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### Russia Announces New Resolution on Alcoholic Beverages

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**Report Highlights:**

The Russian Government adopted a new resolution announcing a set of rules for submitting notifications on the beginning of turnover of alcoholic products (spirits, wine and beer). The goal of this resolution is to help the government create a database of all alcohol products which are sold in Russia to prevent fraud and illegal alcohol sales. The notification requirement applies to alcohol products already available in the market as well as new products. The database will be made available to the public to help customers verify legality of all alcohol products that are found in retail stores and in the hotel/restaurant sector. Mandatory notification requirements take effect October 1, 2013.

**General Information:**

On June 5, 2013, Russia's Government adopted the Resolution # 474 "On Submission of Notifications About the Beginning of Turnover (sale) of Alcoholic Products in the Territory of the Russian Federation" <http://www.fsrar.ru/legalacts/base/postanovleniya-i-rasporyazheniya-pravitelstva-ross/postanovlenie-pravitelstva-rf-474>. The goal of this resolution is to help the government create a database of all alcohol products which are sold in Russia to prevent fraud and illegal alcohol sales. The notification requirement applies to alcohol products already available in the market as well as new products. The database will be made available to the public to help customers verify legality of all alcohol products that are found in retail stores and in the hotel/restaurant sector.

Required notifications must be submitted to the Federal Service for Alcohol Market Regulation (FSAMR) not later than 5 days prior to providing the application about fixation in the Unified Federal Automated Information System (UFAIS) of accounting volume of production and circulation of ethyl alcohol, alcoholic and alcohol-containing products. FSAMR adopted the Order "On the Format for Transfer in Electronic Form of Information Available in the Notifications of the Beginning of Circulation of Alcoholic Products on the Territory of the Russian Federation". Market analysts have stated that the Russian Government has not provided sufficient time for implementation of the new resolution requirements - mandatory notification requirements take effect October 1, 2013. The short implementation period may lead to significant trade issues at the border.

The required notification must contain the following information:

Full and short name of Organization submitting the notification, as well as the producer of alcoholic products, their location and taxpayer identification number (for Organizations);

The date of the first delivery (indicated in accordance the supply contract);

Name of alcoholic products, and trademark information (if available);

Description of the characteristics of alcohol products;

Description of the technological process of manufacture of alcohol products and production control;

The conditions of storage of alcoholic beverages:

- temperature (in Celsius degrees)
- humidity (the relative humidity in percents);
- The conditions of transportation of alcoholic products;
- Conditions of sale of alcoholic beverages;
- Conditions for disposing of alcohol products;
- Marking description of alcoholic beverages;
- Other information about alcoholic beverages (at the discretion of the Organization).

On July 19, 2013, the FSAMR adopted Order # 185 "On the Format for Transfer in Electronic Form of

Information Available in the Notifications of the Beginning of Circulation of Alcoholic Products in the Territory of the Russian Federation”. <http://www.fsrar.ru/legalacts/base/orders/prikaz-185->

In mid August 2013, the FSAMR opened the information system of notification of the beginning of circulation of alcoholic products on the territory of the Russian Federation in testing regime <http://frap.fsrar.ru/>. Methodological support on how to fill the notification form possible to get from FSAMR by email [frap@fsrar.ru](mailto:frap@fsrar.ru).

Mandatory notification requirements are to be effected as of October 1, 2013.

BEGIN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION:

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION  
RESOLUTION of June 5, 2013 N 474**

**On Submission of Notifications About the Beginning of Turnover (Sale) of Alcoholic Products in the Territory of the Russian Federation**

According to the Federal law "On State regulation of production and turnover of ethyl alcohol, of alcoholic and alcohol-containing products and on limitations on the consumption (drinking) alcohol products" government of the Russian Federation sets:

1. Approve the attached Statement for the submission of notifications about the beginning of turnover of alcoholic products on the territory of the Russian Federation.
2. Federal Service for Regulation of the Alcohol Market in a month should adopt a format for electronic transmission of the information contained in the notification of the beginning of turnover on the territory of the Russian Federation of alcoholic products.
3. Declare to be no longer in force paragraph two of subparagraph 3 of Resolution #62 of January 31, 2012.
4. This Resolution shall enter into force from October 1, 2013

The Chairman of the Government  
of the Russian Federation  
Dmitriy Medvedev

**Statement for the submission of notifications about the beginning of turnover of alcoholic products on the territory of the Russian Federation**

1. This Statement sets out the rules for the submission of notifications about the beginning of turnover of alcoholic products on the territory of the Russian Federation (further-notice) and the rules for maintenance the federal register of alcohol products (further-register).
2. Notifications shall be submitted to the Federal Service for Alcohol Market Regulation by legal entities (organizations) engaged in the supply of alcoholic beverages of defined names on the territory of the Russian Federation (hereinafter respectively-delivery, organization).

