

Title 27: Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

PART 22—DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF TAX-FREE ALCOHOL **Subpart N - Use of Tax-Free Spirits by the United States or Government Agency**

§ 22.171 General.

(a) The United States or any of its Government agencies may withdraw tax-free spirits for nonbeverage purposes from a distilled spirits plant under this part, as authorized by 26 U.S.C. 5214(a)(2). Before any tax-free spirits may be withdrawn, a permit to procure the spirits shall be obtained from the appropriate TTB officer. Payment of special (occupational) tax and filing of a bond are not required for any Governmental agency of the United States to procure tax-free spirits.

(b) The provisions of subpart M of 27 CFR part 27 cover the withdrawal of imported spirits, free of tax, for use of the United States or any of its Government agencies.

(26 U.S.C. 5214, 5271, 5272, 5276)

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§ 22.172 Application and permit, Form 5150.33.

(a) All permits previously issued to the United States or any of its Government agencies on Form 1444 shall remain valid and shall be regulated by the same provisions of this subpart as it refers to permits on Forms 5150.33.

(b) A Government agency shall apply for a permit to obtain tax-free spirits on Form 5150.33. Upon approval, Form 5150.33 will be returned to the Government agency, and shall serve as authority to procure spirits free of tax.

(c) A Government agency may specify on its application for a permit to procure tax-free spirits, Form 5150.33, that it desires a single permit authorizing all sub-agencies under its control to procure tax-free spirits; or each Government location (agency, department, bureau, and etc.) desiring to procure tax-free spirits for nonbeverage purposes may individually submit an application for a permit on Form 5150.33.

(d) An application for a permit shall be signed by the head of the agency or sub-agency, or the incumbent of an office which is authorized by the head of the agency or sub-agency, to sign. Evidence of authorization to sign for the head of the agency or sub-agency shall be furnished with the application.

(e) Tax-free spirits obtained by Government agencies may not be used for non-Government purposes.

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§ 22.173 Procurement of tax-free spirits.

Each Government agency shall retain the original of its permit, Form 5150.33, on file. When placing an initial order with a vendor, the agency shall forward a photocopy of its permit with the purchase order for tax-free spirits. In the case of an agency holding a single permit for use of other sub-agencies, the photocopy of the permit shall contain an attachment listing all other locations authorized to procure tax-free spirits. Any subsequent purchases from the same vendor need only contain the permit number on the purchase order.

§ 22.174 Receipt of shipment.

On receipt of a shipment of tax-free spirits, a representative of the Government agency shall inspect the shipment for any loss or deficiency. In the case of loss or deficiency, the agency shall annotate the receiving document and forward a copy to the appropriate TTB officer.

§ 22.175 Discontinuance of use.

When a Government agency, holding a permit issued under this subpart, no longer intends to procure and use tax-free spirits, the permit shall be returned to the appropriate TTB officer for cancellation. All photocopies of the permit furnished to vendors shall be returned to the agency for destruction.

§ 22.176 Disposition of excess spirits.

At the time of discontinuance of use of tax-free spirits, a Government agency may dispose of any excess tax-free spirits (a) by transferring the spirits to another Government agency holding a permit, (b) by returning the spirits to a vendor, or (c) in any manner authorized by the appropriate TTB officer. Tax-free spirits may not be disposed of to the general public.