

PRIMARY LIQUOR AND FLAVORED LIQUOR IN THE SAME DRINK?

32B-1-102 (90), (113) 32B-4-422

Question:

If the primary spirituous liquor in a cocktail is a regular type of vodka, can the flavoring in the cocktail be a flavored vodka, such as orange or lemon?



Answer:

We are seeing an influx of flavored primary spirits in the marketplace, However, the "Primary spirituous liquor:"

- must be the main distilled spirit in a beverage, and
- does not include a secondary alcoholic product used as a flavoring in conjunction with the primary distilled spirit in a beverage.

Therefore, secondary flavoring ingredients must be a different type, flavor or brand from the primary liquor in the drink. The main distilled spirit in the scenario above is vodka and therefore, the **flavored vodka cannot be used as the "flavoring"** regardless of brand. This same issue applies to any other distilled spirits such as whiskey, tequila or rum, etc.

Also remember, bourbon is classified as whiskey so you cannot use one as a flavoring in the same drink.

Regardless of brand, flavored distilled liquor cannot be used as the flavoring in a cocktail if the main distilled spirit is also the same type of liquor i.e. such as vodka and lemon vodka.