3. In respect of alcoholic beverages subject to mandatory marking with excise labels or federal special marks, notifications shall be submitted not later than 5 days prior to providing the application about fixation in unified federal automated information system (UFAIS) of accounting volume of production and circulation of ethyl alcohol, alcoholic and alcohol-containing products.
4. For alcoholic beverages that are not subject to marking, the notification shall be submitted not later than 5 days prior to shipment.
5. The notification is generated by the Organization in electronic form and is certified by a reinforced qualified electronic signature and sent to the Federal Service for Regulation of the Alcohol Market by telecommunication channels, including using federal state information system "Unified portal of state and municipal services (functions)".
6. Organization does not provide notification in the case that information about alcohol products is contained in previous notification submitted by Organization already entered in the register.
7. The notification shall contain the following information:

- full and short name of Organization submitting the notification, as well as the producer of alcoholic products, their location and taxpayer identification number (for Organizations);
- the date of the first delivery (indicated in accordance the supply contract);
- name of alcoholic products (assigned by the manufacturer and designed for identity of alcohol products specific word or group of words under which it is released into circulation, including the type of alcoholic products, determined in accordance with article 2 of the Federal Law "On State regulation of production and turnover of ethyl alcohol, of alcoholic and alcohol-containing products and on limitations on the consumption (drinking) of alcohol products", and trademark information (if available);
- description of the characteristics and properties of alcohol products:  
The details identifying alcoholic products (product code indicated in accordance with the Unified Commodity Nomenclature of foreign economic activity of the Customs Union - for organizations engaged in the importation of alcoholic beverages into the territory of the Russian Federation, including the territories of the Member States of the Customs Union, or product code in accordance with the All-Russian classification of products - for organizations involved in the delivery of alcoholic beverages produced in the territory of the Russian Federation)
- composition of alcoholic products (specifies the list of components of alcoholic products (for wine beverages, beer, and beer beverages - proportion (percent) of the components at the time of manufacturing of alcoholic beverages) and content of ethyl alcohol (percent) (for wines and fruit wines - range content of ethyl alcohol);
- shelf life of alcoholic products (specifies the shelf life for the type of alcoholic products set by manufacturer);
- description of the technological process of manufacture of alcohol products and production control (specifies the name and details of the document, according to which alcohol products were made, including national or international or other technical documentation);
- conditions of storage of alcoholic beverages:
  - temperature (in Celsius degrees),
  - humidity (the relative humidity in percents);
- conditions of transportation of alcoholic products;
- conditions of sale of alcoholic beverages;
- conditions for disposing of alcohol products;

- marking description of alcoholic beverages;
- other information about alcoholic beverages (at the discretion of the Organization).

8. Federal Service for Alcohol Market Regulation within one working day from the date of receiving the notification sends confirmation of receiving the notification in electronic form to the organization that submitted the notification.

9. In case of a change in any information about alcoholic beverage with defined name, contained in a notification filed before, the Organization sends to the Federal Service for Regulation of the Alcohol Market updated information about alcohol product of this name in accordance with paragraph 4 of this Statement.

10. Federal Service for Regulation of the Alcohol Market within one working day from the date of receiving the notification sends to organization the confirmation of receiving the notification with updated information.

11. Information about alcohol products contained in the notification is entered in the register. Registry is a federal state information system, the holder of information which is the Russian Federation.

12. Maintenance of the register of alcohol products is carried out by the Federal Service for Regulation of the Alcohol Market in electronic form.

13. Maintenance of the register includes:

- handling and systematization of the information contained in the notifications;
- entering the information contained in the notifications to the registry;
- updating information contained in the register;
- storage and protection of information contained in the register.

14. Information contained in notification is entered in the register within 5 working days from the date of submission of the notification to the Federal Service for Regulation of the Alcohol Market.

15. When entering information of defined alcohol products to the register of alcohol products, contained in the notifications, specified record is assigned a number, which is the number of registry entries, as well as the code of the type of alcohol products for its use by Organization in the declaration of the volume of the production, turnover and (or) use of ethyl alcohol, alcoholic and alcohol-containing products, the utilization of productive capacity.

16. Federal Service for Regulation of the Alcohol Market, upon receiving a notification with updated information about a defined alcohol product, should make changes to the information contained in the register.

17. Information contained in the register of alcohol products is open and posted on the official website of the Federal Service for Regulation of the Alcohol Market accessible and free for all.

