

Procedures relating to:

(a) Receipt and use of denatured and undenatured alcohol products without payment of Alcohol Products Tax,

and

(b) The denaturing of alcohol products

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1. Introduction and Legislative Provisions

1.1 Legislation

Section 77 of the Finance Act 2003 (as amended by section 43 of the Finance Act 2004 and section 42 of the Finance Act 2021), and Parts 7 and 8 of the Alcohol Products Tax Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 379 of 2004), provide for the receipt of alcohol products without payment of Alcohol Products Tax (APT) for tax-relieved use. Section 77 is reproduced in the Appendix to this notice. The 2003 Act (No. 3 of 2003) and the 2004 Regulations, which came into operation on 1 July 2004, are published on the Revenue Website (www.revenue.ie).

Unless otherwise stated, any word or expression used in this notice has the same meaning as it has in Chapter 1 of Part 2 of the Finance Act 2003 and the Alcohol Products Tax Regulations 2004.

The reliefs provided for in the abovementioned legislation may be administered by way of remission or repayment. However, in practice the reliefs are nearly always applied by way of remission.

The following definitions are provided by way of explanation of key terms contained in this notice.

“*denature*” means to mix an alcohol product with any substance so as to render the mixture unfit for human consumption.

“*undenatured alcohol products*” are alcohol products which have not been denatured and are relieved from APT under section 77 of the Finance Act 2003.

“*denatured spirits*” are spirits denatured in accordance with Regulation 33 of Statutory Instrument 379/2004.

“*Immature Spirits*” are spirits which have been warehoused for less than three years (Immature Spirits Restrictions Act 1947, as amended).

1.2 Undenatured Alcohol Products

Paragraphs (a), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i) and (j) of section 77 of the Finance Act 2003 provide for relief from Alcohol Products Tax for undenatured alcohol products used for specified purposes. These reliefs are subject to such conditions as the Revenue Commissioners may prescribe or otherwise impose. Part 8 of the Alcohol Products Tax Regulations 2004 provides for the delivery, receipt and use of tax-relieved undenatured alcohol products.

The alcohol products concerned are beer, wine, other fermented beverages, spirits, and intermediate beverages as defined in Section 74 of the 2003 Act. Please note that authorisation to receive undenatured alcohol for use in products that are not intended for human consumption, or in an oral hygiene product, will only be granted where it can be shown that denatured alcohol cannot be used instead.

Any person who stores in a premises undenatured alcohol products:

- for distribution to authorised receivers (i.e. persons authorised to receive alcohol products for use for a tax relieved purpose), or
- for denaturing,

must be approved as an authorised warehousekeeper and have the premises approved as a tax warehouse, under section 109 of the Finance Act 2001.

1.3 Cooking Wine, Cooking Port and Cooking Brandy

Cooking wine, cooking port and cooking brandy are wine, port or brandy to which a small amount of salt or pepper has been added during production. These products fall within the definition of “ethyl alcohol” for excise purposes. These products are relieved from Alcohol Products Tax under Section 77 of the Finance Act 2003 (as amended). Relief may be granted where it is shown to the satisfaction of Revenue that the product is intended for use or has been used in the production of:

- (i) flavours for the preparation either of foodstuffs or of beverages not exceeding 1.2% vol (Section 77(a)(iii)), or
- (ii) foodstuffs, whether such alcohol product is used either as a filling in such foodstuff or otherwise, either directly or as a constituent of semi-finished products for use in the production of such foodstuff, and where the alcohol contained in such foodstuffs does not exceed 8.5 litres of alcohol per 100 kilogrammes of the product when used in the production of chocolates, and 5 litres of alcohol per 100 kilogrammes of the product when used in the production of other foodstuffs. (Section 77(a)(v)).

1.4 Cooking Wine, Cooking Port and Cooking Brandy - Movement Controls

In general, cooking wine, cooking port and cooking brandy manufactured in Ireland for dispatch to other Member States or imported into Ireland from other Member States should travel under cover of accompanying documents as required under Chapter 2A of Part 2 of the Finance Act 2001 and the Control of Excisable Products Regulations 2010. However, where, in the Member State of manufacture, these products are treated as being exempt from duty and have been released for consumption in that Member State or are treated as foodstuffs under CN Code 2103 909089, the importation shall not be subject to the movement controls referred to in the above paragraph.

