

KVASS (QUALITY AND CLASSIFICATION REQUIREMENTS)

SCOPE

Non-alcoholic beverage

LATVIAN REGULATIONS

Cabinet Regulation No. 926, adopted September 30, 2010 "Quality and classification requirements for kvass and kvass (malt) beverages"

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Not required

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MAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR ECONOMIC OPERATORS

The Cabinet of Minister regulation defines kvass as a non-alcoholic beverage and introduces terms differentiating between fermented and non-fermented kvass, lays down the raw materials to be used, the quality and safety criteria of the finished products. The draft regulation states that no sweeteners or flavourings should be used in the manufacture of kvass. However, kvass may contain added vitamins and minerals. Food additives such as lactic acid (E 270), citric acid (E 330), ascorbic acid (E 300), sodium benzoate (E 211) and potassium sorbate (E 202) may be used in the manufacture of kvass. The alcohol contained in kvass may be produced only as a result of fermentation.

In order to prevent consumers from being misled, the use of the word "kvass" in the labelling is being regulated - requirements are laid down for the use of the trade name "kvass beverage" or "malt beverage" in combination with designations which do not mention the word "kvass", for example, kvass beverage "leciņītāis" (favourite), malt beverage "Veselība" (health) etc.