

CHAPTER 4

CLASS AND TYPE DESIGNATION

GENERAL FEATURES

- The class and type designation identifies the labeled malt beverage as to its specific class and/or class and type
- The class and type designation is based on trade understanding of the characteristics generally attributed to the particular class and/or class and type of malt beverage

CLASS AND TYPE DESIGNATION

- The broad, general classification “Malt Beverage” is sufficient as a class and type designation

OR

- The more specific CLASS of malt beverage, e.g., “Ale,” is sufficient as the class and type designation

OR

- The even more specific TYPE of malt beverage, e.g., “India Pale Ale,” is sufficient as the class and type designation

NOTE: On succeeding pages are three charts:

The first chart provides a definition of the general classification “malt beverage”

The second chart lists and very broadly defines the classes of malt beverages. The classes that are sufficient as class and type designations are notated

The third chart lists and provides a very general description of a number of types of malt beverages. The types that are sufficient as class and type designations are notated

DEFINITION OF MALT BEVERAGE

GENERAL CLASSIFICATION	DEFINITION
MALT BEVERAGE ¹	<p>An alcohol or alcohol-free beverage made by the alcoholic fermentation of an infusion or decoction, or combination of both, in potable brewing water, of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • malted barley comprising not less than 25% by weight of the total weight of fermentable ingredients • hops (or their parts or products) in an amount equivalent to 7.5 pounds per 100 barrels (3100 gallons) of finished malt beverage <p>AND, with or without</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • other malted cereals • unmalted or prepared cereals • other carbohydrates (or products prepared therefrom) • carbon dioxide • other wholesome products suitable for human food consumption

¹Sufficient as class and type designation

CLASSES OF MALT BEVERAGES

CLASS	GENERAL DEFINITION
ALE ¹	Malt beverage fermented at a comparatively high temperature containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume possessing the characteristics generally attributed to and conforming to the trade understanding of "ale"
BEER ¹	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume possessing the characteristics generally attributed to and conforming to the trade understanding of "beer"
CEREAL BEVERAGE ¹	Malt beverage containing less than 0.5% alcohol by volume
LAGER/ LAGER BEER ¹	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume possessing the characteristics generally attributed to and conforming to the trade understanding of "lager"/"lager beer"
MALT BEVERAGE SPECIALTY ²	Generally, any class and/or type of malt beverage that contains or is treated with (other than those recognized in standard brewing practices) flavoring and/or coloring materials and/or nonstandard blending or treating materials or processes
MALT LIQUOR ¹	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume possessing the characteristics generally attributed to and conforming to the trade understanding of "malt liquor"
NEAR BEER ¹	Malt beverage containing less than 0.5% alcohol by volume
PORTER ¹	Malt beverage fermented at a comparatively high temperature containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume possessing the characteristics generally attributed to and conforming to the trade understanding of "porter"
STOUT ¹	Malt beverage fermented at a comparatively high temperature containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume possessing the characteristics generally attributed to and conforming to the trade understanding of "stout"

¹Sufficient as class and type designation

²A distinctive or fanciful product name with a statement reflecting the composition and character of the product is sufficient as class and type designation, e.g., "Honey Ale, Ale Brewed With Honey"

TYPES OF MALT BEVERAGES

TYPE	GENERAL DESCRIPTION
AMBER ALE ¹	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume
AMBER LAGER ¹	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume
BARLEY WINE ALE/BARLEY WINE STYLE ALE ¹	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume
BAVARIAN ²	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume produced in Germany
BITTER ALE ¹	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume
BLACK AND TAN ³	Product containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume composed of two classes of malt beverages
BOCK BEER ¹	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume
BROWN ALE ¹	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume
CREAM ALE ¹	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume
CREAM STOUT ¹	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume
DORTMUND/DORTMUNDER ²	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume produced in Germany
DRAFT BEER/DRAUGHT BEER ¹	Unpasteurized* malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume
DRY BEER ¹	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume
EXPORT ALE ¹	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume
EXPORT BEER ¹	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume
GOLDEN ALE ¹	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume
GOLDEN LAGER ¹	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume
HALF AND HALF	Product containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume composed of equal parts of two classes of malt beverages
ICE BEER ¹	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume supercooled during the brewing process to form ice crystals
IMPERIAL STOUT ¹	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume
INDIA PALE ALE ¹	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume
KULMBACHER ²	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume produced in Germany
MUNICH/ MUNCHNER ²	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume produced in Germany
PALE ALE ¹	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume
PILS	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume
PILSEN/PILSENER/PILSNER	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume produced in the Czech Republic
RYE BEER ¹	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume made from a fermentable base that consists of at least 5% by weight malted rye
SALVATOR ²	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume produced in Germany
STOCK ALE ¹	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume

TYPE	GENERAL DESCRIPTION
VIENNA ²	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume produced in Austria
WEIN/WEINER ²	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume produced in Germany
WHEAT BEER ¹	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume made from a fermentable base that consists of at least 25% by weight malted wheat
WURTZBURGER ²	Malt beverage containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume produced in Germany

*Pasteurized beer may be described as “DRAFT” (or “DRAUGHT”) only if the beer is packaged in containers of one gallon or larger the contents of which are to be drawn off through a tap, spigot, faucet or similar device

Other than this exception, pasteurized beer may not be described as “DRAFT” (or “DRAUGHT”). However, pasteurized beer may be described as “DRAFT BREWED,” “DRAFT BEER FLAVOR,” etc., **PROVIDED** the fact that the beer is pasteurized is also noted on the label

¹Sufficient as class and type designation

²Sufficient as class and type designation. For Bavarian, Dortmund/Dortmunder, Kulmbacher, Munich/Munchner, Salvator, Wein/Weiner, Wurtzburger produced outside of Germany or Vienna produced outside of Austria, the class and type designation “Bavarian,” “Dortmund,” etc., must include the word “type” or “American” or other adjective or statement, e.g., “Brewed in the U.S.,” indicating the true place of production

³The class and type designation is the names of the two classes of malt beverages in conjunction with “Black and Tan,” e.g., “Black and Tan, Stout and Ale”

NOTE: The percentage of each class must also be shown if either class contributes less than 40% of the volume of the malt beverage, e.g., “Black and Tan, 70% Stout and 30% Ale”

The class and type designation is the names of the two classes of malt beverages in conjunction with “Half and Half,” e.g., “Half and Half, Porter and Stout”

Not sufficient as class and type designation. “Malt Beverage,” “Beer,” “Lager,” or “Lager Beer” must appear as the class and type designation

Sufficient as class and type designation for Pilsen/Pilsener/Pilsner produced in the Czech Republic or the U.S. For Pilsen/Pilsener/Pilsner produced outside of the Czech Republic or the U.S., the class and type designation “Pilsen,” etc., must include the word “type” or “French” or other adjective or statement, e.g., “Brewed in France,” indicating the true place of production