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Announcement

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TTB Publishes T.D. TTB-113, Standards of Identity for Pisco and Cognac

On May 16, 2013, TTB published [T.D. TTB-113](#), a final rule amending its regulations regarding the standards of identity for distilled spirits to include “Pisco” as a type of brandy that must be manufactured in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations of either Peru or Chile. This amendment to the TTB regulations reflects the provisions of the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement and the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement under which the United States agreed to recognize Pisco as a distinctive product of Peru and Chile, as appropriate. In turn, under those agreements, Peru and Chile agreed to recognize Bourbon Whiskey and Tennessee Whiskey as distinctive products of the United States.

This final rule also removes “Pisco brandy” from the list of examples of geographical designations in the distilled spirits standards of identity regulations since Pisco will now be listed separately as a type of brandy, and the final rule includes a technical correction to remove “Cognac” from the same list of examples since it is also listed separately as a type of brandy.

This final rule will be effective on July 15, 2013. To view the complete rulemaking record for this regulatory amendment, including the proposed rule, the public comments received in response to the proposed rule, and the final rule, see [Docket No. TTB-2012-0001](#) on the “[Regulations.gov](#)” website. You may also read the related [TTB press release](#).