

# Facts



## Information

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### **Drinking in Measure**

#### **Trade Measurement Act 1999**

All beer, stout, ale, brandy (including cognac and armagnac), gin, rum, vodka and whisky (whiskey) must be measured in accordance with the *Trade Measurement Act 1999*. Penalties up to \$20,000 for an individual and \$100,000 for a corporation can be imposed on individuals for offences under this Act.

#### **Drinking vessels (beer glasses & jugs)**

Beer, stout or ale must be measured in approved drinking measures (e.g. glasses, cups, mugs, etc.); and approved portable measures (e.g. carafes, jugs, etc.). Drinking vessels must have their capacity in millilitres (mL) or litres (L) shown on the side or base, together with a stylised scale mark and manufacturer's identification.

The capacity of portable measures must be shown by a capacity line.

#### **Liquor measures (spirit measures & spirit dispensers)**

Brandy (including cognac and armagnac), gin, rum, vodka and whisky (whiskey) must be measured by approved spirit measures (jiggers) or spirit dispensers. Spirit measures must hold 15 mL (half), 30 mL (nip), 60 mL (double) and be marked with their capacity, manufacturer's identification and stylised scale mark.

Spirit dispensers must also deliver fixed quantities (15mL, 30mL, or 60ml). They must be approved by the National Standards Commission incorporating a data plate showing their NSC approval number in the form "NSC 4/5/.." or "NSC 5/6S/..".

#### **Exceptions**

Cocktails made from spirits mixed with other spirits. Beer and spirits sold prepacked in cans and bottles. Other alcoholic beverages e.g. wine. However if any measurement is stated or implied, it must be accurate.

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