



LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL SPIRITS COMPETITION

INTERNATIONAL GUIDELINES

1. Determine the spirits you wish to enter and go to the website www.laspiritscomp.com to enter.
2. **ENTRY FEE – Early Bird Entry - \$300 per entry received before March 31/ \$310 per entry received after March 31.** Entry fee must accompany online entry by credit card: Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, or be made by wire transfer, or U.S. check.

Wire Transfer Information:

Wells Fargo Bank- ACH/Wire **Bank Routing Transit #: 121000248 - Swift #: WFBIUS6WFFX**
Account #: **General Account 4121-987788**
Bank: Wells Fargo Bank, 420 Montgomery St., San Francisco, CA 94104
Beneficiary: Los Angeles County Fair Association dba: Fairplex
1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona, CA 91768 USA
Bank Representative Contact: Cynthia Boudt +1 (415) 222-3632
Reference: Spirits Competition

3. **SHIPPING:** International spirits will be received from Jan. 5 until April 30, 2019. Shipments will be received weekdays 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. All spirits entered **MUST BE SHIPPED PREPAID. All samples should be packed with the entry form on the inside and the name of the producer marked clearly on the outside.**

THE LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL SPIRITS COMPETITION IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY SHIPPING OR CUSTOMS CHARGES

International shipments of spirits must be cleared by a licensed broker with applicable importing licenses. If you have an importer it is best to use your own importer.

INTERNATIONAL SHIPMENTS REQUIRE:

- **REGISTERED FDA NUMBER:** You must obtain a registration with the FDA. If you have a FDA registration number, you might need to renew your account information with the FDA. Renewals must be completed by December 31, 2018, otherwise a new registration will be required; <http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FoodFacilityRegistration/default.htm>. An authorized US Agent is required for all new and renewed FDA Permits. Accolade Brands offers this service for 150 Euros for the 2 year registration.
- You must file a Prior Notice with FDA online before shipping. <http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/ImportsExports/Importing/ucm074936.htm>. If you are unsure about filing the FDA Prior Notice the Competition has contracted with Accolade Brands to perform this service for those producers that do not have an importer or FDA US Agent. The fee for this service is stated below.
- **TTB SAMPLE WAIVER (COLA WAIVER):** All sample shipments to the US must be accompanied by a TTB Sample Waiver issued to a Federally and State Licensed Importer. The typical waiting time is five to seven business days if all of the paperwork is in order. The Competition has contracted with Accolade Brands to perform this service for those producers that do not have an importer. The fee for this service is stated below.

If you do not have an importer, **the Los Angeles International Spirits Competition has made arrangements with Accolade Brands to clear shipments. If you would like to use Accolade Brands to clear shipment please contact MARK NEWMAN, ACCOLADE BRANDS (818)390-3888 FEDERAL TTB IMPORT LICENSE# CA-I-15220. EMAIL MARK@ACCOLADEBRANDS.COM BEFORE SHIPPING.**

Payment must be prepaid by credit card through PayPal to Accolade Brands. Your shipping documents should indicate that you will pay for all Customs Charges. If you do not properly designate that you will pay the customs fee, your customs fees must be paid by credit card or wire transfer within 72 hours from billing.

CONSIGNEE: ACCOLADE BRANDS
IN CARE OF: LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL SPIRITS COMPETITION
1101 W. MCKINLEY AVENUE
POMONA, CA 91768 USA
Phone 818-390-3888
Fax 818-683-0413

Accolade Brands – Fees:

TTB COLA Waiver & Registration – 25 Euros per Distillery, + 15 Euros per item entered.
FDA Prior Notice – 25 Euros per Distillery
FDA Food Facility Registration – 75 Euros Per Distillery (this is only needed if you have not registered with the FDA)
FDA Agent Filing – 75 Euros per year per Distillery for a total of 150 Euros. The permit is issued for 2 years through December 31, 2020. This is required by FDA for your shipment to legally arrive in the US.
Customs Charges, Taxes & Duty are to be paid by each producer.
Contact: Mark Newman, Email: mark@accoladebrands.com, Fax: 818.683.0413 Phone: 818.390.3888

Please complete a Proforma Invoice that includes the quantity, name of the spirit, the type (ie. rum, whisky, vodka, tequila or the exact name of the spirit) and the alcohol content. **YOU MUST DESIGNATE THAT YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR ALL U.S. CUSTOMS CHARGES ON YOUR INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING DOCUMENTS OR AIRWAY BILL. Accolade Brands is not responsible for US Customs & Brokerage Charges and if this is not done properly, your shipment could be delayed until we receive payment for these charges.** If the shipment is large enough for commercial airfreight, we must collect estimated tax, duty and customs charges in advance. The commercial value for samples is typically one Euro per bottle and this should be stated on a pro-forma invoice. We recommend FedEx for spirit shipments.

Option 1: Use FED EX or UPS. To be charged to your Fed Ex or UPS Account and to include the payment of all Customs Charges. We require a credit card number just in case that you have not completed the shipping forms correctly and you will only be billed for any excess charges or taxes that are billed to our account for your shipment.

Option 2: Airline airfreight or DHL. This is usually a more expensive option than UPS or FedEx.

- ALL BOTTLES: Must have a label affixed to the back of the bottle that contains the US Government Warning the phrase "Contains Sulfites" and the phrase "Trade Samples – Not for Resale". The words "Government Warning" must appear in capital letters and in bold type. The remainder of the statement may NOT appear in bold type. The statement MUST appear as a continuous paragraph. The statement reads as follows and should be 2mm to 3mm in size:

GOVERNMENT WARNING: (1) ACCORDING TO THE SURGEON GENERAL, WOMEN SHOULD NOT DRING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING PREGNANCY BECAUSE OF THE RISK OF BIRTH DEFECTS. (2) CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IMPAIRS OUR ABILITY TO DRIVE A CAR OR OPERATE MACHINERY, AND MAY CAUSE HEALTH PROBLEMS.

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4. May 7-8, 2019 judging of all spirits entries.
5. June 2019 competition results will be posted to the spirits website www.laspiritscomp.com. The Los Angeles International Spirits Competition offers award seals for purchase.
6. August 30 – September 22, 2019 Los Angeles County Fair. Display of award-winning spirits and offer spirits education seminars in the Los Angeles International Wine, Beer & Spirits Marketplace. Spirits entered in the competition will become the property of the Los Angeles International Spirits Competition.