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**Report Name:** The Thai Excise Department Approves US Export Certificates for Alcoholic Beverages

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**Report Highlights:**

The Thai Excise Department approved the use of the APEC Model Wine Export Certificate for U.S. wine exports and the U.S. Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau's (TTB) Certificate of Sanitation for U.S. beer and distilled spirit exports to Thailand with specific attestation. U.S. alcohol beverage exports will require no additional testing or certificate of analysis. U.S. exports of alcohol beverages to Thailand were approximately \$11 million in 2020.

The Thai Excise Department (TED) officially approved the use of the APEC Model Wine Export Certificate for U.S. wine exports and the U.S. Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau's (TTB) Certificate of Sanitation for U.S. beer and distilled spirits exports to Thailand, with specific attestations, on August 13, 2021. U.S. alcohol beverage exports, accompanied with these certificates issued by TTB, will require no additional testing or certificate of analysis. The import permits obtained from these approved certificates are valid for three years. The exporter must obtain a new export certificate to renew the import permit after three years. The sample of certificates for wine, beer, and distilled spirits are available at TTB website: <https://www.ttb.gov/itd/export-documents-certificates>.

The approved export certificates will ease the import process for U.S. alcoholic beverages entering Thailand and possibly help encourage new export opportunities for U.S. exporters. The total trade value of U.S. alcoholic beverage exports to Thailand in 2020 was approximately U.S. \$11 million, up 17.5 percent from 2019. U.S. wine exports accounted for 66 percent of the total U.S. alcoholic beverages to Thailand, followed by beer at 25 percent and distilled spirit at 9 percent. U.S. wine exports increased 75 percent from 2019 to 2020, jumping from U.S. \$4.2 million to U.S. \$7.39 million.

FAS Bangkok and the interagency worked with TED through various international fora and bilateral discussions to resolve this concern to facilitate U.S. alcoholic beverages exports to Thailand since 2017. TED's revised notification published in late 2020 allowed the acceptance of an export certificate from a competent government authority in lieu of lab testing results. However, there must be an attestation on the certificate that the alcoholic beverage conforms to Thai standards set forth in the regulation. Otherwise, the exporter must submit a certificate of analysis from a lab that is either ISO/IEC17025 certified or recognized by international or regional organization standards to obtain an import permit for the product, which is valid for 3 years. Alternatively, the exporter can ship product samples to a Thai Excise Department lab or a certified government lab for testing to meet the requirement for an import permit. Details of the revised notification and maximum limit of imposed substances is available at [GAIN Report: Revised Notification of Quality Standard of Imported Alcoholic Beverages](#).

End of report.

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.