

Executive Order 12866. Accordingly, this proposal is not subject to the analysis required by this Executive Order.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. 96-511, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR Part 1320, do not apply to this notice because no new information collection requirements are being proposed.

The existing collections of information contained in this notice of proposed rulemaking have been previously reviewed and approved by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3504(h) under control numbers 1512-0334 and 1512-0335.

Drafting Information: The principal drafter of this document is Mary A. Wood of the Wine, Beer, and Spirits Regulations Branch, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.

List of Subjects in 27 CFR Part 22

Administrative practice and procedure, Advertising, Alcohol and alcohol beverages, Authority delegations (Government agencies), Claims, Excise taxes, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Surety bonds.

Authority and Issuance

ATF is proposing to amend Part 22 in Title 27 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

PART 22—DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF TAX-FREE ALCOHOL

Par. 1. The authority citation for Part 22 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 26 U.S.C. 5001, 5121, 5142, 5143, 5146, 5206, 5214, 5271-5276, 5311, 5552, 5555, 6056, 6061, 6065, 6109, 6151, 6806, 7011, 7805; 31 U.S.C. 9304, 9306.

§ 22.21 [Amended]

Par. 2. Section 22.21(a) is amended by removing the word "bonds," from the first sentence.

§ 22.25 [Removed]

Par. 3. Section 22.25 is removed.

§ 22.26 [Redesignated]

Par. 4. Section 22.26 is redesignated as § 22.25.

§ 22.27 [Redesignated]

Par. 5. Section 22.27 is redesignated as § 22.26.

§ 22.43 [Amended]

Par. 6. In § 22.43, paragraphs (a)(2) and (b) are revised as follows:

§ 22.43 Exceptions to application requirements.

(a) * * *

(2) Applications, Form 5150.22, filed by applicants where the regional director (compliance) has determined that the waiver of such requirements does not pose any jeopardy to the revenue or a hindrance of the effective administration of this part.

(b) The waiver provided for in this section will terminate for a permittee, other than States or political subdivisions thereof or the District of Columbia, when the permittee files an application to amend the permit and the regional director (compliance) determines that the conditions justifying the waiver no longer exist. In this case, the permittee will furnish the information in respect to the previously waived items, as provided in § 22.57(a)(2).

§ 22.59 [Amended]

Par. 7. In § 22.59, the second sentence of the section is removed.

§ 22.60 [Amended]

Par. 8. Section 22.60 is amended as follows:

1. Paragraph (b) is removed.
2. Paragraph (c) is redesignated as paragraph (b).
3. Paragraph (d) is redesignated as paragraph (c).

§ 22.62 [Amended]

Par. 9. Section 22.62 is amended by the removal of the last sentence in the section.

§ 22.63 [Amended]

Par. 10. Section 22.63 is amended as follows:

1. Paragraph (b) is removed.
2. The paragraph letter and title "(a) Permit." designation is removed.

§ 22.68 [Amended]

Par. 11. Section 22.68 is amended as follows:

1. Paragraph (b) is removed.
2. The paragraph letter and title "(a) Notice." designation is removed.

Subpart E [Removed and Reserved]

Par. 12. Subpart E (Bonds and Consent of Surety) is removed and reserved.

§ 22.152 [Amended]

Par. 13. Section 22.152 is amended as follows:

1. Paragraph (b) is removed.
2. Paragraph (c) is redesignated as paragraph (b).

Signed: May 8, 1996.

Bradley A. Buckles,
Acting Director.

Approved: May 24, 1996.

John P. Simpson.

Deputy Assistant Secretary (Regulatory, Tariff and Trade Enforcement).

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27 CFR Part 250

[Notice No. 825]

RIN: 1512-AB50

Liquors and Articles From Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands (1512-AB50)

AGENCY: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: ATF is considering the revision and recodification of the regulations regarding liquors and articles (hereinafter "alcoholic products") which are brought into the United States from Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands. The purpose of the proposed revision/recodification is to update and simplify the regulations in 27 CFR Part 250 and to reissue those regulations as part of the same chapter. ATF is issuing this advance notice to solicit comments on its proposal to eliminate application and transaction forms required to be submitted by persons who bring alcoholic products into the United States from Puerto Rico.