1.5 Denatured Alcohol Products

Paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of section 77 of the Finance Act 2003 provide that the Revenue Commissioners may, subject to such conditions as they may prescribe or otherwise impose,

grant relief from Alcohol Products Tax on alcohol products which are shown to their satisfaction:

- to be intended for denaturing in accordance with their requirements, or to have been so denatured,
- to have been used as part of the manufacturing process of any product not for human consumption, where the alcohol has been denatured in accordance with the requirements of any Member State applicable to that use, and such denatured alcohol—
 - (i) has been incorporated into the product concerned, or
 - (ii) is used for maintenance and cleaning of the manufacturing equipment used for the manufacturing process concerned
- to have been completely denatured in accordance with the requirements of another Member State, where it has been released for consumption, where such requirements have been notified to the European Commission and accepted in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 of Article 27 of the Directive

Part 7 of the Alcohol Products Tax Regulations 2004 provides:

- for specific processes for the denaturing of spirits,
- that alcohol products other than spirits may be denatured in accordance with such process as the Commissioners may approve in any particular case, and
- for the delivery, receipt and use of the tax-relieved denatured alcohol products.

2. Traders: Security and Approval

2.1 Authorised Warehousekeepers

Security must be provided by way of bond by all authorised warehousekeepers who:

- denature alcohol in their tax warehouse, or
- supply denatured or undenatured alcohol to authorised receivers and authorised distributors,

to cover the safe custody, proper disposal and removal of alcohol from their tax warehouse to the premises of the authorised receivers or authorised distributors. The tax warehouse composite bond held by authorised warehousekeepers may be amended to cater for this business category.

2.2 Authorised Distributors of Denatured Alcohol

An “Authorised Distributor” means a person approved under Regulation 35 of the Alcohol Products Tax Regulations 2004 to receive denatured spirits for wholesale sale or distribution.

Security must be provided by way of bond by all authorised distributors who hold and supply denatured alcohol products, to cover the safe custody, proper disposal and removal of the products from their premises to the premises of other authorised distributors or authorised receivers.

2.3 Authorised Receivers

An “Authorised Receiver” means a person approved under Regulation 35 or 40 of the Alcohol Products Tax Regulations 2004 to receive denatured or undenatured alcohol products relieved from tax for any purpose under section 77 of the 2003 Act.

Security, as required by the conditions of the authorisation, must be provided by way of bond by authorised receivers of alcohol products to cover the safe custody and proper use of the products received and used in their premises.

Note

Any trader who is authorised as a warehousekeeper with a premises approved as a facilitation type warehouse, and who receives tax relieved alcohol under Section 77 of the Finance Act 2003 should also be approved as an Authorised Receiver.

2.4 Licensed Retailers

A licensed retailer is a person licensed to retail mineralised methylated spirits. No other authorisation is required, and paragraph 3 does not, therefore, apply to such retailers.

3. Application for Authorisation to Receive Tax-relieved Alcohol Products (Denatured and Undenatured)

Form No. APT 1 must be completed by each applicant seeking an authorisation to:

- receive any alcohol product (denatured or undenatured) for use for a tax-relieved purpose, or
- receive denatured spirits for wholesale or for distribution.

The form is self-explanatory, and all boxes must be completed. The form may be obtained from your local Revenue Office and is to be returned there when completed, together with any other relevant documentation. The form is also published on Revenue.ie. An additional sheet may be used in cases where the space in any particular box in the form is not sufficient, and for the inclusion of any additional information relevant to the application.

Where an application is approved, Revenue will issue an authorisation in writing to the applicant. This document will contain an authorisation number and date together with conditions governing the approval. The applicant will also be issued with a supply of blank requisition forms – see paragraph 4.

