

executed under the penalties of perjury.

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§ 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))

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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

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waived, shall submit with his return a written statement under the penalties of perjury, affirmatively showing all of the circumstances alleged as reasonable causes for delay. If the appropriate TTB officer determines that the delinquency was due to a reasonable cause and not to willful neglect or gross negligence, the addition to the tax will not be assessed. If the taxpayer exercised ordinary business care and prudence and was nevertheless unable to file the return within the prescribed time, or if he made a satisfactory showing that he exercised ordinary business care and prudence in providing for payment of his tax liability and was nevertheless either unable to pay the tax or would have suffered an undue hardship if he had paid on the due date, then the delay is due to reasonable cause. Mere ignorance of the law will not be considered a reasonable cause.

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Subpart I—Special Tax Stamps

§ 31.121 Issuance of stamps.

(a) *Issuance*—(1) *General*. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, upon filing a return properly executed on Form 5630.5, together with a remittance in the applicable full amount due, the taxpayer will be issued an appropriately designated stamp. Special tax stamps will not be issued in the case of a return covering liability for a past period.

(2) *Exception for suspension period*. During the suspension period described in § 31.21(b) when registration is required but no tax is due, a special tax stamp will not be issued.

(b) *Multiple locations*. If Form 5630.5 with remittance covers multiple locations, the taxpayer will be issued one stamp for each location listed in the attachment to Form 5630.5 required by § 31.106(c) but showing, as to name and address, only the name of the taxpayer and the address of the taxpayer's principal place of business (or principal of-

fice in the case of a corporate taxpayer).

(Sec. 1905, Pub. L. 94-455, 90 Stat. 1820 (26 U.S.C. 5142))

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§ 31.121a Distribution of stamps for multiple locations.

On receipt of the special tax stamps, the taxpayer will verify that he has one stamp for each location listed in his copy of the attachment to Form 5630.5 and examine them to insure that his name and address are correctly stated thereon. Incorrect stamps shall be returned to the appropriate TTB officer as provided in § 31.134. The taxpayer shall designate one stamp for each location listed in his copy of the attachment to Form 5630.5 required by § 31.106 and shall type thereon the trade name, if different from the name in which the stamp was issued, and the address of the business conducted at the location for which that stamp is designated. He shall then forward each stamp to the place of business designated on the stamp. On receipt of the stamp at the designated place of business, it shall be examined to verify that the name and address of the business are correctly stated. If they are not, the stamp shall be returned, with a statement showing the nature of the error and the correct data, to the principal office of the taxpayer who will compare the data on the stamp with his retained copy of the attachment to Form 5630.5. If the error in name and address was made by the taxpayer, he will correct the stamp and return it to the designated place of business. If the error was made in the attachment to Form 5630.5, the taxpayer will file with TTB an amended Form 5630.5 and an amended attachment with a statement explaining the error.

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