

SPECIAL EDITION

Appointment of ATF Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Alcohol and Tobacco

By the Editor



In a press release dated January 22, 2001, The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) announced that John F. Daffron has been appointed as its Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Alcohol and Tobacco, effective May 20, 2001. Recently appointed to the position by Director Bradley A. Buckles, Mr. Daffron takes over the number two job at ATF in the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco, replacing recently retired Donald C. MacVean. "We are all excited about John's appointment and I am looking forward to working with him in continuing to find ways to reduce regulatory burden, and maintaining an open and productive dialogue with the alcohol and tobacco businesses that we oversee," said Assistant Director Arthur Libertucci.

Mr. Daffron is now in his 30th year with ATF. He most recently served as the Director of Industry Operations (DIO) in the Seattle Field Division. As DIO there, he was responsible for all ATF's regulatory activities relating to the alcohol, tobacco, firearms, and explosives industries. The Seattle Field Division's territory included Guam and the States of Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. Prior to that, Mr. Daffron held various supervisory and management positions in regional and field offices.

Mr. Daffron began his career as an inspector in the Southeast Region in 1971. He moved to ATF Headquarters in the mid-1970s, and worked as a regulations specialist and as a program manager for the Bureau's "Voluntary Disclosure" program that had been established in response to then-widespread trade practice violations within the alcohol beverage industry. Since that time, he has tackled a variety of assignments over the full spectrum of ATF regulatory activities. He is also well-traveled: this is the 8th new duty station in his career.

Mr. Daffron graduated from Southwest Missouri State University with a bachelor's degree in Finance in 1970. He also attended DePaul University in Chicago, studying accounting prior to a brief stint as a U.S. Customs auditor in the early 1980s. He and his wife Judy have two sons, one living in Boston, and the other in his last year of college at Washington State University. □

New Regulations Put on Hold

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ATF, along with all other Federal agencies, has been notified that the issuance of new regulations has been put on hold pending review by the new administration. In a memorandum dated January 20, 2001, the White House notified all agencies that proposed or final regulations must now be approved by a department or agency head appointed by the new President before they can be issued. Further, any regulations that were sent to the Federal Register, but not yet published, must be withdrawn for review and approval. There are special rules for regulations with statutory or judicial deadlines and special procedures will be in effect for any regulation that impacts critical health and safety functions of an agency. We will keep you informed about this temporary hold when we receive further guidance. □

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