4. Requisition, Delivery and Receipt of Tax-relieved Alcohol Products (Denatured and Undenatured)

4.1 Requisition Form

Form No. APT 2 is to be used for the requisition, delivery and receipt of tax-relieved alcohol products, both denatured and undenatured. The form is individually numbered, consists of three carbonised copies, and has three functions:

- to requisition tax-relieved alcohol products from authorised warehousekeepers, or authorised distributors (denatured products),
- to accompany the alcohol products from consignor to consignee, and
- as a certificate of receipt.

A supply of the forms will be issued to authorised receivers and authorised distributors when they are authorised. Subsequently they may be obtained from your local Revenue Office as required.

4.2 Authorised Receivers and Authorised Distributors – Requisition Procedures

The requirements for authorised receivers and authorised distributors in relation to the receipt of tax-relieved alcohol products are contained in Regulation 37 (denatured product) and Regulation 42 (undenatured product) of the Alcohol Products Tax Regulations 2004.

The authorised receiver or authorised distributor is to complete Part 1 of the requisition form APT 2 and present it, together with a copy of the authorisation, to the authorised warehousekeeper or authorised distributor from whom the alcohol is purchased.

The authorised warehousekeeper or authorised distributor who supplies the alcohol product will send Copy 2 and Copy 3 of the requisition form, duly completed, with the alcohol product (see paragraph 4.3).

On receipt of the alcohol product, the authorised receiver or authorised distributor is to complete Part 3 of the form, retain Copy 2 for record and send Copy 3 to the authorised warehousekeeper or authorised distributor from whom the alcohol product was purchased.

4.3 Authorised Warehousekeepers and Authorised Distributors - Delivery Procedures

The requirements on authorised warehousekeepers and authorised distributors in relation to the delivery of tax-relieved alcohol are contained in Regulation 36 (denatured product) and Regulation 41(undenatured product) of the Alcohol Products Tax Regulations 2004.

Before supplying any tax-relieved alcohol product, the authorised warehousekeeper or authorised distributor must ensure that:

- the applicant has completed Part 1 of the requisition form APT 2,
- in the case of authorised receivers and authorised distributors;
 - the applicant is authorised to receive the alcohol product,
 - a photocopy of the relevant authorisation has been attached,
 - the movement of the alcohol product is secured by bond, and
- quantities in excess of 800 litres of mineralised methylated spirits are not delivered at any one time to licensed retailers of methylated spirits.

The authorised warehousekeeper or authorised distributor is then to complete Part 2 of the form, retain Copy 1 and ensure that Copies 2 & 3 accompany the alcohol product from the tax warehouse, or authorised distributor premises, to the premises of the consignee.

On receipt of Copy 3, endorsed with a certificate of receipt from the consignee, the consigning authorised warehousekeeper or authorised distributor is to file both Copy 1 and Copy 3. Those copies must be produced on request for Revenue administration or audit purposes. The onus is on the consigning warehousekeeper or authorised distributor to ensure that Copy 3 is returned to him/her. Failure to obtain a proper certificate of receipt (on Copy 3) for the consigned alcohol products may result in a charge of Alcohol Products Tax against the warehousekeeper or authorised distributor. There is, however, no requirement for licensed retailers of methylated spirits to send a certificate of receipt to the consignor for receipts of mineralised methylated spirits – see paragraph 4.4.

4.4 Licensed Retailers of Mineralised Methylated Spirits - Requisition Procedures

Licensed retailers of mineralised methylated spirits must complete Part 1 of the requisition form APT 2 and present it to the authorised warehousekeeper or authorised distributor from whom the spirits are being purchased. The forms may be obtained from a licensed retailer's local Revenue Office.

In accordance with the provisions of Regulation 38 of the Alcohol Products Tax Regulations 2004, a person licensed as a retailer of methylated spirits may only receive mineralised methylated spirits packaged for retail sale to the public and:

- must not hold a quantity greater than 800 litres,

- must, in respect of all methylated spirits received, retain Copy 2 of the requisition form and maintain a record, and
- must not retail to any one person at any one time, a quantity greater than 20 litres.

Licensed retailers of methylated spirits are not required to complete Part 3 of the requisition form on receipt of the spirits or to return Copy 3 to the consignor.

