

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law provided restrictions for containers, container sizes, and the number of containers per shipping case for distilled spirits and wines, vintage wines, and sake sold in or shipped into the state of La.

New law repeals prior law.

New law provides that regulations related to wines and distilled spirits relative to their standards of fill and container sizes are governed by the U.S. Dept. of the Treasury, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, as set forth in Title 27 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended.

New law prohibits the state of La. from prescribing the number of containers per shipping case or shipping container for wines and distilled spirits. Further allows the commissioner to promulgate rules in accordance with the APA necessary for tax administration, public safety, or enforcement purposes.

New law provides limitations regarding container sizes and details shipping requirements for vintage wines. Defines "vintage wines" as wines bottled prior to Dec.31, 1978.

New law provides that the restrictions do not apply to sake or cider products.

New law prohibits the sale or shipment of powdered alcohol in the state of La.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 26:351)