

ETHYL ALCOHOL (CIRCULATION REQUIREMENTS)

SCOPE

Ethyl alcohol, which is denatured and intended for the manufacture of products not intended for human consumption

LATVIAN REGULATIONS

Cabinet Regulation No. 211, adopted 3 March, 2009 "[Procedures for the Denaturation of Alcohol and the Circulation of Denaturated Alcohol](#)"

PRIOR AUTHORISATION

- In order to be able to denature ethyl alcohol, the merchant must obtain a special permit (licence) for the activities of the approved warehouse keeper, specifying the type of activity - denaturing of alcohol.
- In order to be able to use denatured alcohol, a user of denatured alcohol, except a natural person who is not a merchant, must receive a permit from the State Revenue Service for the purchase of denatured alcohol.

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MAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR ECONOMIC OPERATORS

It is permitted to import denatured alcohol into the territory of the Republic of Latvia if there is a test report indicating the compliance of the denatured alcohol with Commission Regulation No. [3199/93](#) or the denaturing substances specified in the national list of denaturing substances, indicating the name and percentage of the substances concerned in the product, as well as the declared quantity of denatured alcohol in liters and the absolute quantity of alcohol in liters. National denaturing substances have been identified for partially denatured alcohol.

List of National Denaturing Substances

Type of alcohol (ethyl alcohol)	Denaturing substances	Minimum volume of denaturing substances per 1 hl of absolute ethanol
Ethyl alcohol	Iso-propyl alcohol	9 litres
	Acetone	1 litre
	Methylene blue, thymol blue or crystal violet	0.4 gram
Ethyl alcohol	Methylisobutylketone	3 litres
	Methylehtylketone	2 litres
Ethyl alcohol	Acetone	3 litres
	Denatonium benzoate	2 grams
Ethyl alcohol	Ethylacetate	10 litres
Ethyl alcohol	Mix of ketones: - 95-96 % by mass of methylehtylketone - 2.5-3 % by mass of methyl isopropyl ketone - 1.5-2 % by mass of ethyl amyl ketone	1 litre
	Denatonium benzoate	1 gram
Dehydrated ethyl alcohol (contains not more than 0.5 % of water)	Unleaded petrol	4 litres
	Ethyl tert butyl ether	1 litre
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Ethyl alcohol	tert-Butyl alcohol	80 grams
	Denatonium benzoate	0.8 gram
Ethyl alcohol	Iso-propyl alcohol	10 litres