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Report Highlights:

On July 13, the Ministry of Health notified the WTO National Food Safety Standard on Distilled Spirits and Their Integrated Alcoholic Beverages (Draft) as G/SPS/N/CHN/377. The comment period ends on September 11. This standard is a new revision to the existing standard of distilled spirits and their integrated alcoholic beverages. It revises the title of the standard, cancels the limit for lead, and adds requirements for labeling. The adoption date is to be determined. The first draft revision of this standard was notified to the WTO as G/SPS/N/CHN/111 on January 5, 2009. The report contains an INFORMAL translation of the document.

General Information:

BEGIN TRANSLATION

National Food Safety Standard

Distilled Spirits and Their Integrated Alcoholic Beverages

GB2757-xxxx

Date of issue:

Date of adoption:

Issued by the Ministry of Health

Foreword

This Standard substitutes the Hygienic Standard for Distilled Spirits and Their Integrated Alcoholic Beverages (GB 2757-81) and its No.1 and No.2 Modification Notice.

This standard contains the following major modifications on the basis of GB 2758--81:

- Modifies the name of the standard;
- Abolishes the maximum limit of cyanide index;
- Modifies the maximum limit of manganese index;
- Adding the requirements for labeling and identification.

Article 4.2 to 4.4 shall be implemented together with GB 7718-2011.

**National Food Safety Standard
Distilled Spirits and Their Integrated Alcoholic Beverages****1. Scope**

This standard applies to the distilled spirits and their integrated alcoholic beverages.

2. Terms and Definitions**2.1 Distilled Spirits**

Distilled spirits refer to the alcoholic beverages made from the main raw materials of grains, tuberous crops, fruits or milk, which are fermented, distilled and blended into original watery liquids

that increase alcoholic strength.

2.2 The Integrated Alcoholic Beverages of the Distilled Spirits

The integrated alcoholic beverages are made with distilled spirits and/or edible alcohol as the base wine and through adding edible accessory materials or food additives, and then blending, mixing, or re-processing, thus changing the original flavor of the base wine.

3. Technical Requirements

3.1. Requirements on Raw Materials

Relevant standards and specifications concerning the raw materials shall be satisfied.

3.2 Organoleptic Requirement

Relevant provisions in corresponding product standards concerning organoleptic requirements shall be satisfied.

3.3 Physical and Chemical Indexes

The physical and chemical indexes specified in Table 1 shall be satisfied.

Table 1 Physical and Chemical Indexes

Item	Index		Testing Method
	Grains	Others	
Carbinol a / (g/L) ≤	0.6	2.0	GB/T 5009.48
Cyanide a/ (calculated by HCN) /(mg/L) ≤	8.0		GB/T 5009.48
a Carbinol and Cyanide shall be converted by 100% of <u>alcoholic strength</u>			

3.4. Maximum Limit to Mycotoxin and Pollutants

3.4.1 The maximum limit of pollutants shall comply with the provisions in GB 2762.

3.4.2 The maximum limit of mycotoxin shall comply with the provisions in GB 2761.

3.5 Food Additives

The applied food additives shall comply with the provisions in GB 2760.

4. Labeling

4.1. In addition to the identifications of alcoholic strength, warning signs and warrant period, the labeling of the distilled spirits and their integrated alcoholic beverages shall comply with the requirements as specified in GB7718.

4.2. The alcoholic strength shall be presented in the unit of “% vol”.

4.3 The warning sign “Compulsive Drinking is Bad for Your Health” shall be indicated.

4.4 Identification of Warrant Period can be exempted from the integrated alcoholic beverages for products of alcoholic strength higher than 10% vol.

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