

**§ 18.13 Alternate methods or procedures.**

(a) *General.* The proprietor, on specific approval by the appropriate ATF officer, may use an alternate method or procedure in lieu of a method or procedure specifically prescribed in this part. The appropriate ATF officer may approve an alternate method or procedure, subject to stated conditions, when he finds that:

(1) Good cause has been shown for the use of the alternate method or procedure;

(2) The alternate method or procedure is within the purpose of, and consistent with the effect intended by the specifically prescribed method or procedure, and affords equivalent security to the revenue; and

(3) The alternate method or procedure will not be contrary to any provision of law, and will not result in an increase in cost to the Government or hinder the effective administration of this part.

(b) *Application.* A proprietor who desires to employ an alternate method or procedure shall submit a written application to the appropriate ATF officer. The application will specifically describe the proposed alternate method or procedure and set forth the reasons therefor. Alternate methods or procedures may not be employed until the application has been approved by the appropriate ATF officer. Authorization for any alternate method or procedure may be withdrawn whenever in the judgment of the appropriate ATF officer the revenue is jeopardized or the effective administration of this part is hindered by the continuation of the authorization.

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**§ 18.14 Emergency variations from requirements.**

(a) *General.* The appropriate ATF officer may approve emergency variations from requirements specified in this part, where the appropriate ATF officer finds that an emergency exists, the

proposed variations are necessary, and the proposed variations:

(1) Will afford the security and protection to the revenue intended by the prescribed specifications;

(2) Will not hinder the effective administration of this part; and

(3) Will not be contrary to any provision of law.

Variations from requirements granted under this section are conditioned on compliance with the procedures, conditions, and limitations stated in the approval of the application. Failure to comply in good faith with such procedures, conditions and limitations will automatically terminate the authority for such variations and the proprietor thereupon shall fully comply with the prescribed requirements of regulations from which the variations were authorized. Authority for any variation may be withdrawn whenever in the judgment of the regional director (compliance) the revenue is jeopardized or the effective administration of this part is hindered by the continuation of such variation.

(b) *Application.* A proprietor who desires to employ emergency variations shall submit a written application to the appropriate ATF officer. The application will describe the proposed variations and set forth the reasons therefor. Variations will not be employed until the application has been approved, except when an emergency requires immediate action to correct a situation that is threatening to life or property. Such corrective action may then be taken concurrent with the filing of the application and notification of the appropriate ATF officer via telephone.

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**§ 18.15 Right of entry and examination.**

Appropriate ATF officers may at all times, as well by night as by day, enter any concentrate plant to make examination of the materials, equipment, and facilities thereon; and make such gauges and inventories as they deem necessary. Whenever appropriate ATF