

officer, may require that the beer be moved to a more convenient location. In this case, the brewer may not destroy the beer except under the conditions imposed by the appropriate ATF officer.

Par. 26. Section 25.273 is revised to read as follows:

§ 25.273 Action on application.

If the appropriate ATF officer approves the application for a pilot brewing plant, he or she will note approval on the application and forward a copy to the applicant. The applicant must file the copy of the approved application at the premises, available for inspection by an appropriate ATF officer.

Par. 27. Section 25.276 (c) amended by revising the first and last sentences to read as follows:

§ 25.276 Operations and records.

(c) *Records.* The operator of a pilot brewing plant must maintain records which, in the opinion of the appropriate ATF officer, are appropriate to the type of operation being conducted. * * * These records will be available for inspection by an appropriate ATF officer.

Par. 28. Section 25.282(e) is revised to read as follows:

§ 25.282 Beer lost by fire, theft, casualty, or act of God.

(e) *Notification of appropriate ATF officer.* (1) A brewer who sustains a loss of beer before transfer of title of the beer to another person and who desires to adjust the tax on the excise tax return or to file a claim for refund or for relief from liability of tax, must, on learning of the loss of beer, immediately notify in writing the appropriate ATF officer of the nature, cause, and extent of the loss, and the place where the loss occurred. Statements of witnesses or other supporting documents must be furnished if available.

(2) A brewer possessing unmerchantable beer and who desires to adjust the tax on the excise tax return or to file a claim for refund or for relief from liability must notify in writing the appropriate ATF officer, of the circumstances by which the beer became unmerchantable, and must state why the beer cannot be salvaged and returned to the market for consumption or sale.

§ 25.283 [Amended]

Par. 29. Section 25.283(e) is amended by removing the words “with the regional director (compliance) of the

region in which the beer was lost, returned, destroyed, or rendered unmerchantable”.

Par. 30. Section 25.284(d) is amended by revising the third and last sentences to read as follows:

§ 25.284 Adjustment of tax.

(d) *Beer lost, destroyed or rendered unmerchantable.* * * * A brewer may not make an adjustment prior to notification required under § 25.282(e). When beer appears to have been lost due to theft, the brewer may not make an adjustment to the tax return until establishing to the satisfaction of the regional director (compliance) that the theft occurred before removal from the brewery and occurred without connivance, collusion, fraud, or negligence on the part of the brewer, consignor, consignee, bailee, or carrier, or the employees or agents of any of them.

§ 25.285 [Amended]

Par. 31. Section 25.285(a) is amended by removing from the third sentence the words “with regional director (compliance) in which the brewer’s principal place of business is located” and the comma following these words.

§ 25.297 [Amended]

Par. 32. Section 25.297(a) is amended by removing the words “to the regional director (compliance) not later than the 15th day of the month following the close of the month for which prepared”.

Par. 33. Section 25.297(b) is amended by removing from the first sentence the words “with the regional director (compliance) not later than the 15th day of the month following the close of the calendar quarter for which prepared”.

Signed: July 19, 2000.

Bradley A. Buckles,
Director.

Approved: August 1, 2000.

John P. Simpson,
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

27 CFR Part 30

[T.D. ATF-438]

RIN 1512-AC16

Delegation of Authority in 27 CFR Part 30

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

ACTION: Treasury decision, final rule.

SUMMARY: Authority delegation. This final rule places all ATF authorities contained in part 30, title 27 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), with the “appropriate ATF officer.” Also, this final rule removes the definitions of, and references to, specific officers subordinate to the Director. Concurrently with this Treasury Decision, ATF Order 1130.17 is being published. Through this order, the Director has delegated the authorities in 27 CFR part 30 to the appropriate ATF officers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 19, 2001.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Pursuant to Treasury Order 120-01 (formerly 221), dated June 6, 1972, the Secretary of the Treasury delegated to the Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), the authority to enforce, among other laws, the provisions of chapter 51 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (IRC). The Director has subsequently redelegated certain of these authorities to appropriate subordinate officers by way of various means, including by regulation, ATF delegation orders, regional directives, or similar delegation documents. As a result, to ascertain what particular officer is authorized to perform a particular function under chapter 51, each of these various delegation instruments must be consulted. Similarly, each time a delegation of authority is revoked or redelegated, each of the delegation documents must be reviewed and amended as necessary.

