

## TYPES OF SCOTCH WHISKY (ТИПИ ШОТЛАНДСЬКОГО ВІСКИ)

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*У доповіді наводиться класифікація шотландського віски за основними типами цього дійсно національного й культового спиртного напою.*

There are two basic types of Scotch whisky, from which all blends are made:

- Single malt Scotch must have been distilled at a single distillery using a pot still distillation process and made from a mash of malted barley.

- Single grain Scotch whisky means a Scotch whisky distilled at a single distillery but, in addition to water and malted barley, may involve whole grains of other malted or unmalted cereals. «Single grain» does not mean that only a single type of grain was used to produce the whisky – rather, the adjective «single» refers only to the use of a single *distillery* (and making a «single grain» requires using a *mixture* of grains, as barley is a type of grain and some malted barley must be used in all Scotch whisky).

Nearly 90% of the bottles of Scotch sold per year are blended whiskies. Three types of blends are defined for Scotch whisky:

- Blended malt Scotch whisky means a blend of two or more single malt Scotch whiskies from different distilleries.

- Blended grain Scotch whisky means a blend of two or more single grain Scotch whiskies from different distilleries.

- Blended Scotch whisky means a blend of one or more single malt Scotch whiskies with one or more single grain Scotch whiskies.

The five Scotch whisky definitions are structured in such a way that the categories are mutually exclusive. The 2009 regulations changed the formal definition of blended Scotch whisky to achieve this result, but in a way that reflected traditional and current practice: before the 2009 SWR, any combination of Scotch whiskies qualified as a blended Scotch whisky, including for example a blend of single malt Scotch whiskies.

As was the case under the Scotch Whisky Act 1988, regulation 5 of the SWR 2009 stipulates that the only whisky that may be manufactured in Scotland is Scotch whisky.

The SWR regulation also states that no additives may be used except for plain (E150A) caramel colouring.