

CHAPTER 8

STATEMENTS OF AGE

DEFINITION OF “AGE”

- Age is the period during which, after distillation and before bottling, distilled spirits have been stored in oak containers
- For bourbon, rye, wheat, malt or rye malt whiskies and straight whiskies, other than straight corn whisky (which must be stored in used or uncharred new oak containers), the oak container must be a charred new oak container

FORMAT

- For all distilled spirits **except**

Whiskies (other than corn whisky and light whisky) produced in the U.S. and stored in reused oak containers and

Types of whiskies containing neutral spirits (e.g., blended whisky, spirit whisky, etc.)

the statement of age (whether required or optional) must appear as:

- “____ YEARS OLD”
(Fill in blank with specific age or age of youngest distilled spirits in blend)

OR

- “AGED ____ YEARS”
(Fill in blank with specific age or age of youngest distilled spirits in blend)

OR may appear as a statement of age and percentage:

- “____% _____ YEARS OLD”

OR

- “____% _____ AGED ____ YEARS”

(This option applies to mixtures or blends, e.g., a mixture or blend of two or more rums of different ages. Fill in first blank with the percent of the finished product on a proof gallon basis contributed by each listed distilled

spirits [listed percentages must total 100%]; the second blank with the class/type of each distilled spirits; the third blank with the specific age of each distilled spirits)

Example: Three rums of different ages are blended. Although a statement of age is not required, the bottler elects to label the rum with an age statement that discloses the age of each rum in the blend:

“25% RUM 4 YEARS OLD
35% RUM 5 YEARS OLD
40% RUM 6 YEARS OLD”

■ For whiskies (other than corn whisky and light whisky) produced in the U.S. and stored in reused oak containers, the statement of age (whether required or optional) must appear as:

➤ “_____ STORED ____ YEARS IN REUSED COOPERAGE”
(Fill in first blank with class/type of distilled spirits; second blank with number of years distilled spirits were stored in reused oak containers)

OR may appear as a statement of storage and percentage:

➤ “____% _____ STORED ____ YEARS IN REUSED COOPERAGE”
(This option applies to mixtures or blends, e.g., a mixture or blend of two or more whiskies distilled from bourbon mash of different ages. Fill in first blank with the percent of the finished product on a proof gallon basis contributed by each listed distilled spirits [listed percentages must total 100%]; the second blank with the class/type of each distilled spirits; the third blank with the number of years each distilled spirits is stored in reused containers)

Example: Two whiskies distilled from bourbon mash are blended. Both whiskies are less than 4 years old. A statement of age is therefore required on the label. The bottler elects to disclose the age of each whisky in the blend:

“55% WHISKY DISTILLED FROM BOURBON MASH STORED 3½
YEARS IN REUSED COOPERAGE
45% WHISKY DISTILLED FROM BOURBON MASH STORED 2
YEARS IN REUSED COOPERAGE”

■ For types of whiskies containing neutral spirits, a statement of age and percentage is required

The age and percentage statement must reference all whiskies contained in the product either:

➤ Specifically by class/type, e.g., “straight bourbon whisky,” “rye whisky,” etc.

OR

- Generally as “straight whisky” or “whisky,” as appropriate. For example, “straight bourbon whisky” may be identified as “straight whisky;” “rye whisky” may be identified as “whisky”

The age and percentage statement (whether required or optional) must appear as:

- If one straight whisky and/or one other whisky is/are contained in the product

“____% STRAIGHT WHISKY [OR SPECIFIC TYPE OF STRAIGHT WHISKY] _____ YEARS OLD”

AND/OR

“____% WHISKY [OR SPECIFIC TYPE OF WHISKY] _____ YEARS OLD”

(Fill in first blank with the percent of the finished product on a proof gallon basis contributed by the straight whisky and/or other whisky; the second blank with the specific age of the straight whisky and/or other whisky)

- If two or more straight whiskies and/or two or more other whiskies are contained in the product

“____% STRAIGHT WHISKY [OR SPECIFIC TYPE OF STRAIGHT WHISKY] _____ YEARS OLD
____% STRAIGHT WHISKY [OR SPECIFIC TYPE OF STRAIGHT WHISKY] _____ YEARS OLD”

AND/OR

“____% WHISKY [OR SPECIFIC TYPE OF WHISKY] _____ YEARS OLD
____% WHISKY [OR SPECIFIC TYPE OF WHISKY] _____ YEARS OLD”

(Fill in first blank with the percent of the finished product on a proof gallon basis contributed by each straight whisky and/or other whisky; the second blank with the specific age of each straight whisky and/or other whisky)

