

### § 31.106a

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need not be stated if the same information has been previously provided to ATF, and if the information previously provided is still current.

(c) *Multiple locations and/or classes of tax.* A taxpayer subject to special tax, or required to register during the suspension period described in § 31.21(b), for the same period at more than one location or for more than one class of tax shall—

(1) File one special tax return, TTB Form 5630.5, with payment of applicable tax, to cover all such locations and classes of tax; and

(2) Prepare, in duplicate, a list identified with the taxpayer's name, address (as shown on TTB Form 5630.5), employer identification number, and period covered by the return. The list shall show, by States, the name, address, and tax class of each location for which special tax is being paid or for which registration is being made during the suspension period described in § 31.21(b). The original of the list shall be filed with TTB in accordance with instructions on the return, and the copy shall be retained at the taxpayer's principal place of business (or principal office, in the case of a corporate taxpayer) for the period specified in § 31.237.

(26 U.S.C. 6011, 6151, 7011)

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#### § 31.106a Employer identification number.

(a) *Requirement.* The employer identification number (defined in 26 CFR 301.7701-12) of the taxpayer who has been assigned such a number shall be shown on each special tax return, including amended returns, filed under this subpart. Failure of the taxpayer to include the employer identification number may result in the imposition of the penalty specified in § 70.113 of this chapter.

(b) *Application for employer identification number.* Each taxpayer who files a special tax return, who has not already been assigned an employer identification number, shall file IRS Form SS-4 to apply for one. The taxpayer shall apply for and be assigned only one em-

ployer identification number, regardless of the number of places of business for which the taxpayer is required to file a special tax return. The employer identification number shall be applied for no later than 7 days after the filing of the taxpayer's first special tax return. IRS Form SS-4 may be obtained from the director of an IRS service center or from any IRS district director.

(c) *Preparation and filing of IRS Form SS-4.* The taxpayer shall prepare and file IRS Form SS-4, together with any supplementary statement, in accordance with the instructions on the form or issued in respect to it.

(26 U.S.C. 6109)

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#### § 31.107 Execution of Form 5630.5.

The return of an individual proprietor shall be signed by the proprietor; the return of a partnership shall be signed by a member of the firm; and the return of a corporation shall be signed by a duly authorized officer thereof: *Provided*, That any individual, partnership, or corporation may appoint an agent to sign in his behalf. In each case, the person signing the return shall designate his capacity as "individual owner," "member of firm," "agent," "attorney-in-fact" or, in the case of a corporation, the title of the officer. Receivers, trustees, assignees, executors, administrators, and other legal representatives who continue the business of a dealer by reason of death, insolvency, or other circumstances, shall indicate the fiduciary capacity in which they act. Returns signed by persons, as agents or attorneys-in-fact, will not be accepted unless, in each instance, the principal named on the return has executed a power of attorney authorizing such person to sign the return, and such power of attorney is filed with the TTB officer with whom the Form 5630.5 is required to be filed. Form 11 shall be verified by a written declaration that the return has been

executed under the penalties of perjury.

(68A Stat. 748, 749; 26 U.S.C. 6061, 6065)

[T.D. 7008, 34 FR 3665, Mar. 1, 1969. Redesignated at 40 FR 16835, Apr. 15, 1975, as amended by T.D. ATF-251, 52 FR 19335, May 22, 1987. Redesignated and amended by T.D. TTB-25, 70 FR 19884, Apr. 15, 2005]

**§ 31.109 Penalty for failure to file return or to pay tax.**

(a) *Failure to file return.* Except during the suspension period described in § 31.21(b), any person required by this part to file a return on Form 5630.5 who fails to file the return on or before the last date prescribed in § 31.104 shall pay, as an addition to the tax, a delinquency penalty, unless it is shown that such failure is due to reasonable cause and not due to willful neglect. The delinquency penalty for failure to file the return on or before the last date prescribed shall be 5 percent of the amount required to be shown as tax on the return if the failure is for not more than one month; with an additional 5 percent for each additional month or fraction thereof during which such delinquency continues, but not more than 25 percent in the aggregate. During the suspension period, a failure to file a return may result in a penalty under 26 U.S.C. 5603(b).

(b) *Failure to pay tax.* Any person who files a return on Form 5630.5 under the provisions of this part and who fails to pay the amount shown as tax on the return on or before the date prescribed in § 31.104 for payment of such tax, shall pay, as an addition to the tax, a penalty, unless it is shown that such failure is due to reasonable cause and not due to willful neglect. The penalty for failure to pay the tax on or before the date prescribed for payment shall be 0.5 percent of the amount shown as tax on the return if the failure is not more than one month; with an additional 0.5 percent for each additional month or fraction thereof during which the failure continues, but not exceeding 25 percent in the aggregate.

(c) *Limitations.* With respect to any return on Form 5630.5, the amount of the addition under paragraph (a) of this section shall be reduced by the amount of the addition under paragraph (b) of this section for any month to which an

addition to tax applies under both paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section. If the amount of tax required to be shown as tax on the return is less than the amount shown as tax on such return, the penalties prescribed in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section shall be applied by substituting such lower amount.

(68A Stat. 821, as amended; 26 U.S.C. 6651)

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**§ 31.110 Interest on unpaid tax.**

(a) *General.* Interest is due on unpaid special tax from the date the tax was required to be paid to the date paid. Interest shall be charged for each day at the rate prescribed by law in effect on that day.

(b) *Adjusted interest rates.* Adjusted interest rates are announced by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue not later than October 15 of any year, in accordance with variations in the prime interest rate during September of that year, as prescribed by 26 U.S.C. 6621(b). The appropriate TTB officer will provide information, when requested, regarding interest rates applicable to specific time periods.

(Sec. 7, Pub. L. 96-625, 88 Stat. 2114 as amended (26 U.S.C. 6621); 68A Stat. 817 (26 U.S.C. 6601))

[T.D. ATF-116, 47 FR 51571, Nov. 16, 1982. Redesignated and amended by T.D. TTB-25, 70 FR 19884, Apr. 15, 2005]

DELINQUENT RETURNS

**§ 31.111 Waiver of penalties.**

In every case where a special tax return is not filed, or the tax is not paid, at the time prescribed in § 31.104, the delinquency penalties specified in § 31.109 for failure to file a return or for failure to pay the amount shown as tax on the return will be asserted and collected unless a reasonable cause for delay in filing the return or payment of the tax is clearly established. A dealer who believes the circumstances which delayed his filing of the return or payment of the tax are reasonable, and who desires to have the penalties