

**§ 20.51 Suspension or revocation of permits.**

The appropriate ATF officer may institute proceedings under part 71 of this chapter to suspend or revoke a permit whenever the appropriate ATF officer has reason to believe that the permittee:

- (a) Has not in good faith complied with the provisions of 26 U.S.C. Chapter 51, or regulations issued under that chapter;
- (b) Has violated the conditions of that permit;
- (c) Has made any false statements as to any material fact in the application for the permit;
- (d) Has failed to disclose any material information required to be furnished;
- (e) Has violated or conspired to violate any law of the United States relating to intoxicating liquor or has been convicted of an offense under Title 26, U.S.C., punishable as a felony or of any conspiracy to commit such offense;
- (f) Is, by reason of its operations, no longer warranted in procuring and dealing in or using specially denatured spirits authorized by the permit; or
- (g) Has not engaged in any of the operations authorized by the permit for a period of more than 2 years.

**§ 20.52 Rules of practice in permit proceedings.**

The regulations of part 71 of this chapter apply to the procedure and practice in connection with the disapproval of any application for a permit and in connection with suspension or revocation of a permit.

**§ 20.53 Powers of attorney.**

An applicant or permittee shall execute and file a Form 1534, in accordance with the instructions on the form, for each person authorized to sign or to act on behalf of the applicant or permittee. Form 1534 is not required for a person whose authority is furnished in accordance with § 20.42(a)(10).

**§ 20.54 Photocopying of permits.**

A permittee may make photocopies of its permit exclusively for the purpose of furnishing proof of authorization to withdraw specially denatured spirits from a distilled spirits plant and

other persons authorized under this part to deal in specially denatured spirits.

**§ 20.55 Posting of permits.**

Permits issued under this part shall be kept posted and available for inspection on the permit premises.

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QUALIFICATION

**§ 20.56 Changes affecting applications and permits.**

(a) *General*—(1) *Changes affecting application.* When there is a change relating to any of the information contained in, or considered a part of the application on Form 5150.22 for a permit, the permittee shall, within 30 days (except as otherwise provided in this subpart) file a written notice with the appropriate ATF officer to amend the application. However, a change in the information required by § 20.42(a)(6) caused by approval of a new formula or statement of process shall not require filing a new application unless the approval is the permittee's first statement of process covering recovery operations.

(2) *Changes affecting waivers.* When any waiver under § 20.43 is terminated by a change to the application, the permittee shall include the current information as to the item previously waived with the written notice required in paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

(3) *Changes affecting permit.* When the terms of a permit are affected by a change, the written notice required by paragraph (a)(1) of this section (except as otherwise provided in this subpart) will serve as an application to amend the permit.

(4) *Form of notice.* A written notice to amend an application on Form 5150.22 shall—

- (i) Identify the permittee;
- (ii) Contain the permit identification number;
- (iii) Explain the nature of the change and contain any required supporting documents;
- (iv) Identify the serial number of the applicable application, Form 5150.22; and

(v) Be consecutively numbered and signed by the permittee or any person authorized to sign on behalf of the permittee.

(b) *Amended application.* The appropriate ATF officer may require a permittee to file an amended application on Form 5150.22 when the number of changes to the previous application are determined to be excessive, or when a permittee has not timely filed the written notice prescribed in paragraph (a)(1) of this section. If items on the amended application remain unchanged, they will be marked “No change since Form 5150.22, Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.”

(c) *Changes in officers, directors and stockholders—(1) Officers.* In the case of a change in the officers listed under the provisions of § 20.45(a)(2), the notice required by paragraph (a)(1) of this section shall only apply (unless otherwise required, in writing, by the appropriate ATF officer) to those offices, the incumbents of which are responsible for the operations covered by this part.

(2) *Directors.* In the case of a change in the directors listed under the provisions of § 20.45(a)(2), the notice required by paragraph (a)(1) of this section shall reflect the changes.

(3) *Stockholders.* In lieu of reporting all changes, within 30 days, to the list of stockholders furnished under the provisions of § 20.45(c)(1), a permittee may, upon filing written notice to the appropriate ATF officer and establishing a reporting date, file an annual notice of changes. The notice of changes in stockholders does not apply if the sale or transfer of capital stock results in a change in ownership or control which is required to be reported under § 20.57.

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#### § 20.57 Automatic termination of permits.

(a) *Permit not transferable.* Permits issued under this part are not transferable. In the event of the lease, sale, or other transfer of such a permit, or of the operations authorized by the permit, the permit shall, except as provided for in this section, automatically terminate.

(b) *Corporations.* (1) If actual or legal control of any corporation holding a permit issued under this part changes, directly or indirectly, whether by reason of a change in stock ownership or control (in the permittee corporation or any other corporation), by operation of law, or in any other manner, the permittee shall, within 10 days of the change, give written notice to the appropriate ATF officer. Within 30 days of the change, the permittee shall file an application for a new permit, Form 5150.22 with supporting documents. If an application for a new permit is not filed on Form 5150.22 within 30 days of the change, the outstanding permit will automatically terminate.

(2) If an application for a new permit is filed on Form 5150.22 within the 30-day period prescribed in paragraph (b)(1) of this section, the outstanding permit may remain in effect until final action is taken on the application. When final action is taken, the outstanding permit will automatically terminate and shall be forwarded to the appropriate ATF officer.

(c) *Proprietorships.* In the event of a change in proprietorship of a business of a permittee (as for instance, by reasons of incorporation, the withdrawal or taking in of additional partners, or succession by any person who is not a fiduciary), the successor shall file written notice and make application on Form 5150.22 for a new permit, under the same conditions provided for in paragraph (b) of this section. The successor may adopt the formulas and statements of process of the predecessor.

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#### § 20.58 Adoption of documents by a fiduciary.

If the business covered by a permit issued under this part, is to be operated by a fiduciary, the fiduciary may, in lieu of qualifying as a new proprietor, file a written notice, and any necessary supporting documents, to amend the predecessor’s permit. The fiduciary shall furnish a consent of surety on Form 1533, extending the terms of the predecessor’s bond, if any, and may