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## **Kazakhstan - Republic of**

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### **Kazakhstan Alcohol Ban**

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Beverages

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**Report Highlights:**

Kazakhstan introduced a ban on the importation or sale of alcohol products that are not in compliance with the Customs Union Technical Regulation on food safety and Kazakh national labelling requirements. The ban became effective on October 1, 2014 with a transitional period until January 1, 2015.

## **General Information:**

Effective October 1, 2014, the sale and importation of alcohol products that are not in compliance with the Customs Union technical regulation on food safety and Kazakh national labelling requirements are banned. The ban is applicable to products from all countries, which are improperly labelled.

The Chief Sanitary Doctor of the Republic of Kazakhstan signed the amendments to his earlier decree “On amendments to Chief Sanitary Doctor of the Republic of Kazakhstan decree,” dated May 11, 2014 No 7 “Banning imports and sales of alcohol products” dated May 27, 2014 No 12, which states the following:

“1. To Ban:

- 1) From October 1, 2014 alcohol products imported from non-Customs Union countries, as well as releasing to trade alcohol products from Customs Union countries, that are not in compliance with the Customs Union Technical Regulation and Kazakhstan national legislation requirements;
- 2) From January 1, 2015, sales of alcohol products, imported before June 1, 2014, that are not in compliance with the Customs Union Technical Regulation on food safety and Kazakhstan national labelling requirements.”

This decision was taken following bilateral Kazakh-Russian technical consultations. Following the discussions, the Russian delegation recognized existing compliances issues and requested additional time to take corrective measures.

Additionally, the Consumer Rights Protection Committee accepted appeals from Kazakhstani importers and Russian producers and granted the “transition period.” By January 1, 2015, importers must bring alcohol products in compliance with the Customs Union technical regulation on food safety and Kazakh national legislation on labelling. This decision was notified to Russian and Belarussian authorities.

The Committee of the Consumer Rights Protection confirmed that once an alcohol product is properly labelled in accordance with the Customs Union technical regulation on food safety and Kazakh national legislation on labelling, such imports and sales will be allowed.

Earlier detected products that were not in compliance and banned alcohol products are listed below.

Table: Bans and restrictions for alcohol products

| No. | Name of product                    | Country, producer                                                                                                                            | Date of ban placed                                                            | Date of ban lifted |
|-----|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1.  | Alcohol products                   | Russian Federation,<br>Republic of Belarus,<br>Italy,<br>France,<br>Scotland and<br>other countries                                          | imports<br>from<br>October 1,<br>2014<br><br>sales from<br>January 1,<br>2015 | -                  |
| 2.  | Vodka «Talka»                      | JSC «Sibirski liquor-vodochniy zavod» Russian Federation, Novosibirskaya oblast, Novosibirskiy rayon, r.p. Koltsovo, promzona Sibirskiy LVZ. | sales from<br>January 1,<br>2015                                              | -                  |
| 3.  | Vodka «Zelenaya marka «Rjanaya»    | JSC «Sibirski liquor-vodochniy zavod» Russian Federation, Novosibirskaya oblast, Novosibirskiy rayon, r.p. Koltsovo, promzona Sibirskiy LVZ. | sales from<br>January 1,<br>2015                                              | -                  |
| 4.  | Vodka «Russkiy GARANT kachestva»   | JSC «AALTO» Russian Federation, Republic of Karelia, Lakhdenpohja city, Sovetskaya street 69                                                 | sales from<br>January 1,<br>2015                                              | -                  |
| 5.  | Vodka «IMPERIA»                    | JSC «Russkiy standart vodka», Russian Federation, Saint-Petersburg, Pulkovskoye highway 46                                                   | sales from<br>January 1,<br>2015                                              | -                  |
| 6.  | Vodka «Dikiy gus'» soft            | JSC «Samarski kombinat «Rodnil», Russian Federation, Samara city, Vetlyanskaya street 50                                                     | sales from<br>January 1,<br>2015                                              | -                  |
| 7.  | Vodka «Roublevka»                  | JSC «ITAR», Russian Federation, Kaliningrad Yaltinskaya street 128                                                                           | sales from<br>January 1,<br>2015                                              | -                  |
| 8.  | Vodka «Posolskaya»                 | JSC «Moskovskiy zavod «Kristall» Russian Federation, Moscow, Pervomaiskaya street 57                                                         | sales from<br>January 1,<br>2015                                              | -                  |
| 9.  | Beer «BARKHATNOYE Zhiguli Barnoye» | JSC «Moskovskaya brewery company» Russian Federation, Mytishchi city, Volkovskoye highway.                                                   | sales from<br>January 1,<br>2015                                              | -                  |
| 10. | Beer «Zhigulevskoye» original      | JSC «San InBev», Russian Federation, Moscow oblast, Klin city, Moskovskaya street 28                                                         | sales from<br>January 1,<br>2015                                              | -                  |
| 11. | Beer «BUD»                         | JSC «San InBev», Russian Federation, Moscow oblast, Klin city, Moskovskaya street 28                                                         | sales from<br>January 1,<br>2015                                              | -                  |
| 12. | Beer «Lowenbrau Original»          | JSC «San InBev», Russian Federation, Moscow oblast, Klin city, Moskovskaya street 28                                                         | sales from<br>January 1,<br>2015                                              | -                  |
| 13. | Beer «Pilsner Urquell»             | JSC «Brewery Moskva-Efes», Russian Federation, Moscow, Podolskih kursantov street 15B                                                        | sales from<br>January 1,<br>2015                                              | -                  |
| 14. | Beer «Grolsch Premium Lager»       | JSC «Brewery Moskva-Efes», Russian Federation, Moscow, Podolskih kursantov street 15B                                                        | sales from<br>January 1,<br>2015                                              | -                  |
| 15. | Beer «Brahma»                      | JSC «San Interbrew», Russian Federation, Moscow oblast, Klin city, Moskovskaya street 28                                                     | sales from<br>January 1,<br>2015                                              | -                  |
| 16. | Beer drink «HoegaardenWhite»       | JSC «San InBev», Russian Federation, Moscow oblast, Klin city, Moskovskaya street 28                                                         | sales from<br>January 1,<br>2015                                              | -                  |
| 17. | Beer drink «Miller GenuineDraft»   | JSC «Brewery Moskva-Efes», Russian Federation, Moscow, Podolskih kursantov street                                                            | sales from<br>January 1,                                                      | -                  |

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