

	<b>Food Information to Consumers</b>	
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## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Annex III to Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 defines the:

- required suffix and
- optional prefixes

for the indication of the alcoholic strength by volume of alcoholic beverages.

Each linguistic version of the Regulation sets the exact wording to be used. The exact wording may have changed in relation with the national law adopted during the transposition of Directive 87/250/CEE.

The exact wording is far from been harmonised across all the different linguistic version of the FIC. Some versions require the use of national language (*% tūrio*), other the abbreviation “%vol” with or without the dot. The Polish and German versions of the Regulation have already been modified through a *Corrigendum*<sup>1</sup>.

In the annex to this document you will find a table which summaries the list of required suffix and optional prefixes by linguistic version.

<sup>1</sup> Corrigendum published in the Official Journal of the EU the 22 November 2014:  
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32011R1169R%2806%29>

## ANNEX

OFFICIAL EU LANGUAGE	DIRECTIVE 87/250/CEE <sup>2</sup>			REGULATION 1169/2011		
	REQUIRED SUFFIX	OPTIONAL PREFIXES		REQUIRED SUFFIX	OPTIONAL PREFIXES	
Bulgarian	обемни %	<i>алкохол</i>	<i>алк.</i>	<i>% vol</i>	<i>алкохол</i>	<i>алк</i>
Croatian	vol %	<i>alkohol</i>	<i>alk</i>	<i>% vol.</i>	<i>alkohol</i>	<i>alk.</i>
Czech	% obj.	<i>alkohol</i>	<i>alk.</i>	<i>% obj.</i>	<i>alkohol</i>	<i>alk.</i>
Danish	% vol	<i>alkohol</i>	<i>alk.</i>	<i>% vol.</i>	<i>alkohol</i>	<i>alk.</i>
Dutch	% vol	<i>alcohol</i>	<i>alc.</i>	<i>% vol.</i>	<i>alcohol</i>	<i>alc.</i>
English	% vol.	<i>alcohol</i>	<i>alc.</i>	<i>% vol.</i>	<i>alcohol</i>	<i>alc</i>
Estonian	mahuprotsent	<i>alkohol</i>	<i>alk.</i>	<i>% vol</i>	<i>alkohol</i>	<i>alk or alc</i>
Finnish	til-%	<i>alkoholi</i>	<i>alk.</i>	<i>til-%</i>	<i>alkoholi</i>	<i>alk.</i>
French	% vol	<i>alcool</i>	<i>alc.</i>	<i>% vol</i>	<i>alcool</i>	<i>alc.</i>
German	% vol	<i>Alkohol</i>	<i>alc.</i>	<i>% vol</i>	<i>Alkohol</i>	<i>Alk. or alc. *</i>
Greek	% vol	<i>αλκοόλη</i>	<i>Αλκ.</i>	<i>% vol.</i>	<i>αλκοόλη</i>	<i>alc</i>
Hungarian	% vol	<i>alkohol</i>	<i>alc.</i>	<i>% vol or % (V/V)</i>	<i>alkohol</i>	<i>alk. or alc.</i>
Italian	%vol	<i>alcool</i>	<i>alc.</i>	<i>% vol.</i>	<i>alcol</i>	<i>alc.</i>
Latvian	tilp. %	<i>spirts</i>	<i>alc.</i>	<i>tilp. %</i>	<i>spirts</i>	<i>alc.</i>
Lithuanian	tūrio proc.	<i>alkoholio</i>	<i>Alk.</i>	<i>% tūrio</i>	<i>alkoholio</i>	<i>alk.</i>
Maltese	% tal-vol.	<i>alkoħol</i>	<i>alk</i>	<i>% vol.</i>	<i>alkoħol</i>	<i>alc</i>
Polish	% obj.	<i>alkohol</i>	<i>alk.</i>	<i>% obj. or % vol. *</i>	<i>alkohol</i>	<i>alk.</i>
Portuguese	% vol	<i>álcool</i>	<i>alc.</i>	<i>% vol.</i>	<i>álcool</i>	<i>alc</i>
Romanian	% vol	<i>alcool</i>	<i>alc.</i>	<i>% vol</i>	<i>alcool</i>	<i>alc.</i>
Slovakian	% obj	<i>alkohol</i>	<i>alk.</i>	<i>% obj.</i>	<i>alkohol</i>	<i>alk.</i>
Slovenian	vol %	<i>alkohol</i>	<i>alk.</i>	<i>vol. %</i>	<i>alkohol</i>	<i>alk</i>
Spanish	% vol.	<i>alcohol</i>	<i>alc.</i>	<i>% vol</i>	<i>alcohol</i>	<i>alc.</i>
Swedish	vol.%	<i>alkohol</i>	<i>alk</i>	<i>%vol. *</i>	<i>alkohol</i>	<i>alk.</i>

\* Modified by a Corrigendum

<sup>2</sup> The suffix and optional prefixes included in each linguistic version of Directive 87/250/CEE may differ from the exact wording included in each national law (transposition of the Directive).