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Foreword

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In order to achieve this objective, the Community established an East African Standards Committee mandated to develop and issue East African Standards.

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EAS 143 was prepared by Technical Committee EASC/TC 007, Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition EAS 143:2000, which has been technically revised.
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1 Scope

This East African Standard specifies the requirements and method of sampling and test for brandy.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

CAC/GL 66, Guidelines for the use of flavourings

CODEX STAN 192, General standard for food additives

EAS 12, Drinking (potable) water — Specification

EAS 38, Labelling of pre-packaged foods — Specification

EAS 39, Hygiene for food and drink manufacturing industries — Code of practice

EAS 100, Food stuffs — Methods of determination of Lead

EAS 123, Distilled water — Specification

EAS 144, Neutral spirit — Specification

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this standard, the following terms and definitions shall apply.

3.1 brandy
alcoholic distillate made by fermentation and distillation of fresh edible fruit mash, usually grapes; with or without subsequent aging of the distillate

3.2 fruity brandy
distillate obtained from the fermented juice of fresh, ripe and sound fruits other than grapes

3.3 blended brandy
mixture of brandy with neutral spirit

3.4 blended fruit brandy
mixture of specific fruit brandy with neutral spirit
4 Requirements

4.1 Ingredients

The ingredients for brandy shall include the following:

a) distilled water conforming to EAS 123 or demineralised water;

b) neutral spirit, if used for blending, conforming to EAS 144; and

c) flavouring agents, if used, in accordance with CAC/GL 66

4.2 General requirements

4.2.1 Brandy shall

a) be clear and free from haze

b) be free from extraneous matter.

c) be of a pale yellow or amber colour

d) have characteristic aroma and taste.

4.2.2 Fruit brandy may be colourless and may contain some permitted food grade colouring substances.

4.3 Specific quality requirements

4.3.1 Brandy shall comply with the specific quality requirements given in Table 1 when tested in accordance with EAS 104.

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<th>Characteristic</th>
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<td>i.</td>
<td>Ethyl alcohol, %, v/v at 20 °C, min.</td>
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<td>ii.</td>
<td>Total solids, % (m/v), max</td>
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<td>iii.</td>
<td>Total ash, % (m/v), max</td>
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<td>iv.</td>
<td>Volatile acids as acetic acid, g/100 L of absolute alcohol, max</td>
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<td>v.</td>
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<td>• Grape or fruit brandy</td>
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<td>• Blended brandy,</td>
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<td>vi.</td>
<td>Higher alcohols as amyl alcohol, mg/ L of absolute alcohol, max</td>
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<td>viii.</td>
<td>Furfural,</td>
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<td>ix.</td>
<td>Methyl alcohol, mg/L, max.</td>
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4.3.2 Blended brandy shall have a minimum of 10 % of absolute alcohol volume of specific brandy.

5 Heavy metal contaminants
When tested in accordance with EAS 100, the level of lead shall not exceed 0.01 mg/L.

6 Food additives
Food additives may be used in the preparation of brandy in accordance with CODEX STAN 192.

7 Hygiene
Brandy shall be manufactured and handled in a hygienic manner in accordance with EAS 39.

8 Weights and measures
The volume and fill of brandy shall comply with the weights and measures regulations of Partner States or equivalent legislation.

9 Packaging
9.1 Brandy shall be packaged in suitable food grade containers.

9.2 Brandy shall be packaged for bulk delivery and storage in containers that shall prevent contamination of the product and preserve its safety and quality

10 Labelling
In addition to the requirements of EAS 38, the following specific labelling requirements shall apply and shall be legibly and indelibly marked:

a) common name as ‘Brandy or blended brandy’ specifying the fruit;

b) name, physical location and address of manufacturer;

c) ethyl alcohol content, % by volume;

d) net content;

e) a declaration by common name of any additives used;

f) date of manufacture;

g) batch identification number/code;

h) country of origin; and

i) statutory warnings.
8 Sampling and test

Sampling and testing of brandy shall be done in accordance with EAS 104.