5. Loss or Unauthorised Use of Tax-relieved Alcohol Products

Persons in receipt of tax-relieved alcohol products are liable to pay Alcohol Products Tax on any alcohol which is:

- used for a purpose other than that for which relief has been allowed under section 77 of the 2003 Act, or
- lost, except where such loss is deemed not to have been a release for consumption, under section 98A(4) of the Finance Act 2001.

6. Restriction on the Use of Immature Spirits

The restriction imposed by section 2(1) of the Immature Spirits (Restriction) Act 1947, as amended, on the delivery of spirits for home consumption unless warehoused for three years, does not apply to deliveries of spirits relieved under section 77 of the 2003 Act.

7. Denaturing Alcohol Products

Every person carrying on the business of denaturing alcohol products must be approved as an authorised warehousekeeper for that purpose in accordance with section 109(2) of the Finance Act 2001.

8. Distribution of Denatured Alcohol Products

Under Regulation 35 of the Alcohol Products Tax Regulations 2004 every person, other than an authorised warehousekeeper, distributing denatured alcohol products must be approved as an authorised distributor.

9. Denatured Alcohol and Products Containing Denatured Alcohol.

9.1 Products Containing Denatured Alcohol

Where a product not fit for human consumption contains alcohol and it is shown that the alcohol has been denatured in accordance with the requirements of another Member State, the Commissioners will not charge Alcohol Products Tax on such product. A certificate from the

fiscal authority of the Member State concerned must be produced on request in any particular case.

The Commissioners may also grant relief from alcohol products tax on products not fit for human consumption which contain alcohol where such alcohol has been denatured by an alternative process approved by the Commissioners. This relief is subject to the Commissioners being satisfied, on the basis of chemical analysis, that the denaturing is effective.

9.2 Completely Denatured Spirits and Common Euro Denaturant

Spirits are completely denatured by various processes in the Member States. These processes are notified to the European Commission and are set down in the Annex to Commission Regulation (EC) No. 3199/93 of 22 November 1993. Regulation (EC) No. 3199/93, as amended, is reproduced in Appendix 3. The Irish process for mineralised methylated spirits, is also set out in Regulation 33 of the Alcohol Products Tax Regulations 2004. **Please note the Alcohol Products Tax Regulations 2004 are being revised to reference the Common Euro denaturing procedure below.** The simplified accompanying document must be used to accompany commercial intra-Community movements of completely denatured alcohol (Article 5 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3649/92 refers).

Commission Regulation (EU) No. 162/2013 of 21 February 2013 introduced a new common denaturing procedure. The aim of the common denaturant is to simplify administration and to combat fraud. While the common denaturant was introduced to replace the numerous procedures used by Member States, certain Member States have opted to keep their existing procedures in addition to the common denaturing procedure. Regulation (EU) No. 2018/1880 replaces the annex to Commission Regulation (EC) No. 3199/93 and is reproduced in Appendix 3. The Regulation applies from 23 December 2018.

10. Movement of Products Containing Alcohol Between Member States of the European Union

The holding and movement procedures of Directive 2008/118/EEC do not apply where alcohol is incorporated in a product other than an alcohol product, and such product is not liable to Alcohol Products Tax.

11. List of Appendices

Appendix 1: Section 77 Finance Act 2003 (as amended by Section 43 Finance Act 2004 and Section 42 Finance Act 2021).

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Appendix 3 (Revised): COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 3199/93

Appendix 1

Section 77 Finance Act 2003

(as amended by Section 43 Finance Act 2004 and Section 42 Finance Act 2021)

77.—Without prejudice to any other relief from excise duty which may apply, and subject to such conditions as the Commissioners may prescribe or otherwise impose, a relief from alcohol products tax shall be granted on any alcohol products which are shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners—

