

INDUSTRY CIRCULAR

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE
ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO TAX DIVISION



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CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN AND IDENTITY FOR GERMAN WINES

Importers, and others concerned:

Purpose. The purpose of this circular is to inform importers of German Wines that all such wines shipped from The Federal Republic of Germany on and after May 1, 1960, must be accompanied by appropriate certificates of origin and identity issued under authority of the laws of The Federal Republic of Germany.

Background. Refer to Industry Circulars Nos. 58-35, 59-5, 59-28, 59-49 and 59-53.

Conclusion. The Internal Revenue Service has been informed by The Federal Republic of Germany that the Chambers of Industry and Commerce (Industrie-Und Handelskammer) are officially delegated and are authorized under German Law to issue certificates of origin and identity for all German Wines, thus under the provisions of Section 45 (27 CFR 4.45), Regulations No. 4, Relating to Labeling and Advertising of Wine, certificates will be required for such wines on the effective date above.

In all instances the certificates will identify the wine covered thereby as follows:

1. Total number of cases or barrels
2. Type of packing
3. Marks and numbers on cases or barrels
4. Gross and net weight
5. Designation and description of wine (under heading "Contents Name of Wine")

The certificate must be signed, and the official seal affixed by the Secretary of the appropriate Chamber of Industry and Commerce.

In order to avoid detention of merchandise at the ports of entry, all importers of German Wines should advise their principals abroad of these provisions. Importers are also reminded of the provisions of Industry Circular No. 59-49 with respect to certificates required for wines exported in bulk from countries of origin and bottled in other countries prior to shipment to the United States.

Inquiries. Correspondence in regard to this Industry Circular should refer to its number and be addressed to the Director, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax (O:AT:BT), Washington 25, D. C.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dwight E. Avis".

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