

LCBO

**Product Date Codes
&
Date Sensitive Products**

PRODUCTION DATE

The pictures in the next slides shows various production date code formats outlined in the LCBO Product Packaging Standards.

- *QA Department of the LCBO requires the production date of a product expired or returned unsatisfactory by a customer in order to take further action.*
- *Production code has little to do with picking. Supervisor/WSC will check the production dates and block/destroy if required*

PRODUCTION DATE



Type: Production Date

Format: Alphanumeric

Example: G2003 = July 20, 2003

Interpretation: G = 7th month

20 = 20th day

03 = year (2003)

21484 – Does not form part of the code.

Type: Production Date

Format: Alphanumeric

Example: G313 = July 31, 2003

Interpretation: G = 7th month

31 = 31st day

03 = year (2003)

42100A4 – Does not form part of the code.

PRODUCTION DATE



Type: Lot Number. (Production Date)

Format: Alphanumeric.

Example: L3177A = June 25, 2003

Interpretation: L = Lot

3 = year.(2003)

177 = 177th day of the year

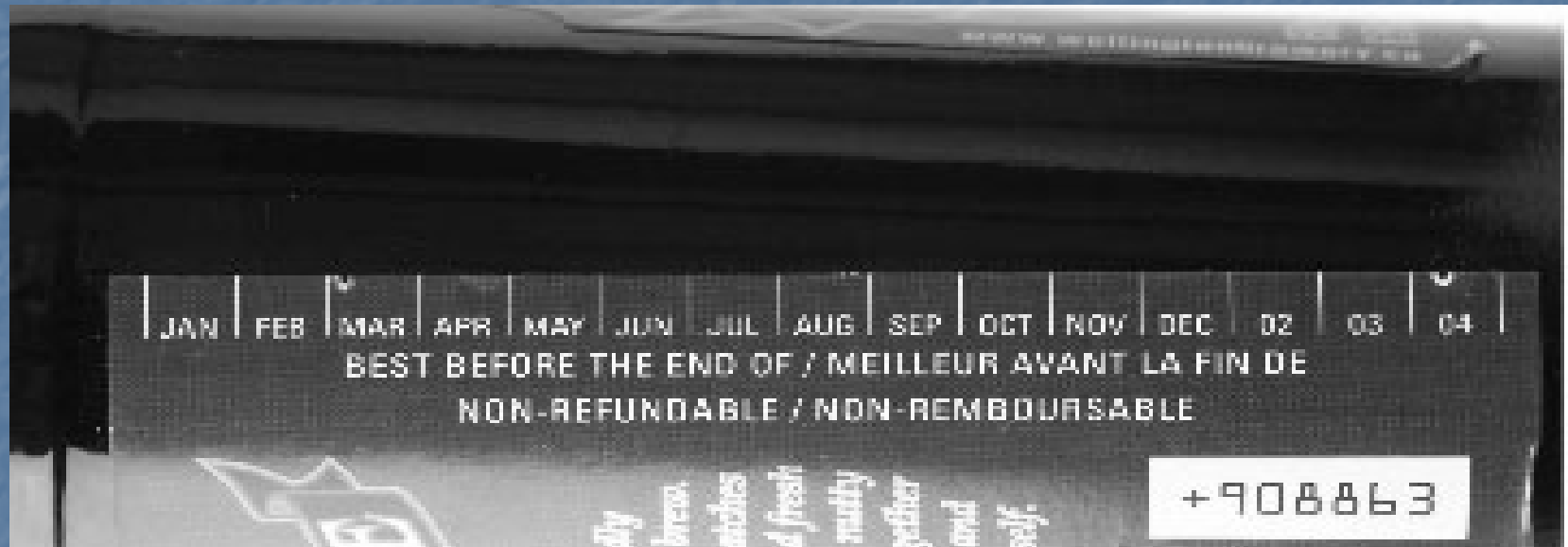
A - Does not form part of the code.

BEST BEFORE/FRESHNESS DATE CHART

The chart in the next slides summarizes various Best Before/Freshness date code formats outlines in the LCBO Product Packaging Standards.

- CSR's picking the beer must inform the Supervisor or WSC immediately if they come across an expired product as it could pose a health risk.
- Check the bottle or the can for the expiry date. (DATES ON THE PACKAGE IS THE PRODUCTION DATE)

BEST BEFORE/FRESHNESS DATE CHART



Type: Best Before End

Format: Notches

Example: Mar/04

Interpretation: Self-Explanatory

BEST BEFORE/FRESHNESS DATE CHART



Type: Best Before End

Format: Numeric

Example: 05.2004 = May, 2004

Interpretation: 05 = 5th month
2004 = year (2004)

BEST BEFORE/FRESHNESS DATE CHART



Type: Best Before

A “Best Before End” statement with an arrow pointing towards the bottom of the can appears on the side of the can.

