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Foreword

This Standard is developed in accordance with the "Regulations on the Protection of Product of Geographical Indication" promulgated by General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the PRC, and GB 17924-1999 "General requirements for products of designations of origin or geographical indications".

This Standard replaces and abolishes GB 18356-2001 "Moutai liquor (Kweichow Moutai liquor)".

As compared with GB 18356-2001, the main amendments of this Standard are as follows.

- According to the "Regulations on the Protection of Product of Geographical Indication" promulgated by General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the PRC, MODIFY relevant names;
- Changed from mandatory to recommended;
- MODIFY the texts of some definitions, raw material requirements, brewing environment, traditional techniques, etc., to make them more accurate and clearer;

- According to current national standards, MODIFY the alcohol content of physical and chemical indexes;

- ADD the product specification with a volume of more than 1 L.

Appendix A of this Standard is a normative appendix.

This Standard was proposed by and shall be under the jurisdiction of National Working Group on Products of Origin or Geographical Indications of Standardization Administration of China.

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The previous editions of the standard replaced by this Standard were released as follows.

- GB 18356-2001.

Product of geographical indication -

Kweichow Moutai liquor

1 Scope

This Standard specifies the scope of protection, terms and definitions, requirements, test methods, inspection rules, marking, packaging, transportation, and storage of product of geographical indication of Kweichow Moutai liquor.

This Standard is applicable to Kweichow Moutai liquor approved by the competent administrative department of quality supervision, inspection and quarantine of the PRC according to the "Regulations on the Protection of Product of Geographical Indication".

2 Referenced standards

The clauses in the following documents, by reference in this Standard, constitute the clauses of this Standard. For the dated references, the subsequent amendments (not including errata content) or revisions do not

apply to this Standard. However, parties which have reached an agreement according to this Standard are encouraged to study whether the latest edition of these documents can be used. For the undated references, the latest edition is applicable to this Standard.

GB 1351 Wheat

GB 2757 National Food Safety Standard - Distilled Spirits and Formulated Spirits

GB/T 5009.48 Method for analysis of hygienic standard of distilled wines and mixed wines

GB 5749 Standards for drinking water quality

GB 7718 National Food Safety Standard - Standard for nutrition labelling of prepackaged foods

GB/T 8231 Sorghum

GB 10344 General standard for the labeling of prepackaged alcoholic beverage

GB/T 10345 Method of analysis for Chinese spirits

GB/T 10346 General principle of inspection for Chinese spirits

GB/T 15109 Terminology of Chinese spirits industry

3 Scope of protection of product of geographical

indication

The scope of protection of Kweichow Moutai liquor is limited to the scope approved by the competent administrative department of quality supervision, inspection and quarantine of the PRC according to the "Regulations on the Protection of Product of Geographical Indication", SEE Appendix A.

4 Terms and definitions

The terms and definitions defined in GB/T 15109 and the following are applicable to this Standard.

4.1 Kweichow Moutai liquor

The liquor which is made from high-quality sorghum, wheat, and water, and is produced according to the traditional techniques of Kweichow Moutai liquor in the specific geographical area of Maotai Town, Renhuai City, Guizhou Province.

4.2 Storage time of liquor

The time for which the liquor produced is stored and ages in the pottery jar, in years.

4.3 Aged Kweichow Moutai liquor

Kweichow Moutai liquor with a storage time of not less than 15 years and blended.

4.4 Sorghum

A Chinese nick-name for sorghum when feeding for Kweichow Moutai liquor.

The production feeding is divided into two stages. sorghum charging and sorghum making.

4.5 Batch

The production process in which the fermented grains are steam-boiled, spread for cooling, mixed, stacked for fermenting, put into sand-gravel cellar for fermenting, and distilled.

4.6 The three high-temperature processes and three long-term processes

"Three high-temperature processes" refer to high temperature starter-making, high temperature stacking fermentation, and high temperature flowing liquor.

"Three long-term processes" mean that Daqu is stored for not less than six months; the raw materials are fermented in multiple batches; the production cycle is one year; and the base liquor is stored for not less than three years.