- (a) to be intended for use or to have been used in the production of—
 - (i) any beverage, other than beer, not exceeding 1.2% vol,
 - (ii) vinegar,
 - (iii) flavours for the preparation either of foodstuffs or of beverages not exceeding 1.2% vol,
 - (iv) medicinal products,
 - (v) foodstuffs, whether such alcohol product is used—
 - (I) either as a filling in such foodstuff or otherwise,
 - (II) either directly or as a constituent of semi-finished products for use in the production of such foodstuff,and where the alcohol contained in such foodstuffs does not exceed 8.5 litres of alcohol per 100 kilogrammes of the product when used in the production of chocolates and 5 litres of alcohol per 100 kilogrammes of the product when used in the production of other foodstuffs, or
 - (vi) beer concentrate,
- (aa) to be delivered for shipment for use as stores on board a ship or aircraft on a journey from a place in the State to a place outside the State,
- (b) to be intended to be denatured in accordance with their requirements, or to have been so denatured,
- (c) to have been used as part of the manufacturing process of any product not fit for human consumption, where the alcohol has been denatured in accordance with the requirements of any Member State applicable to that use, and such denatured alcohol—
 - (i) has been incorporated into the product concerned, or

- (ii) is used for maintenance and cleaning of the manufacturing equipment used for the manufacturing process concerned,
- (d) to have been completely denatured in accordance with the requirements of another Member State, where it has been released for consumption, where such requirements have been notified to the European Commission and accepted in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 of Article 27 of the Directive,
- (e) to be intended for use or to have been used for experimental, quality control, scientific or research purposes,
- (f) in the case of wine, beer, or other fermented beverage the alcoholic content of which is entirely of fermented origin, to have been produced solely by a private individual in a private premises for consumption by the producer or by the family or guests of such producer, and not to have been produced or supplied for consideration,
- (g) to be intended for use or to have been used for medical purposes in hospitals and pharmacies,
- (h) to be intended for use or to have been used in an industrial process provided that the final product does not contain alcohol,
- (i) to be intended for use or to have been used in the manufacture of a component which is not subject to alcohol products tax, or
- (j) to be intended for use or to have been used in the manufacture of an oral hygiene product.

Appendix 2

Part 7, Alcohol Products Tax Regulations 2004

DENATURED ALCOHOL PRODUCTS

General.

32. (1) In order to qualify for relief from tax under section 77(b), (c) or (d) of the Act of 2003 -
- (a) spirits shall be denatured in accordance with Regulation 33,
 - (b) alcohol products other than spirits shall be denatured in accordance with such process as the Commissioners may approve, and subject to such conditions as they may require, in any particular case.

Processes for denaturing of spirits.

33. (1) (a) Mineralised methylated spirits are to be produced by mixing 90 parts by volume of spirits with 9.5 parts by volume of wood naphtha and 0.5 parts by volume of crude pyridine. To every 450 litres of this mixture there shall be added 700 milligrammes of methyl violet dye, and 0.375% (of the final volume of the mixture) petroleum oil. Ten parts methyl alcohol may be substituted for the wood naphtha and crude pyridine.
- (b) Industrial methylated spirits are to be produced by mixing 95.75 parts by volume of spirits with 4.25 parts by volume of either wood naphtha or methyl alcohol.
- (c) Spirits for use in industrial processes may also be denatured by mixing -
- (i) 99.5 parts by volume of spirits with 0.5 parts by volume of diethyl phthalate,
 - (ii) 98 parts by volume of spirits with two parts by volume of n-propanol, or

- (iii) 999 parts by volume of spirits with one part by volume of tertiary butyl alcohol. To every millilitre of this mixture 10 microgrammes of Bitrex must be added.
- (d) Where it is shown to their satisfaction that spirits denatured by a process approved by another Member State have been used in the production of a product not fit for human consumption, and such product is imported into the State, the Commissioners shall approve such process.
- (e) Where it is shown to their satisfaction that spirits have been completely denatured by a process approved by another Member State, and where such process has been notified to the European Commission and accepted in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 of Article 27 of the Directive, the Commissioners shall approve such process.
- (f) In the case of products not fit for human consumption, the Commissioners may in any particular case approve a process other than those described at paragraphs (1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(c), (1)(d) or (1)(e) for the denaturing of the spirits used in such production.
- (2) Mineralised methylated spirits fully denatured in accordance with Article 27(1)(a) of Directive 92/83/EEC¹ may be sold to licensed retailers.
- (3) Spirits denatured in accordance with paragraph (1)(b), (1)(c) or (1)(d) may only be delivered for specific uses to authorised receivers.
- (4) Except where the Commissioners may otherwise allow, the strength of spirits used in the production of denatured spirits must be at least 85% vol.