OR

“____% STRAIGHT WHISKIES _____ YEARS OR MORE OLD”

AND/OR

“____% WHISKIES _____ YEARS OR MORE OLD”

(Fill in first blank with the percent of the finished product on a proof gallon basis contributed by the straight whiskies and/or other whiskies; the second

blank with the age of the youngest straight whisky and/or other whisky in the blend)

Example: A blend of straight bourbon whisky (5%), straight rye whisky (8%), rye whisky (10%) and wheat whisky (12%) are used in the production of a distilled spirits product that also contains neutral spirits. All of the whiskies are less than 4 years old. The required age and percentage statement may appear as:

“5% STRAIGHT WHISKY [OR STRAIGHT BOURBON WHISKY] 2 YEARS OLD
8% STRAIGHT WHISKY [OR STRAIGHT RYE WHISKY] 3 YEARS OLD
10% WHISKY [OR RYE WHISKY] 3½ YEARS OLD
12% WHISKY [OR WHEAT WHISKY] 3 YEARS OLD”

OR

“13% STRAIGHT WHISKIES 2 YEARS OR MORE OLD
22% WHISKIES 3 YEARS OR MORE OLD”

NOTE: The statement of age and percentage for whiskies containing neutral spirits must appear with the commodity statement. (See Item 12, COMMODITY STATEMENT in CHAPTER 1, MANDATORY LABEL INFORMATION) The percentages of the whiskies and neutral spirits shown on the label must total 100%

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- If used in the brand name, the word “old” or other word denoting age is not considered an age reference
- Age may be understated but may not be overstated. In the instance of a straight whisky aged 59 months, the age may not be overstated as “5 years old” but may be understated as, for example, “over 4 years old”

USE CHART

In the chart below, the classes/types identified in the CLASSES AND TYPES chart in CHAPTER 4, CLASS AND TYPE DESIGNATION are listed alphabetically. The use of a specific statement of age, miscellaneous age reference and vintage and distillation dates is addressed for each class/type

USE OF AGE/STORAGE STATEMENTS AND DATES ON LABELS

CLASS/TYPE	IS A SPECIFIC STATEMENT OF AGE ALLOWED?	IS A MISCELLANEOUS AGE REFERENCE ALLOWED?	IS A VINTAGE DATE ALLOWED?	IS A DISTILLATION DATE ALLOWED?
ALEXANDER	NO	NO	NO	NO
ADVOCAAT	NO	NO	NO	NO
AMARETTO	NO	NO	NO	NO
ANISETTE	NO	NO	NO	NO
APPLEJACK (APPLE BRANDY)	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the applejack is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
APPLEJACK- A BLEND	NO	NO	NO	NO
APRICOT SOUR	NO	NO	NO	NO
AQUAVIT	NO	NO	NO	NO
ARAK	NO	NO	NO	NO
ARMAGNAC	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the Armagnac is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
BITTERS	NO	NO	NO	NO
BLACK RUSSIAN	NO	NO	NO	NO
BLODDY MARY	NO	NO	NO	NO
BOURBON LIQUEUR/CORDIAL	NO	NO	NO	NO
BRANDY (SUBSTANDARD)	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the substandard brandy is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
BRANDY (DRIED FRUIT)	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the dried fruit brandy is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date

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BRANDY (FRUIT - OTHER THAN GRAPE)	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the other-than-grape fruit brandy is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
BRANDY (GRAPE LEES)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the grape lees brandy is less than 2 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the grape lees brandy is not less than 2 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the grape lees brandy is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
BRANDY (GRAPE POMACE OR GRAPE MARC)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the pomace or marc brandy is less than 2 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the grape pomace or grape marc brandy is not less than 2 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the grape pomace or grape marc brandy is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
BRANDY (GRAPE)	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the grape brandy is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
BRANDY (IMMATURE GRAPE)	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference	NO	YES IF the immature brandy is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
BRANDY (IMMATURE GRAPE RESIDUE)	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference	NO	YES IF the immature residue brandy is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
BRANDY (LEES - OTHER THAN GRAPE)	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the other- than-grape lees brandy is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date

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BRANDY (NEUTRAL)	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the neutral brandy is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
BRANDY (POMACE OR MARC – OTHER THAN GRAPE)	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the other-than-grape pomace or marc brandy is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
BRANDY (RAISIN)	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the raisin brandy is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
BRANDY (RESIDUE)	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the residue brandy is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
BRANDY LIQUEUR/ CORDIAL	NO	NO	NO	NO
CALVADOS	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the Calvados is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
CANADIAN WHISKY	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the Canadian whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the Canadian whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the Canadian whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
CANADIAN WHISKY- A BLEND	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the blended Canadian whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the blended Canadian whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO

