenal or Ancestral)

- 150.70 **A** Joven/Blanco
- 150.70 **B** Reposado
- 150.70 **C** Añejo
- 150.70 **D** Madurado en Vidrio/Aged in Glass
- 150.70 **E** Flavored Mezcal (*specify flavor*)

150.80 Other Agave or Agave Adjacent Spirit (Raicilla, Bacanora, Sotol, etc.) (*specify*)

200 WHISK[E]Y

North American Whisklely

- 200.10 Straight Bourbon
- 200.15 Small Batch Bourbon (fewer than 250 barrels produced)
- 200.20 Single Barrel Bourbon
- 200.25 Unique Barrel-Finished Bourbon
- 200.30 Tennessee Whiskey
- 200.35 Corn Whisklely
- 200.40 Rye Whisklely
- 200.45 Canadian Whisky
- 200.50 Single Grain Whisklely (*specify grain*)
- 200.55 Single Malt Whisklely

Blended Scotch Whisky

- 210.10 Blended Scotch - Up to 15 Years Old
- 210.15 Blended Scotch - 16 Years and Older
- 210.20 Blended Scotch - No Age Statement
- 210.25 Blended Malt Scotch (Vatted)

Single Malt Scotch Whisky

For all Single Malt Scotch entries, please specify:

A Highlands **B** Lowlands **C** Islay **D** Islands
E Campbeltown **F** Speyside

- 210.30 Single Malt Scotch - Up to 12 Yrs Old
- 210.35 Single Malt Scotch - 13 to 19 Yrs Old
- 210.40 Single Malt Scotch - 20 Yrs and Older
- 210.45 Single Malt Scotch - No Age Statement
- 210.50 Independent Bottler's Single Malt Scotch

200 WHISK[E]Y (CONTINUED)

Irish Whiskey

- 220.10 Blended Irish Whiskey
- 220.20 Single Malt Irish Whiskey
- 220.30 Pure/Single Pot-Still Irish Whiskey
- 220.40 Blended Malt Irish Whiskey (Vatted)
- 220.50 Poitin

Other World Whisk[e]ly (Any Country)

- 230.10 Blended Whisk[e]ly
- 230.20 Blended Malt (Vatted) Whisk[e]ly
- 230.30 Single Malt Whisk[e]ly
- 230.40 Single Grain Whisk[e]ly
- 230.50 Wheat Whisk[e]ly
- 230.60 Flavored Whisk[e]ly (*specify flavor*)
- 230.70 Other Whisk[e]ly (*specify*)

300 BRANDY

Cognac

- 300.10 Cognac - VS
- 300.20 Cognac - VSOP
- 300.30 Cognac - XO
- 300.40 Cognac - Extra Aged/Vintage

Armagnac

For all Armagnac entries, please specify:

A Bas-Armagnac **B** Ténarézé
C Haut-Armagnac

- 310.10 Armagnac - VS
- 310.20 Armagnac - VSOP
- 310.30 Armagnac -
Napoleon/XO/Hors d'Age
- 310.40 Armagnac - Vintage
- 310.50 Armagnac - Blanche

Calvados

For all Calvados entries, please specify:

A Pays d'Auge **B** Domfrontais **C** Calvados

- 320.10 Calvados - Fine
- 320.20 Calvados - Vieux/Reserve
- 320.30 Calvados - VO/Vieille Reserve/VSOP
- 320.40 Calvados - XO/Napoleon/Hors d'Age
- 320.50 Calvados - Vintage

Peruvian Pisco (*specify grape varietal*)

- 330.10 **A** Puro (Non-aromatic grapes only)
- 330.10 **B** Acholado
- 330.10 **C** Aromatico
- 330.10 **D** Mosto Verde

330.20 Chilean Pisco

Other Grape Brandy

- 340.10 Brandy de Jerez
- 340.20 Pomace (Marc, Grappa, etc.)
- 340.30 Other Grape Brandy (*specify*)

Other Fruit Brandy

- 350.10 Apple/Applejack
- 350.20 Pear/Quince
- 350.30 Stone Fruit
- 350.40 Berries
- 350.50 Other Fruit Brandy (*specify fruit*)

360.10 Other Brandy

400 APÉRITIF/APERITIVO

Vermouth

- 400.10 **A** Dry Vermouth
- 400.10 **B** Sweet Vermouth

400.20 Wine-Based Apéritif/Aperitivo

Bitter Apéritif/Aperitivo

- 400.30 **A** After Dinner (Strong and Bitter)
- 400.30 **B** Pre-Dinner (Low Proof/Bittersweet)

500 LIQUEUR

500.10 Fruit Liqueur (*specify fruit*)

500.20 Herbal/Floral Liqueur

500.30 Coffee Liqueur

500.40 Chocolate Liqueur

500.50 Nut Liqueur (*specify flavor or nut*)

500.60 Cream Liqueur

500.70 Other Liqueur (*specify*)

600 COCKTAILS, MIXERS, AND OTHER PRODUCTS

Ready-to-Drink

- 600.10 **A** RTD Cocktail - Less than 5% ABV
- 600.10 **B** RTD Cocktail - 5 to 10% ABV
- 600.10 **C** RTD Cocktail - More than 10% ABV
- 600.20 Hard Seltzer
- 600.30 Wine Cocktail/Spritzer
- 600.40 Flavored Malt Beverage

Bitters

- 610.10 Aromatic Bitters
- 610.20 Non-Alcoholic Aromatic Bitters

Mixer

- 620.10 Soda/Carbonated
- 620.20 Syrup
- 620.30 Other Mixer
(Vinegar, Kombucha, Tea, Soda Mixer
with Bitters, etc.)

630.10 Cocktail Mix

(Bloody Mary Mix, Mai Tai Mix, etc.)

640.10 Other Miscellaneous Spirit

700 NON-ALCOHOLIC SPIRITS, BEER, WINE, AND COCKTAILS

Non-Alcoholic Spirit Alternative

- 700.10 Gin Alternative
- 700.20 Rum Alternative
- 700.30 Tequila Alternative
- 700.40 Whiskey Alternative
- 700.50 Liqueur Alternative
- 700.60 Vermouth Alternative
- 700.70 Bitter Apéritif Alternative
- 700.80 Other Alternative

Non-Alcoholic Creative Spirit

- 710.10 Botanical
- 710.20 Hemp/Functional (*No THC*)
- 710.30 Other NA Creative Spirit

Non-Alcoholic Beer

Non-Alcoholic Ale

- 720.10 Pale Ale/IPA
- 720.20 Wheat-based Ale
- 720.30 Porter/Stout
- 720.40 Sour/Wild/Spontaneous
Fermentation

Non-Alcoholic Lager

- 720.50 Pale Malt Lager (Pilsner, Helles)
- 720.60 Dark Malt Lager (Dunkel, Bock)

Non-Alcoholic Wine (Grape)

- 730.10 Red Wine
- 730.20 White Wine
- 730.30 Sparkling Wine

Non-Alcoholic Wine Alternative

- 740.10 Non-Sparkling
- 740.20 Sparkling

Non-Alcoholic Ready-to-Drink Cocktail

- 750.10 **A** Traditional
- 750.10 **B** Creative/Other
- 750.10 **C** Bitter or Apéritif

**For infused beverages that contain THC,
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