Deliveries

34. (1) The Commissioners may, in any particular case, set limits for the quantities in

¹ OJ No. L316 of 31.10.1992, p. 21

which denatured spirit or spirits intended for denaturing may be delivered.

- (2) An authorised warehousekeeper or authorised distributor may deliver denatured spirits only to authorised distributors, authorised receivers and, in the case of mineralised methylated spirits, to persons licensed to retail such spirits.

Authorisation of receivers and distributors of denatured spirits.

35. (1) A person shall only be approved as an authorised receiver or an authorised distributor of denatured spirits where such person -
 - (a) provides such security as the Commissioners may require in any particular case, and
 - (b) can retain such spirits at a secure premises or place.

- (2) Every application for approval as an authorised receiver or as an authorised distributor of denatured spirits must be made to the proper officer in such form and manner as the Commissioners may require, and must contain -
 - (a) a full description of the type of such spirits and the annual quantity required,
 - (b) the purposes for which the spirits are to be used, and
 - (c) such information as the Commissioners may from time to time require.

Delivery procedure and documentation.

36. (1) An authorised warehousekeeper or authorised distributor may only deliver -
 - (a) denatured spirits to an authorised distributor or authorised receiver upon receipt of an approved requisition form consisting of three copies, referred to in this Regulation as “copy 1”, “copy 2” and “copy 3”, duly completed and signed by such distributor or receiver and accompanied by a copy of the authorisation of such distributor or receiver, or

- (b) mineralised methylated spirits to persons licensed to retail such spirits, in quantities not greater than 800 litres, and on receipt of an approved requisition form, duly completed and signed by such retailer.
- (2) Before the products are consigned the authorised warehousekeeper or authorised distributor must complete and sign the appropriate section of the requisition form, retain copy 1 and send copies 2 and 3 with the consignment to the consignee.
- (3) This Regulation does not apply where the product is delivered from a tax warehouse for use in another part of the premises in which such warehouse is located and where the consignor is also the authorised receiver.

Authorised receivers and distributors - requirements.

37. (1) An authorised receiver of denatured spirits shall, in respect of all such spirits ensure that -
- (a) no quantity in excess of that allowed by the authorisation is requisitioned,
 - (b) copy 2 and copy 3 of the requisition form referred to in Regulation 36 are endorsed with particulars of the denatured spirits received, copy 2 is retained, and copy 3 is returned to the consignor,
 - (c) such spirits are used for no purpose other than that for which authorisation has been granted,
 - (d) in the case of any spirits recovered in the course of usage of denatured spirits, such spirits are denatured again in an approved manner and returned to stock,
 - (e) an account is kept of all such spirits received and used, and of any spirits recovered in the course of such usage, and
 - (f) at the end of each year, or as the proper officer may allow or require, a return is furnished to such officer showing the opening and closing balances in the account under subparagraph (e), and all denatured spirits received and used during such period.

- (2) An authorised distributor of denatured spirits shall, in respect of all denatured spirits received by such distributor, comply with the requirements set down for authorised receivers under paragraph (1)(a) and (1)(b), and shall also ensure that -
- (a) in respect of denatured spirits consigned by such distributor, any copy 3 of the form referred to in Regulation 36, endorsed and returned by the consignee under paragraph (1)(b), is retained,
 - (b) an account is kept of all denatured spirits received, and distributed, and
 - (c) at the end of each year, or as the proper officer may allow or require, a return is furnished to such officer showing the opening and closing balances in the account kept under paragraph (2)(b) and all denatured spirits received and distributed during such period.

Licensed retailers.

38. A person licensed as a retailer of methylated spirits under section 27 of the Revenue Act 1889 may only received mineralised methylated spirits packaged for retail to the public and -
- (a) shall not hold a quantity greater than 800 litres,
 - (b) shall, in respect of all such spirits received, retain copy 2 of the form referred to in Regulation 36 and maintain a record,
 - (c) shall not retail to any one person at any one time a quantity greater than 20 litres.

