

# COUNTERFEIT VODKA

Staffordshire Trading Standards Officers are warning people to be on their guard after the Food Standards Agency reported that over 25 other local authorities in England, Scotland and Wales have seized counterfeit vodka.

The 70cl bottles of vodka are copies of Glen's Vodka and are reported to contain higher levels of methanol than normally found in authentic Glen's Vodka. The Food Standards Agency are advising people not to drink it.

If you are purchasing Glen's Vodka and are unsure whether it is genuine or counterfeit, 70cl bottles of genuine Glen's Vodka can be easily identified. The genuine bottles are marked on the base with the logo 'AGC' which confirms they were supplied by Allied Glass Containers. The back of the label will also have a distinctive glue pattern – horizontal lines approximately 2mm apart.

The counterfeit vodka has so far been identified as having either the codes SE607 700ml 66mm, 8509 700ml 66mm or 7828 700ml 66mm embossed somewhere on the bottle. The labels also appear to be self adhesive as there is no glue pattern.

If you come across any of this counterfeit vodka, or have reason to believe someone is selling this, please contact your local Trading Standards Office.

All our alerts are available in a range of formats and languages, including large print. Please contact Cath Wohlers if this would be helpful to you, or to someone you know.

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