Comments are also being solicited on proposals to coordinate with the U.S. Customs Service to reduce duplicate efforts involving shipments of merchandise from Puerto Rico to the United States. ATF would also like to receive comments regarding other suggestions for reducing or eliminating unnecessary regulatory burdens on proprietors in both Puerto Rico and the United States while continuing to provide adequate protection to the revenue.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before September 11, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted to the Chief, Wine, Beer, and Spirits Branch, P.O. Box 50221, Washington, DC 20091-0221. ATTN Notice No. 825.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tami Light, Wine, Beer and Spirits Branch, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Pursuant to section 7652 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, alcoholic products of Puerto Rican manufacture which are brought into the United States for consumption or sale, and alcoholic products coming into the United States from the Virgin Islands, are subject to a tax equal to the tax imposed on similar products of domestic manufacturer.

Under section 5232, distilled spirits brought into the United States in bulk containers from Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands may be withdrawn from Customs custody and transferred to the bonded premises of a distilled spirits plant without payment of tax.

On September 8, 1992, ATF published in the Federal Register an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking, Notice No. 751, 57 FR 40885, in order to solicit comments on its proposal to review and update the regulations pertaining to shipments of alcoholic products from Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands to the United States, and plans to recodify and reissue such regulations now in 27 CFR part 250 as part 26 of the same chapter. In response to Notice No. 751, two favorable comments were received from the Jim Beam Co. (Beam) and the National Association of Beverage Importers, Inc. In general, both of these comments supported ATF's proposed simplification of application and recordkeeping requirements. In addition, Beam supported ATF's proposed coordination with the U.S. Customs Service to streamline regulation of Puerto Rican products. Given ATF's continued interest in these proposals, the relative lack of comments received during its initial airing, and the length of time since these issues were first considered, ATF is reairing its proposal in its entirety to give industry and concerned citizens another opportunity to comment.

Proposals

ATF would like to reorganize the regulations to eliminate often lengthy duplication of requirements that apply equally to operations in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. We are considering deleting many regulatory requirements which may be unnecessary.

In updating the regulations, primary emphasis will be given to the simplification of procedures for the taxpayment and shipment of alcoholic products from Puerto Rico to the United States. ATF is also considering proposals to coordinate with the U.S. Customs Service to reduce duplicate efforts at the port of arrival in the

United States when such products are shipped from Puerto Rico, however, the responsibilities of Customs with respect to shipments from the Virgin Islands would remain unchanged.

Under current regulations, before distilled spirits, wine or beer may be shipped from Puerto Rico to the United States, an application on ATF Form 5110.51, Application, Permit and Report-Wine and Beer (Puerto Rico), must be submitted and a permit received to verify computation of the internal revenue tax. After tax determination, a second application and permit on ATF Form 487-B (5170.5) Application and Permit to Ship Liquors and Articles of Puerto Rican Manufacturer Taxpaid to the United States, is required in order to ship the taxpaid or tax determined products to the United States.

ATF is considering ways to reduce paperwork and simplify the procedures for shipping distilled spirits, beer or wine from Puerto Rico to the United States. We would like comments on the following proposals:

(1) Should the regulations be amended to permit the proprietor of qualified premises in Puerto Rico to maintain a record of tax determination in lieu of the application and permit to compute the tax? ATF is proposing that, in lieu of the initial application and permit currently required to compute the tax, a record of tax determination be kept by the proprietor containing sufficient information to allow an ATF officer to verify the tax liability represented by the document.

(2) Should the regulations be amended to allow such record of tax determination to be an invoice, bill of lading, or other commercial document which would contain the necessary data elements?

(3) If ATF adopts the above proposals what additional safeguards to the revenue would be necessary?

(4) Do the current provisions in part 250 adequately address the bulk shipment of distilled spirits from Puerto Rico to the United States? ATF is interested in whether or not the regulations reflect the current technology or shipment and distribution practices in this area.

(5) In this advance notice, ATF would like to solicit comments on specific ways in which it could reduce paperwork, simplify existing procedures and eliminate unnecessary regulations in any area concerning Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands that is currently covered in part 250, while continuing to maintain adequate safeguards to the revenue.