Appendix 2 (continued)

Part 8, Alcohol Products Tax Regulations 2004

DELIVERY OF TAX RELIEVED UNDENATURED ALCOHOL PRODUCTS

General.

39. (1) The Regulations in this Part do not apply to denatured alcohol products.

- (2) An authorised warehousekeeper may only deliver tax-relieved alcohol products to authorised receivers.

Authorisation of receivers.

40. (1) A person shall only be approved as an authorised receiver where such person -
- (a) provides such security as the Commissioners may require in any particular case, and
 - (b) can retain the tax-relieved product at a secure premises or place.
- (2) Every application for approval as an authorised receiver shall be made to the proper officer in such form and manner as the Commissioners may require, and shall contain -
- (a) a full description of the type of alcohol product including the % vol, and the annual quantity required,
 - (b) the purpose for which the alcohol products are to be used and the specific basis for relief under section 77 of the Act of 2003,
 - (c) in the case of tax-relieved alcohol products for use in a production process under Section 77(a) of the Act of 2003, details of the production process including formulae and the alcohol content, if any, of the finished product,
 - (d) evidence that the alcohol products to be received can be held and used at a secure premises or place, and
 - (e) such information as the Commissioners may from time to time require.

Delivery procedure and documentation.

41. (1) An authorised warehousekeeper may only deliver tax-relieved alcohol products on receipt of an approved requisition form, consisting of 3 copies referred to in this Regulation as “copy 1”, “copy 2” and “copy 3” duly

completed and signed by the authorised receiver and accompanied by a copy of the authorisation of such receiver.

- (2) Before the products are consigned the authorised warehousekeeper shall complete and sign the appropriate section of the requisition form, retain copy 1 and send copies 2 and 3 with the consignment to the consignee.
- (3) This Regulation does not apply where the product is delivered from a tax warehouse for use in another part of the premises in which such warehouse is located and where the consignor is also the authorised receiver.

Authorised receiver - requirements.

42. An authorised receiver shall, in respect of all tax-relieved alcohol products, ensure that -

- (a) no quantity in excess of that allowed by the authorisation is requisitioned,
- (b) access is confined to persons responsible for their security and use,
- (c) such products are used solely for the purpose for which authorisation has been granted,
- (d) all copies 2 and 3 of the requisition form referred to in Regulation 41 are endorsed with particulars of the product received, copy 2 is retained, and copy 3 is returned to the consignor,
- (e) an account is kept of all such products received and used, and of any product recovered in the course of such usage,
- (f) all such products recovered are either returned to stock or disposed of in a manner approved by the proper officer, and
- (g) at the end of each year, or such other period as the proper officer may allow or require, a return is furnished to such officer, showing the opening and closing balances in the account under paragraph (e) and all such products received and used during such period.

Appendix 3 (Revised)

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 3199/93

of 22 November 1993

(as amended by Commission Regulations (EC) No. 2546/95 of 30 October 1995, (EC) No. 2559/98 of 27 November 1998, (EC) No. 2205/2004 of 21 December 2004, (EC) No. 1309/2005 of 10 August 2005, (EC) No. 2023/05 of 12 December 2005, (EC) No. 67/2008 of 25 January 2008, (EC) No. 849/2008 of 28 August 2008, (EU) No. 767/2011 of 2 August 2011, (EU) No. 162/2013 of 21 February 2013, (EU) No. 2016/1867 of 20 October 2016, (EU) No. 2017/1112 of 22 June 2017, (EU) No. 2017/2236 of 5 December 2017 and (EU) No. 2018/1880 of 30 November 2018)

**on the mutual recognition of procedures for the complete denaturing
of alcohol for the purposes of exemption from excise duty**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/83/EEC of 19 October 1992 on the harmonisation of the structures of excise duties on alcohol and alcoholic beverages¹, and in particular Article 27 (4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/12/EEC of 25 February 1992 on the general arrangements for products subject to excise duty and on the holding movement and monitoring of such products², as amended by Directive 92/108/EEC³, and in particular Article 24 thereof,

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee on Excise Duties,

Whereas pursuant to Article 27(1)(a) of Directive 92/83/EEC, Member States are required to exempt from excise duty alcohol which has been completely denatured in accordance with the requirements of any Member State, provided that such requirements have been duly notified and accepted in accordance with the conditions laid down in paragraphs 3 and 4 of that Article;

¹ OJ No L 316, 31.10.1992, p. 21.