ATF has determined that this multiplicity of delegation instruments complicates and hinders the task of determining which ATF officer is

authorized to perform a particular function. ATF also believes these multiple delegation instruments exacerbate the administrative burden associated with maintaining up-to-date delegations, resulting in an undue delay in reflecting current authorities.

Accordingly, this final rule rescinds all authorities of the Director in part 30 that were previously delegated and places those authorities with the "appropriate ATF officer." Most of the authorities of the Director that were not previously delegated are also placed with the "appropriate ATF officer." Along with this final rule, ATF is publishing ATF Order 1130.17, Delegation Order—Delegation of the Director's Authorities in part 30, Gauging Manual, which delegates certain of these authorities to the appropriate organizational level.

The effect of these changes is to consolidate all delegations of authority in part 30 into one delegation instrument. This action both simplifies the process for determining what ATF officer is authorized to perform a particular function and facilitates the updating of delegations in the future. As a result, delegations of authority will be reflected in a more timely and user-friendly manner.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, do not apply to this final rule because there are no new or revised recordkeeping or reporting requirements.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

Because no notice of proposed rulemaking is required for this rule, the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) do not apply. A copy of this final rule was submitted to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration in accordance with 26 U.S.C. 7805(f). No comments were received.

Executive Order 12866

It has been determined that this rule is not a significant regulatory action because it will not: (1) have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more or adversely affect in a material way the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or State, local or tribal governments or communities; (2) create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with an action taken or planned by another agency; (3)

Materially alter the budgetary impact of entitlements, grants, user fees, or loan programs or the rights and obligations of recipients thereof; or (4) raise novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal mandates, the President's priorities, or the principles set forth in Executive Order 12866.

Administrative Procedure Act

Because this final rule merely makes technical amendments and conforming changes to improve the clarity of the regulations, it is unnecessary to issue this final rule with notice and public procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b). Similarly it is unnecessary to subject this final rule to the effective date limitation of 5 U.S.C. 553(d).

Drafting Information

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List of Subjects in 27 CFR Part 30

Alcohol and alcoholic beverages, Measurement standards, Scientific equipment.

Authority and Issuance

Title 27, Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 30—GAUGING MANUAL

Paragraph 1. The authority citation for part 30 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 26 U.S.C. 7805.

Par. 2. Section 30.11 is amended by removing the definitions of "ATF officer" and "Regional director" and by adding a new definition of "Appropriate ATF officer" to read as follows:

§ 30.11 Meaning of terms.

Appropriate ATF Officer. An officer or employee of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) authorized to perform any functions relating to the administration or enforcement of this part by ATF Order 1130.17, Delegation Order—Delegation of the Director's Authorities in 27 CFR Part 30—Gauging Manual.

§§ 30.11, 30.31, 30.36, 30.43, and 30.51 [Amended]

Par. 3. Part 30 is further amended by removing the words "Director" each place it appears and adding, in substitution, the words "appropriate ATF officer" in the following places:

(a) The definition of "Bulk conveyance" in § 30.11;

(b) Section 30.31(b);
(c) Section 30.36;
(d) The last sentence of § 30.43; and
(e) The first sentence of § 30.51.

Par. 4. Section 30.21(c) is revised to read as follows:

§ 30.21 Requirements.

(c) *Appropriate ATF Officers.* Appropriate ATF officers shall use only hydrometers and thermometers furnished by the Government. However, where this part requires the use of a specific gravity hydrometer, ATF officers shall use precision grade specific gravity hydrometers conforming to the provisions of § 30.24, furnished by the proprietor. However, the appropriate ATF officer may authorize the use of other instruments approved by the appropriate ATF officer as being equally satisfactory for determination of specific gravity and for gauging. From time to time appropriate ATF officers shall verify the accuracy of hydrometers and thermometers used by proprietors.

Par. 5. Section 30.24(a) is amended by adding the word "appropriate" before the words "ATF officers."

Par. 6. Section 30.24(b) is amended by adding the word "appropriate" before the words "ATF officer."

Bradley A. Buckles,
Director.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division

29 CFR Part 552

RIN 1215-AA82

Application of the Fair Labor Standards Act to Domestic Service

AGENCY: Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor is proposing to amend several of the existing regulations under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) pertaining to the exemption for companionship