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IMPORTATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR PERSONAL USE

ALCOHOL IMPORTED IN SHIPMENTS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS/PERSONAL EFFECTS IS REGULATED BY U.S. CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION & THE FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION.

ONLY U.S. CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION CAN DETERMINE IF THE AMOUNT OF ALCOHOL BEING IMPORTED IS REASONABLE AND IS FOR AN INDIVIDUALS PERSONAL USE.

INDIVIDUALS MUST CONTACT THE COMPTROLLERS OFFICE IN THE STATE IN WHICH THEY RESIDE TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY LICENSE/PERMIT & PAY APPLICABLE STATE TAXES. THIS MUST BE DONE BEFORE THE ALCOHOL IS IMPORTED. YOU CAN FIND A LIST OF THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD @ [HTTP://WWW.TTB.GOV](http://www.ttb.gov) U.S. CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION WILL NOT RELEASE SHIPMENTS CONTAINING ALCOHOL UNLESS THE LICENSE/PERMIT IS PRESENTED TO THEM ALONG WITH THE CLEARANCE DOCUMENTS.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE ALCOHOL:

1. TYPE OF ALCOHOL (WINE, BEER, ETC.)
2. NUMBER OF BOTTLES & BOTTLE SIZES (.75L, ETC.)
3. ALCOHOL CONTENT
4. VALUE PER BOTTLE

THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED.

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**U.S. CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION
TRADE INFORMATION NOTICE**

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SUBJECT: Port of Baltimore: Entry Requirements for import of Wine and Alcoholic Beverages for "Personal Use."

DISTRIBUTION: All Interested Parties

This Trade Information Notice is to provide guidance on the entry requirements for imports of wine and alcohol shipped separately from the traveler (unaccompanied) and for "personal use." Imports of alcohol and wine are subject to the state of Maryland regulations. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will enforce these regulations.

Entry Requirements:

- Obtain a "Change of Domicile Permit" from the state of Maryland
- Complete the Customs Form 7501
 - The form (CBP Form 7501) is available to the public and can be found online at www.cbp.gov (click on forms), or at the customer service desk at the Customhouse
 - Classification of alcoholic beverages can be found in Chapter 22, "Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar," in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) which is also available online or can be reviewed at the Customhouse
- Include copies of the bill of lading, commercial invoices, packing lists and any other documents that can provide a complete description of the goods.

If CBP determines the import is not for personal use, the importer will be required to obtain a commercial import license from the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB). The Port Director at the port of entry has the discretion to determine whether or not a particular importation is for personal use. This determination will be made on a case-by-case basis. All merchandise is subject to inspection, and items not declared are subject to seizure.

Small quantities carried by or accompanying an individual, if compliant, will be processed at the terminal using CBP declaration form 368 (informal/cash receipt).

Individuals can also seek assistance from a customs broker. Licensed brokers in the state of Maryland are located on the CBP website. For more information on the importation of alcoholic beverages into the state of Maryland, please contact the state of Maryland Comptroller of the Treasury, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit, Annapolis, Maryland at (410) 260-7314.

If you have any additional questions regarding these requirements, please call the Trade Enforcement Team at 410-962-3265 or the Entry Branch at 410-962-4482.

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