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COGNAC	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the Cognac is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
CRÈME DE	NO	NO	NO	NO
CURACAO	NO	NO	NO	NO
DAQUIRI	NO	NO	NO	NO
DISTILLED SPIRITS SPECIALTY	NO	NO	NO	NO
EGG NOG	NO	NO	NO	NO
FLAVORED BRANDY	NO	NO	NO	NO
FLAVORED GIN	NO	NO	NO	NO
FLAVORED RUM	NO	NO	NO	NO
FLAVORED VODKA	NO	NO	NO	NO
FLAVORED WHISKY	NO	NO	NO	NO
GIMLET	NO	NO	NO	NO
GIN (COMPOUNDED)	NO	NO	NO	NO
GIN (DISTILLED)	NO	NO	NO	NO
GIN (REDISTILLED)	NO	NO	NO	NO
GIN LIQUEUR/ CORDIAL	NO	NO	NO	NO
GOLDWASSER	NO	NO	NO	NO
GRAIN SPIRITS	NO BUT a statement of the period of storage in oak containers is allowed	NO	NO	NO
GRAPPA	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the grappa is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
GRASSHOPPER	NO	NO	NO	NO
IMITATION DISTILLED SPIRITS	NO	NO	NO	NO
IRISH WHISKY	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the Irish whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the Irish whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the Irish whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
IRISH WHISKY- A BLEND	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the blended Irish whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the blended Irish whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO

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KIRSCHWASSER	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the kirschwasser is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
KUMMEL	NO	NO	NO	NO
LIQUEUR/ CORDIAL	NO	NO	NO	NO
MAI TAI	NO	NO	NO	NO
MANHATTAN	NO	NO	NO	NO
MARGARITA	NO	NO	NO	NO
MARTINI	NO	NO	NO	NO
MESCAL	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference	NO	YES IF the mescal is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
MINT JULEP	NO	NO	NO	NO
NEUTRAL SPIRITS OR ALCOHOL	NO	NO	NO	NO
OLD FASHIONED	NO	NO	NO	NO
OUZO	NO	NO	NO	NO
PEPPERMINT SCHNAPPS	NO	NO	NO	NO
PINK SQUIRREL	NO	NO	NO	NO
PISCO	NO	NO	NO	NO
ROCK AND BOURBON	NO	NO	NO	NO
ROCK AND BRANDY	NO	NO	NO	NO
ROCK AND RUM	NO	NO	NO	NO
ROCK AND RYE	NO	NO	NO	NO
RUM	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the rum is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the rum is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
RUM LIQUEUR/ CORDIAL	NO	NO	NO	NO
RYE LIQUEUR/ CORDIAL	NO	NO	NO	NO
SAMBUCA	NO	NO	NO	NO
SCOTCH WHISKY	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the Scotch whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the Scotch whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the Scotch whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date

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SCOTCH WHISKY- A BLEND	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the blended Scotch whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the blended Scotch whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO
SCREWDRIVER SLIVOVITZ	NO YES	NO YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO NO	NO YES IF the slivovitz is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
SLOE GIN	NO	NO	NO	NO
SLOE GIN FIZZ	NO	NO	NO	NO
TEQUILA	YES	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the Tequila is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the Tequila is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
TOM COLLINS	NO	NO	NO	NO
TRIPLE SEC	NO	NO	NO	NO
VODKA	NO	NO	NO	NO
WALLBANGER	NO	NO	NO	NO
WHISKIES (A BLEND OF STRAIGHT BOURBON)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if any of the straight bourbon whiskies in the blend are less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS all of the straight bourbon whiskies in the blend are not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO
WHISKIES (A BLEND OF STRAIGHT CORN)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if any of the straight corn whiskies in the blend are less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS all of the straight corn whiskies in the blend are not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO

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WHISKIES (A BLEND OF STRAIGHT MALT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if any of the straight malt whiskies in the blend are less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS all of the straight malt whiskies in the blend are not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO
WHISKIES (A BLEND OF STRAIGHT RYE MALT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if any of the straight rye malt whiskies in the blend are less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS all of the straight rye malt whiskies in the blend are not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO
WHISKIES (A BLEND OF STRAIGHT RYE)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if any of the straight rye whiskies in the blend are less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS all of the straight rye whiskies in the blend are not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO
WHISKIES (A BLEND OF STRAIGHT WHEAT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if any of the straight wheat whiskies in the blend are less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS all of the straight wheat whiskies in the blend are not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO
WHISKIES (A BLEND OF STRAIGHT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if any of the straight whiskies in the blend are less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS all of the straight whiskies in the blend are not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO
WHISKY	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO

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WHISKY (BLENDED BOURBON)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the straight bourbon whisky portion of the product is less than 4 years old	YES BUT the age reference must be specific to the straight bourbon whisky portion of the product and a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the straight bourbon whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO
WHISKY (BLENDED CORN)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the straight corn whisky portion of the product is less than 4 years old	YES BUT the age reference must be specific to the straight corn whisky portion of the product and a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the straight corn whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO
WHISKY (BLENDED LIGHT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if either the light whisky or straight whisky portion of the product is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS both the light whisky and straight whisky portions of the product are not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO
WHISKY (BLENDED MALT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the straight malt whisky portion of the product is less than 4 years old	YES BUT the age reference must be specific to the straight malt whisky portion of the product and a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the straight malt whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO
WHISKY (BLENDED RYE MALT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the straight rye malt whisky portion of the product is less than 4 years old	YES BUT the age reference must be specific to the straight rye malt whisky portion of the product and a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the straight rye malt whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO

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WHISKY (BLENDED RYE)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the straight rye whisky portion of the product is less than 4 years old	YES BUT the age reference must be specific to the straight rye whisky portion of the product and a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the straight rye whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO
WHISKY (BLENDED WHEAT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the straight wheat whisky portion of the product is less than 4 years old	YES BUT the age reference must be specific to the straight wheat whisky portion of the product and a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the straight wheat whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO
WHISKY (BLENDED)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the straight whisky portion of the product is less than 4 years old	YES BUT the age reference must be specific to the straight whisky portion of the product and a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the straight whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO
WHISKY (BOURBON)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the bourbon whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the bourbon whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the bourbon whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY (CORN)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the corn whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the corn whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the corn whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date

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WHISKY (DISTILLED FROM BOURBON MASH)	NO BUT a statement of the period of storage in used oak containers is REQUIRED if the whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a statement of the period of storage in used oak containers must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in used oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY (DISTILLED FROM MALT MASH)	NO BUT a statement of the period of storage in used oak containers is REQUIRED if the whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a statement of the period of storage in used oak containers must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in used oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY (DISTILLED FROM RYE MALT MASH)	NO BUT a statement of the period of storage in used oak containers is REQUIRED if the whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a statement of the period of storage in used oak containers must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in used oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY (DISTILLED FROM RYE MASH)	NO BUT a statement of the period of storage in used oak containers is REQUIRED if the whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a statement of the period of storage in used oak containers must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in used oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY (DISTILLED FROM WHEAT MASH)	NO BUT a statement of the period of storage in used oak containers is REQUIRED if the whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a statement of the period of storage in used oak containers must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in used oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY (LIGHT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the light whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the light whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the light whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date

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WHISKY (MALT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the malt whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the malt whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the malt whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY (RYE MALT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the rye malt whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the rye malt whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the rye malt whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY (RYE)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the rye whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the rye whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the rye whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY (SPIRIT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the whisky portion of the product is less than 4 years old	YES BUT the age reference must be specific to the whisky portion of the product and a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	NO
WHISKY (STRAIGHT BOURBON)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the straight bourbon whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the straight bourbon whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the straight bourbon whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY (STRAIGHT CORN)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the straight corn whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the straight corn whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the straight corn whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date

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WHISKY (STRAIGHT MALT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the straight malt whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the straight malt whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the straight malt whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY (STRAIGHT RYE MALT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the straight rye malt whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the straight rye malt whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the straight rye malt whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY (STRAIGHT RYE)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the straight rye whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the straight rye whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the straight rye whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY (STRAIGHT WHEAT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the straight wheat whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the straight wheat whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the straight wheat whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY (STRAIGHT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the straight whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the straight whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the straight whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY (WHEAT)	YES A specific statement of age is REQUIRED if the wheat whisky is less than 4 years old	YES BUT a specific statement of age must appear as conspicuously and on the same label as the miscellaneous age reference UNLESS the wheat whisky is not less than 4 years old and the miscellaneous age reference is general in nature and inconspicuous (e.g., contained in back label text) on the label	NO	YES IF the wheat whisky is solely the result of distillation AND a storage statement such as "stored ___ years in oak barrels" appears with the distillation date
WHISKY SOUR	NO	NO	NO	NO
WHITE RUSSIAN	NO	NO	NO	NO