## **Federal Service for Alcohol Market Regulation**

**(Rosalkogolregulirovanie)**

**ORDER**

Date: July 19, 2013

#185

Moscow

**On Electronic Format For the Transfer of Information Contained in the Notifications on Initiation of the Circulation of Alcohol Products in the Territory of the Russian Federation**

In accordance with paragraph 2 of Regulation of the Russian Federation Government dated June 05, 2013, #474 "On Provision of the Notifications on Initiation of the Circulation of Alcohol Products in the Territory of the Russian Federation," it is hereby ordered:

1. To approve the attached electronic format for the transfer of information contained in the notifications on initiation of the circulation of alcohol products in the territory of the Russian Federation.
2. To establish that this Order becomes effective from October 01, 2013.
3. To assign control over fulfillment of this Order to the Deputy Head of the Federal Service for Alcohol Market Regulation, A. Yu. Kruzhalin.

Acting Head of Service

V. Didenko

**On Electronic Format For the Transfer of Information Contained in the Notifications on Initiation of the Circulation of Alcohol Products in the Territory of the Russian Federation (Version 1.1)**

Approved by:

Order of the Federal Service for

Alcohol Market Regulation

Of July 19, 2013, #185

1. General Information

1.1. Purpose

This document describes the requirements to XML files for the electronic transfer of data contained in the notifications on initiation of the circulation of alcohol products in the territory of the Russian Federation that are submitted to the Federal Service for Alcohol Market Regulation (Rosalkogolregulirovanie) (Version 1.1) (based on XML).

2. Description of Exchange File

2.1. General Information on Exchange File

The name of exchange file should appear as follows:

FrapClaims

File name extension – xml. File name extension can be written either in lowercase or capitalized letters.

Parameters of the first string of exchange file:

The first string of XML file should appear in the following way:

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>

Name of file containing XSD Schema of exchange file RapClaims.xsd.

2.2. Logic Model of Exchange File

Full list of structural elements of the logic file model and information about the elements are given in

Section 3 of this format (Table 3.1).

For each of the structural elements of the logic file model, the following data are provided in Section 3 of this format:

- *Element name.* Full name of the element is provided.
- *Short element name.* Short name of the element is provided. Short names can be written in letters and digits.
- *Element type identifier.* It can have the following meanings: “C” – complex element (has enclosed members), “P” – simple element (has no enclosed members), “A” – attribute. If user data type is used for element identification, the name of data type (typical element) is specified in the column “Additional Information.”
- *Element format.* Format [1] is presented in schematic symbols with the following corresponding values: “T” – symbol string; “N” – numerical value (whole or fractional).

<sup>[1]</sup> The following meta-linguistic constructs are used for the description of structure of the format of exchange file:

< > - meta-symbols used for the indentation of elements in message structure (logic model);

| - meta-symbol indicating that there are several options of element values in the meta-linguistic structure.

The format of symbol string appears as T(n-k) or T(=k), where “n” is the minimal number of characters per string, “k” – the maximum number of characters, symbol “-” – delimiter character, symbol “=” means fixed number of characters per string. In case when the minimal number of characters is equal to 0, the format appears as T(0-k). In case when the maximum number of characters is unlimited, the format appears as T(n-). In case when the element has an undefined length, the format appears as T. The format of numerical value is specified as N(m.k), where “m” is the maximum quantity of characters in the number, including sign (for a negative number), whole or fractional part of the number without delimiting decimal point, and “k” – the maximum number of characters in the decimal fraction of the number. If the quantity of characters of the fractional part of the number is equal to 0 (i.e. the whole number), the format of numerical value appears as N(m).

For simple elements considered as the main units in XML (defined in

<http://www.w3.org/TR/xmlschema-0>), e.g. for the element with “date” type, the field “Element Format” is not filled out. For such elements, the type of main element is specified in the field “Additional Information.”

*Identifier of element necessity* determines that the element must appear in XML file. The identifier of element necessity may have the following meanings: “O” – the element must appear (the element name and its value should be included in the exchange file); “N” – the element may appear (the element name and its value may be missing in the exchange file). If an element can acquire a limited list of values (according to the classifier, code book, etc.), character “K” is added to the identifier of element necessity. For example, “OK”. If the number of element realizations may be more than one, character “M” is added to the identifier of element necessity. For example, “OM, OKM.”

#### *Additional information*

. For complex elements a reference is given to the table highlighting contents of this element. For those elements that acquire a limited list of values from the classifier (code book, etc.), an appropriate name of the classifier (code book, etc.) is specified or a list of value options is provided. As regards classifier (log book, etc.), it is possible to specify reference to its location. For those elements that involve user data type, the name of typical element is indicated.

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