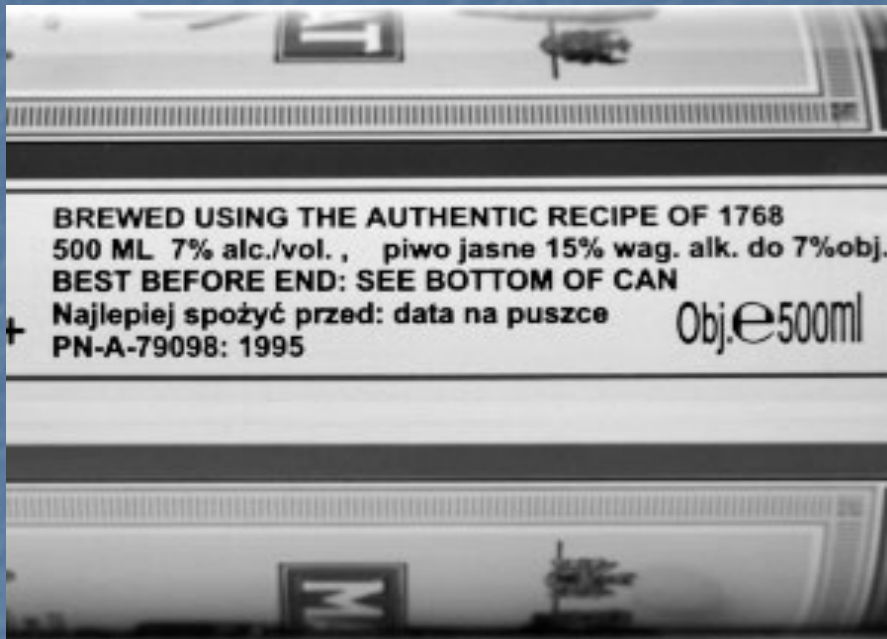
Format: Numeric

Example: 18/07/04 = July 18, 2004.

Interpretation: 18 = 18th day
07 = 07th month (July)
04 = year (2004)

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BEST BEFORE/FRESHNESS DATE CHART



Type:	Best Before
Format:	Numeric
Example:	05.01.2004 = January 5, 2004
Interpretation:	05 = 5 th day
	01 = 1 st month (January)
	2004 = year (2004)

BEST BEFORE/FRESHNESS DATE CHART



Type: Production Date and Best Before Date

A “Best Before End” statement with an arrow pointing towards the bottom of the can appears on the side of the can.

Format: Alphanumeric

Example: 19:18PRD17072003 = Production Date July 17, 2003

Interpretation: 19:18 = time (7:18 pm)

PRD = Production Date

17 = 17th day

07 = 7th month (July)

2003 = year (2003)

Example: EXP17072004 = Expiry Date July 17, 2004

Interpretation: EXP = Expiry Date

17 = 17th day

07 = 7th month (July)

2004 = year (2004)

BEST BEFORE/FRESHNESS DATE CHART



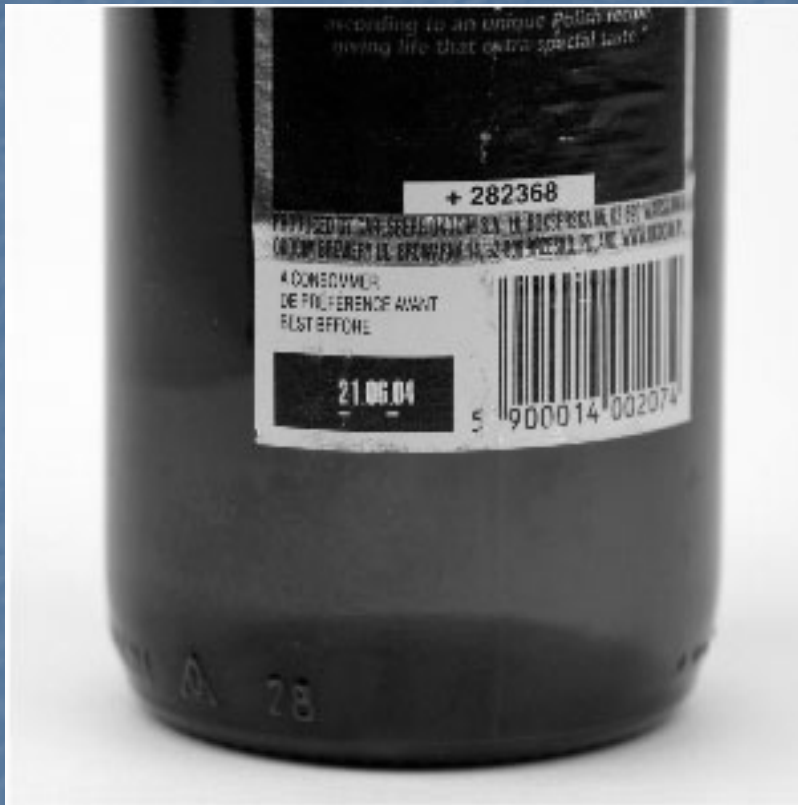
Type: Best Before

Format: Numeric

Example: 05/04 = May, 2004

Interpretation: 05 = 5th month (May)
04 = year (2004)

BEST BEFORE/FRESHNESS DATE CHART



Type: Best Before

Format: Numeric

Example: 21.06.04 = June 21, 2004

Interpretation: 21 = 21st day

06 = 6th month (June)

04 = year (2004)

SUMMARY

- Inform the Supervisor or WSC immediately if you come across an expired product as it could pose a health risk.
- Check for BEST BEFORE DATES ON THE BOTTLES OR CANS. The dates on the actual packaging could be the production date.

Example

"P 27.03.2007" shows on the package – This is the production date. The date on the can of this product could be 27.03.2008