



LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL SPIRITS COMPETITION

2023 INTERNATIONAL RULES AND SHIPPING GUIDELINES

1. Determine the spirits you wish to enter and go to www.LASpiritsComp.com and click on the Enter Spirits Competition link.
2. **ENTRY FEE – \$300 per entry.** Entry fee must accompany entry form. Payment may be made by wire transfer (please send a receipt of wire transfer with entry information), credit card: Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, or U.S. check payable to Fairplex.

Wire Transfer Information:

Wells Fargo Bank - ACH/Wire **Routing Number #: 121000248 - Swift #: WFBUS6WFFX**
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: **David Garcia + 1 (626)-349-3533**
Reference: Spirits Competition

3. SHIPPING:

International spirits will be received from now until **March 3, 2023** for the Los Angeles International Spirits Competition. 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/distiller marked clearly on the outside.** The Los Angeles International Spirits Competition will acknowledge receipt of spirits. 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 an FDA registration number, you might need to renew your account information with the FDA. Renewals must be completed by December 31, 2022. Otherwise, a new registration will be required; <https://www.fda.gov/food/online-registration-food-facilities/food-facility-registration-user-guide-step-step-instructions>. 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 which goes through December 31, 2024.
- The Competition has contracted with Accolade Brands to perform this service. You must file a Prior Notice with FDA online before shipping. <https://www.fda.gov/food/importing-food-products-united-states/quick-start-guide-prior-notice-food-articles-prior-notice-system-interface-pnsi>. 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 these services is stated below.
- **TTB SAMPLE WAIVER (COLA WAIVER):** All sample shipments to the US must be accompanied with a TTB Sample Waiver issued to a Federal 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 distillers that do not have an importer. The fee 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 INC.
IN CARE OF: LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL SPIRITS COMPETITION
 1101 W. MCKINLEY AVENUE
 POMONA, CA 91768 USA
 Phone 818-390-3888

Accolade Brands – Fees:

TTB COLA Waiver & Registration – 25 Euros per Distillery + 15 Euros per spirit entry.
 FDA Prior Notice – 25 Euros per Distillery.
 FDA Food Facility Registration – 95 Euros per Distillery (this is only needed if you have not previously registered with the FDA)
 FDA Agent Filing – 85 Euros per year per Distillery. FDA requires that you have a USA Agent. The permit is issued for the one remaining calendar year through December 31, 2023. This is required by FDA for your shipment to legally arrive in the U.S. Permits issued in 2022 & 2023, will automatically be renewed in December 2023 for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024. The renewal will be 85 Euros per year for a total of 170 Euros. FDA also requires a UFA (Unique Facility Identifier) DUNS number. The fee for the UFI number is 25 Euros. Customs Charges, Taxes & Duty are to be paid by each distiller.
 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 (i.e., rum, whiskey, 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 U.S. 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 proforma invoice.

Option 1: Use UPS or FED EX. Please charge to your Fed Ex or UPS Account and must include payment of all Customs Charges. We require a credit card number just in case 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 Fed EX.

- **ALL SPIRIT 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 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 DRINK 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. The Los Angeles International Spirits Competition is March 22 & 23, 2023.
5. April 3, 2023, the competition results will be posted on the website www.LASpiritsComp.com. The Los Angeles International Spirits Competition offers award seals for purchase.

May 5 - 29, 2023 is the Los Angeles County Fair. Display of all award-winning spirits, and spirits education seminars in the Los Angeles International Wine, Spirits & Beer Marketplace.

6. All spirits entered in the competition will become the property of the Los Angeles International Spirits Competition.