² OJ No L 76, 23.3.1992, p. 1.

³ OJ No L 390, 31.12.1992, p. 124.

Whereas objections have been received to the requirements notified;

Whereas, therefore, in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 4 of the said Article a decision is to be taken in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 24 of Directive 92/12/EEC,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The denaturants which are employed in each Member State for the purposes of completely denaturing alcohol in accordance with Article 27 (1)(a) of Directive 92/83/EEC are as described in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

ANNEX

List of products with their Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) registry number authorised for the complete denaturing of alcohol.

Acetone	CAS: 67-64-1
Denatonium benzoate	CAS: 3734-33-6
Ethanol	CAS: 64-17-5
Ethyl tert-butyl ether	CAS: 637-92-3
Fluorescein	CAS: 2321-07-5
Gasoline (including unleaded gasoline)	CAS: 86290-81-5
Isopropyl alcohol	CAS: 67-63-0
Kerosene	CAS: 8008-20-6
Lamp oil	CAS: 64742-47-8 and 64742-48-9
Methanol	CAS: 67-56-1
Methyl ethyl ketone (2-butanone)	CAS: 78-93-3
Methyl isobutyl ketone	CAS: 108-10-1
Methylene blue (52015)	CAS: 61-73-4
Solvent naphtha	CAS: 92062-36-7
Spirits of turpentine	CAS: 8006-64-2
Technical petrol	CAS: 92045-57-3

The term “absolute ethanol” in this Annex has the same meaning as the term “absolute alcohol” used by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry.

In all Member States, any dye may be added to the denatured alcohol to give it a characteristic colour, making it immediately identifiable.

I. The common denaturing procedure for completely denatured alcohol employed in Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland:

Per hectolitre of absolute ethanol:

- 1,0 litre isopropyl alcohol,
- 1,0 litre methyl ethyl ketone,
- 1,0 gram denatonium benzoate.

II. An increased concentration of the common denaturing procedure for completely denatured alcohol, employed in the following Member States:

The United Kingdom.

Per hectolitre of absolute ethanol:

- 3,0 litres isopropyl alcohol,
- 3,0 litres methyl ethyl ketone,
- 1,0 gram denatonium benzoate.

Croatia

Per hectolitre of absolute ethanol:

A minimum of:

- 1,0 litre isopropyl alcohol,
- 1,0 litre methyl ethyl ketone,
- 1,0 gram denatonium benzoate.

Sweden

Per hectolitre of absolute ethanol:

- 1,0 litre isopropyl alcohol,
- 2,0 litres methyl ethyl ketone,
- 1,0 gram denatonium benzoate.

III. Additional denaturing procedures for completely denatured alcohol employed in certain Member States:

Czech Republic

Per hectolitre of absolute ethanol:

- 0,4 litre solvent naphtha,
- 0,2 litre kerosene,
- 0,1 litre technical petrol.

Greece

Only low quality alcohol (heads and tails from distillation), with an alcoholic strength of at least 93 % volume and not exceeding 96 % volume can be denatured.

Per hectolitre of hydrated alcohol of 93 % volume, the following substances are added:

- 2,0 litres methanol,
- 1,0 litre spirit of turpentine,
- 0,50 litre lamp oil,
- 0,40 gram methylene blue.

At a temperature of 20 °C, the end product will reach, in its unaltered state, 93 % volume.

Finland – authorised until 31.12.2018

Per hectolitre of absolute ethanol any of the following formulations:

1. 2,0 litres methyl ethyl ketone,
3,0 litres methyl isobutyl ketone.
2. 2,0 litres acetone,
3,0 litres methyl isobutyl ketone.