
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2009 No. 2890

The Scotch Whisky Regulations 2009

Maturation, age and distillation statements

12.—(1) Without prejudice to the obligation to comply with the directly applicable requirements of Article 12(3) of Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 (which requires, among other things, that any maturation period or age may only be specified in the description, presentation or labelling of a spirit drink where it refers to the youngest alcoholic component in the drink), a person must not label, package, sell, advertise or promote any Scotch Whisky in a way that includes a reference to its maturation period or age unless the maturation period or age is expressed in years.

(2) A person must not label, package, sell, advertise or promote any Scotch Whisky in a way that includes a reference relating to when it was distilled unless—

- (a) the reference relates to a single calendar year;
- (b) all of the whisky in the drink was distilled in that year;
- (c) the presentation of the whisky also includes a reference to—
 - (i) the year of bottling of the whisky;
 - (ii) the maturation period of the whisky; or
 - (iii) the age of the whisky; and
- (d) the reference to the year of bottling, the maturation period, or age of the whisky appears in the same field of vision as the reference to the year of distillation.

(3) A person must not label, package, sell, advertise or promote any Scotch Whisky in a way that includes a reference to any number (however expressed) if the reference to that number may create a likelihood of confusion on the part of the public as to whether the number relates to the maturation period of the whisky, its age or when it was distilled.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Scotch Whisky Regulations 2009, Section 12.