

**ZYPERN**

**UPDATED INFORMATION**

**BY THE CYPRUS CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT**  
**IN RELATION TO THE DENATURATION OF ETHYL ALCOHOL**  
**(according to article 27(1)(b) of Directive 92/12/EEC)**

**of 23.12.2004**

**Article 27(1)(b) of Directive 92/83/EEC:**

The denaturants to be used for the denaturation of ethyl alcohol used for the manufacture of any product not for human consumption are the following in the shown proportions:

To every 100 litres of ethyl alcohol (= ethanol)

a) no less than 1,5 (one and a half) litre of diethyl phthalate

or

b) 0,8 gr or 10 ppm benzyl diethyl (2,6-xylylcarbanoyl methyl) ammonium benzoate  
(Bitrex)

The users, as well as the products, in the manufacture of which these types of industrial ethyl alcohol is to be used, must be approved by the Director of Customs and Excise.

**Source:**           **CYPRUS CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT**

**Ref.:**               **Mr. Michael Efstathiou's letter, Head of the Cyprus Delegation to the  
Excise Committee, sent by e-mail to Mr. Peter Couzins, European  
Commission, DG TAXUD.D.2, 'Excise duties Unit', on 23.12.2004.**