

## ALCOHOL IMPORTATIONS - Box Explanation Sheet

If any section of this form is not completed this may result in delay of your Customs clearance or stop the process completely. Please complete all sections of this form.

***\*NOTE: Please try to group all items to their country of origin and alcohol type. Doing this will speed the Customs Clearance process\****

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1. **TYPE(s) OF ALCOHOL** - In order to properly classify your alcohol items it is imperative that you list general names. Specific names of alcohol will further delay the customs clearance and cause for more questions.

For example:

Correct – Red Wine, whiskey, rum etc.

Incorrect – Chardonnay, Clos De Lo Siete, Napa Valley Cabernet, etc

2. **VALUE** – Please make sure to write the U.S. dollar value of each alcohol bottle. Doing this will speed the process of customs clearance.
3. **QTY** – Input the total bottle count
4. **ALCOHOL % PER BOTTLE** – Proper Customs classification of your items greatly depend on the amount of alcohol percentage.
5. **LITERS PER BOTTLE** – Proper Customs classification of your items greatly depend on the liter per bottle.
6. **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN** – The country of origin is not always the country where purchased. We must report to Customs & Border Protection and FDA the correct country of origin (where manufactured). If this information is not provided or falsely provided this may delay your customs clearance process and can also result in Customs and FDA seizure of your items.
7. **BROKER USE ONLY** – The U.S. Customs Broker will use this section in the classifying process. Do not write anything here.

*Please note customs duty and taxes are very difficult to pre-determine until the entry has been sent to U.S. Customs for clearance.*

*Some U.S. states and Customs & Border Protection require state Alcohol taxes be paid prior to Customs clearance. These charges are in addition to the Customs Duties and Taxes. Often states will work with the customs broker directly. However, some have been known to want to speak with the owner directly. It's always best to be available should they need to contact you directly.*