



## Labeling Alcohol Beverage Containers

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 Courtesy of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau and the  
 United States Department of Agriculture



Letter codes indicate position on package:

PDP - Principal display panel. IP - Information panel. OP - Any other panel. IS - Ingredients statement.

If you want to claim:	Your product:	Your label MUST:	Your label MAY:	Your label MUST NOT:
"100 percent Organic" (or similar statement)	<b>Must</b> contain 100 percent organically produced ingredients, not counting added water and salt.	Show below the name and address of the producer, bottler, importer, etc., the statement: "Certified organic by ---" or similar phrase, followed by the name of the Certifying agent. Certifying agent seals may not be used to satisfy this requirement. (IP)	Show the term "100 percent organic" to modify the product name. (PDP/IP/OP)  Show an ingredient statement and the term, "organic" to identify the organic ingredients. Water and salt included as ingredients must not be identified as organic. (IS)  Show the USDA organic seal and/or certifying agent seal(s). (PDP/OP)  Show the certifying agent business/ Internet address or telephone number. (IP)	

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"Organic" (or similar statement)	<p><b>Must</b> contain at least 95% organic ingredients, not counting added water and salt.</p> <p><b>Must</b> not contain added sulfites.</p> <p><b>May</b> contain, up to 5%:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. nonorganically produced agricultural ingredients which are not commercially available in organic form; and/or</li> <li>b. other substances, including yeast, allowed by 7 CFR 205.605.</li> </ul>	<p>Show below the name and address of the producer, bottler, importer, etc., the statement:            "Certified organic by ---" or similar phrase, followed by the name of the Certifying agent. Certifying agent seals may not be used to satisfy this requirement. (IP)</p>	<p>Show an ingredient statement and the term "organic" to identify organic ingredients.<sup>1</sup> Water and salt included as ingredients must not be identified as organic. (IS)</p> <p>The term "Organic" to modify the product name. (PDP/IP/OP)</p> <p>"X% organic" or "X% organic ingredients." (PDP/IP/OP)</p> <p>The USDA Organic seal and/or certifying agent seal(s). (PDP/OP)</p> <p>The certifying agent business/ Internet address or telephone number. (IP)</p>	

<sup>1</sup>To identify an ingredient as organically produced, in the ingredients statement, use the word "organic" in conjunction with the name of the ingredient, or an asterisk or other reference mark which is defined below the ingredient statement.

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"Made with Organic Ingredients" (or similar statement)	<p><b>Must</b> contain at least 70% organic ingredients, not counting added water and salt.</p> <p><b>Must</b> not contain added sulfites; except that, wine may contain added sulfur dioxide in accordance with 7 CFR 205.605.</p> <p><b>May</b> contain, up to 30%:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. nonorganically produced agricultural ingredients. and/or</li> <li>b. other substances, including yeast, allowed by 7 CFR 205.605.</li> </ul>	<p>Show below the name and address of the producer, bottler, importer, etc., the statement:            "Certified organic by ---" or similar phrase, followed by the name of the Certifying Agent. Certifying Agent seals may not be used to satisfy this requirement. (IP)</p>	<p>Show an ingredient statement and the term "organic" to identify the organic ingredients.<sup>1</sup> Water and salt included as ingredients must not be identified as organic. (IS)</p> <p>Show the term "Made with organic ---" (specified ingredients or food groups). (PDP/IP/OP)</p> <p>Show "X% organic" or "X% organic ingredients." (PDP/IP/OP)</p> <p>Show the certifying agent seal(s). (PDP/OP)</p> <p>Show the certifying agent business/ Internet address or telephone number. (IP)</p>	<p>Show the USDA Organic seal.</p>

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Some organic ingredients	<p><b>May</b> contain less than 70% organic ingredients, not counting added water and salt.</p> <p><b>May</b> contain, over 30%:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. nonorganically produced agricultural ingredients and/or</li> <li>b. other substances, without being limited to those in 7 CFR 205.605.</li> </ul>			

**THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING ITS LABELING RULES FOR ORGANIC ALCOHOL BEVERAGES IN THIS CATEGORY. WHEN USDA MAKES ITS FINAL DECISION, THIS CHART WILL BE UPDATED TO INCLUDE INFORMATION ON LABELING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.**

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*For more information:*

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Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau – 1-866-927-ALFD*