

CHAPTER 9

CONTAINERS

GENERAL FEATURES

- DESIGN

The design of the container may not be visually misleading as to the container's actual capacity

- MATERIALS

Any materials used in the construction or manufacture of containers must be approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for use in the packaging of beverage alcohol products

STANDARD CONTAINERS

- CRITERIA

A container is standard if:

- The contents are visible through the container **AND**

- The shape or design of the container is not distinctive, i.e., unusual, non-traditional, etc.

- MAXIMUM CONTAINER CAPACITY

- Headspace may not exceed 8% of the total capacity of the container after closure for containers of 200 ml or more

- Based on the headspace allowance, the maximum container capacity for each of the current standards of fill (see CHAPTER 9, STANDARDS OF FILL) is:

STANDARD OF FILL	MAXIMUM CONTAINER CAPACITY
200 ml	217 ml
375 ml	407 ml
750 ml	815 ml
1 Liter	1086 ml
1.75 Liters	1901 ml

NON-STANDARD OR DISTINCTIVE CONTAINERS

- CRITERIA

A container is non-standard if:

- The contents are not visible through the container **OR**
- The shape or design of the container is distinctive, i.e., unusual, non-traditional, etc.

- MAXIMUM CONTAINER CAPACITY

The maximum container capacity for each of the current standards of fill (see CHAPTER 9, STANDARDS OF FILL) is:

STANDARD OF FILL	MAXIMUM CONTAINER CAPACITY
50 ml	83 ml
100 ml	133 ml
200 ml	268 ml
355 ml	418 ml
375 ml	441 ml
750 ml	882 ml
1 Liter	1334 ml
1.75 Liters	2334 ml