



### WINE IN CANS

The board has had some queries regarding the legality of above-mentioned.

#### 1 UNCERTIFIED WINE

“Uncertified” wine means wine not claiming origin and/or variety and/or vintage year.

The Regulations under the Liquor Products Act (60 of 1989) require all liquor products to be sold in prepackaged form for off-consumption. Containers must be self-supporting and rigid. The Regulations then set out requirements for containers, which are not self-supporting (e.g. the bag in bag-in-a-box and the like), and for plastic containers.

Cans are self-supporting and rigid. Thus, there is no impediment to using cans for uncertified wine other than that they may not be “injurious or detrimental for human health”.

#### 2 CERTIFIED WINE

Under the provisions of the Wine of Origin scheme the Wine and Spirit Board is obligated to ensure that certified wine in containers, other than glass, is safe for human consumption and that such containers provide an environment to ensure a sound product for a reasonable period of time.

The board has received some applications, with motivations, supporting documents and test results, in above-mentioned regard.

The end result is that the board has now generally authorised the use of aluminium cans for certified wine. Such cans shall have a maximum volume of 340 ml and ensure a shelf life of at least 12 months. In addition, the can must be internally coated with a Bisphenol-A Epoxy-Acrylate lacquer (with or without resveratrol) and fitted with a 52mm aluminium end lined with a water based compound (can sealant). It is recommended that compatibility testing of wines be conducted by a competent research institute before commercialisation.

As for all non-glass containers, indication of a filling date is compulsory, which particulars may, as is customary with cans, be indicated on the bottom of the can.

If you have any queries in this regard please feel free to contact the board’s secretary, Olivia Poonah, at +27 (0)21 889 6555 or [olivia@wsb.org.za](mailto:olivia@wsb.org.za).



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