

**Recommended Metric Sizes for Distilled Spirits**

Present U.S. Sizes	Corresponding Metric Sizes	
Alcohol Term	Ounces	Liters
1/2 Pint	8.0	.250
Tenth	12.8	.375
Pint	16.0	.500
Fifth	25.6	.750
Quart	32.0	1.00

  

Equivalent U.S. Ounces	Bottles Per Case	Liters Per Case
8.45	48	12
12.68	24	9
16.91	24	12
25.36	12	9
33.82	12	12

## State 1974 maps being distributed

The 1974 official transportation map of Michigan is now being distributed by the Michigan Dept. of State Highways and Transportation.

The "transportation" map replaces the traditional official highway map, in line with the new responsibilities of the highway commission to develop a "total transportation" system for Michigan.

The new version includes the traditional highway map, with numerous updates and revisions, but also features a miniature outline map showing other major transportation facilities such as airports, water ports, AMTRAK rail lines and international rail interchange points.

The map provides a broad range of useful facts and information on Michigan, including: pictures of the state flag, state tree (white pine), state stone (Petrock), state gem (greenstone), state bird (robin), state flower (apple blossom), and state fish (trout).

It also has notes on Michigan speed limits, historical markers, bridges and tunnel facilities and tolls, ferry lines, State Police posts, district highway department offices, and an index to cities and villages with population figures.

For the first time, the map shows townships with populations of more than 50,000 - Redford Township in Wayne County and Waterford Township in Oakland County.

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## The alcohol industry is preparing the way for metric conversion

The beverage alcohol industry is one of the latest to begin making plans for conversion to the metric system of measurement.

The Distilled Spirits Council of the United States, Inc. (DISCUS) has submitted a request to the U.S. Treasury Dept.'s bureau of alcohol, tobacco and firearms to establish metric standards of fill for distilled spirits.

Malcolm B. Harris, executive vice president of DISCUS, says there is an urgent need for metric conversion. Reasons he cited included:

Metric measurement is either being used or is in the process of conversion in every major country of the world except the U.S.

The European Economic Community, and many countries which cooperate with it, are planning to restrict the sale of distilled spirits to metric sizes as soon as agreement on an effective date can be reached.

Several bills are pending in Congress to commit the nation to metric conversion within the next few years; and,

To compete in foreign markets, and also with metric sizes imported here from foreign shippers, U.S. distillers and bottlers must start a conversion program as soon as possible.

France and West Germany have established Jan. 1, 1974, as the effective date for restricting sale of alcohol to metric sizes only within their boundaries.

Even after metric sizes are adopted, an optional period of several years will be needed to manufacture new containers and complete the changeover.

At the present time, Harris explains, DISCUS has recommended only five sizes. "We feel it necessary to limit the number to minimize consumer confusion and to reduce wholesalers' and retailers' warehousing and shelf problems.

"Consequently, we have selected metric sizes which closely correspond to the present most popular U.S. sizes. Each of these converts to a simple fraction of liters which will further facilitate consumer understanding.

In addition, the recommended sizes will provide a uniform number of bottles per case, such as 12, 24 or 48 bottles. Federal and state tax computations will also be simplified, says Harris, because each case will contain either nine or 12 liters.

Harris explains that distillers have had this matter under study for more than two years. He expresses the hope that members of the industry's various associations will support efforts to obtain the necessary amend-

ments to federal and state laws and regulations.

## Egnor backs impeachment of Nixon

Ronald W. Egnor opened his campaign for Congress in the 2nd District by calling for the impeachment of President Nixon.

Egnor, 31, an Ypsilanti attorney, is seeking the Democratic nomination in the 2nd District, which includes Livonia, Plymouth and Northville in Wayne County, eastern Washtenaw County and Monroe County.

Egnor spoke at an announcement party in an Ann Arbor hotel just as Nixon was departing Michigan's Thumb area after stumping for 8th District GOP candidate James Sparling. Said Egnor:

"When 17 top presidential sides can be indicted — and several convicted — for crimes ranging from power-peddling to the denial of basic civil rights, Nixon must answer for it."

"When the president of the United States has questionable tax deductions of nearly \$500,000, he must answer for it."

"And when lying becomes the norm — when a White House official can say what he said yesterday is 'impeperative' — then it is time for Nixon and his supporters to answer to the American people."

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