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Excise Stamps on Alcoholic Products

Following amendments to the Excise Regulations 1994, the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) brings to the attention of manufacturers, importers, wholesalers, retailers and the general public that:

- (i) As from **1st April 2014**, all alcoholic products of an alcoholic strength of not less than 20 % per volume and in containers holding 200 ml and above, manufactured in or imported into Mauritius and meant for sale on the local market **shall** be affixed with MRA's excise stamps.
- (ii) The products concerned are mainly Cognac, Brandy, Whisky, Rum, Gin, Vodka, Liqueurs, Tequilla and other spirits. **Wine, beer and champagne are not concerned.**
- (iii) Alcoholic products mentioned at paragraph (ii) offered for sale on the local market and not bearing the MRA's excise stamp shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed to have been manufactured in or imported into Mauritius, without payment of excise duty and taxes and shall be liable to seizure and forfeiture.
- (iv) Failure to comply with the above constitutes an offence as per Customs laws.

For any further information, please contact the Excise Section of the Customs Department on 202-0500 or call in person at:

Excise Section, 3rd Floor, Custom House, Mer Rouge, Port Louis.