(6) ATF would like specific comments on the experience of the industry with respect to any duplicative regulatory efforts by ATF and the U.S. Customs Service on shipments of distilled spirits from Puerto Rico to the United States.

(7) Finally, under the current regulations, ATF may grant an industry member's request for an alternate method or procedure as a variance from some regulatory requirements. ATF is interested in comments from industry members concerning their experience with such variances and whether these regulations should be revised to incorporate some of the practices authorized by existing variances.

Public Participation

ATF requests comments from all interested persons. All comments received on or before the closing date will be carefully considered. Comments received after the closing date will be given the same consideration if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given except as to comments received on or before the closing date.

ATF will not recognize any material or comments as confidential. All comments submitted in response to this advance notice will be available for public inspection during normal business hours at: ATF Public Reading Room, room 6480, 650 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC. Any material that the commenter considers confidential or inappropriate for disclosure to the public should not be included in the comment. The name of the person submitting a comment is not exempt from disclosure.

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It has been determined that this proposed regulation is not a significant regulatory as defined by Executive Order 12866. Accordingly, this proposal is not subject to the analysis required by this Executive Order.

Drafting Information: The principal author of this document is Tami Light of the Wine, Beer and Spirits Branch, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

List of Subjects in 27 CFR Part 250

Administrative practice and procedure, Alcohol and alcoholic beverages, Authority delegations, Beer, Customs duties and inspection, Electronic fund transfers, Excise taxes, Liquors, Packaging and containers, Puerto Rico, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Surety bonds, Transportation, Virgin Islands, Warehouses, Wine.

Authority: This advance notice of proposed rulemaking is issued under the authority in 26 U.S.C. 7805.

Signed: May 17, 1996.

Bradley A. Buckles,
Acting Director.

Approved: May 24, 1996.

John P. Simpson.

Deputy Assistant Secretary (Regulatory, Tariff
and Trade Enforcement).

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[IN59-1-7217b; FRL-5510-8]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Indiana

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: On August 29, 1995, the State of Indiana submitted a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision request to the EPA for rule changes specific to Allison Engine Company (Allison) plants 5 and 8 located in Marion County, Indiana. The EPA proposes to approve Indiana's request. In the final rules section of this Federal Register, the EPA is approving this action as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the EPA views this as a noncontroversial action and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to that direct final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If the EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on the proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this notice should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments on this proposed rule must be received on or before July 15, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed to: J. Elmer Bortzer, Chief, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Copies of the State submittal and the EPA's analysis of it are available for

inspection at: Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Pohlman, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 886-3299.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information see the direct final rule published in the rules section of this Federal Register.

Dated: May 15, 1996.

Valdas V. Adamkus,
Regional Administrator.

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40 CFR Part 52

[VA010-5545b; FRL-5514-7]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Proposed Approval of Alternative Compliance Plans for the Reynolds Metals Graphic Arts Plants

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the Commonwealth of Virginia for the purpose of establishing alternative compliance plans for the Reynolds Metals—Bellwood and South Plants located in Richmond, Virginia. In the Final Rules section of this Federal Register, EPA is approving the State's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial SIP revision and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this proposed rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by July 15, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to Marcia L. Spink, Associate Director, Air Programs, Mailcode 3AT00, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air, Radiation, and Toxics Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107 and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marcia L. Spink, (215) 566-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the Direct Final action of the same title which is located in the Rules and Regulations Section of this Federal Register.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.

Dated: May 17, 1996.

W. Michael McCabe,

Regional Administrator, Region III.

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40 CFR Part 52

[IN61-1-7230b; FRL-5509-6]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Indiana

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA proposes to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision request submitted by the State of Indiana on September 19, 1995, and November 8, 1995, which establishes regulations for suppliers and users of automobile/mobile equipment refinishing coatings in Clark, Floyd, Lake, and Porter Counties. In the final rules section of this Federal Register, the EPA is approving this action as a direct final rule without prior proposal because EPA views this as a noncontroversial action and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to that direct final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on the proposed rule. Any parties interested in