

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

27 CFR Part 9

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[Notice No. 886; Re: Notice No. 882]

Extension of the Comment Period of the Proposed Diamond Mountain Viticultural Area (99R-223P)

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

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice extends the comment period for Notice No. 882, published in the Federal Register on September 29, 1999, regarding the establishment of the Diamond Mountain viticultural area. ATF has received a request to extend the comment period in order to provide sufficient time for all interested parties to respond to the notice.

DATES: Written comments must be received by January 25, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: Chief, Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, PO Box 50221, Washington, DC 20091-0221 (Attn: Notice No. 882).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Berry, Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington DC, 20226, (202) 927-8210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 29, 1999, ATF published a notice of proposed rulemaking in the Federal Register soliciting comments from the public and industry. The notice proposed to establish the Diamond Mountain viticultural area in Napa County, California. The comment period for Notice No. 882 closes on November 29, 1999.

However, ATF received a request from Diamond Mountain Vineyard, a winery in Calistoga, California, to extend the comment period an additional 60 days. Diamond Mountain Vineyard is located within both Napa and Sonoma Counties, partially within the proposed boundaries of the Diamond Mountain viticultural area. According to the winery, it had been unable to get timely and complete information on the specifics of the proposal and therefore it needs additional time to prepare its comments.

In consideration of the above, ATF finds that an extension of the comment period is warranted and is extending the comment period until January 28, 2000.

Disclosure

Copies of Notice 882 and written comments will be available for public inspection during normal business hours at: ATF Reference Library, Liaison and Public Information, Room 6480, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

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List of Subjects in 27 CFR Part 9

Administrative practices and procedures, Consumer protection, Viticultural areas, and Wine.

Authority and Issuance

This notice extending the comment period for the Diamond Mountain viticultural area is issued under the authority of 27 U.S.C. 205.

Signed: November 22, 1999.

John W. Magaw,
Director.

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