

Subpart Ca—Special (Occupational) Taxes

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§ 22.37 Liability for special tax.

(a) *Tax-free alcohol permittee.* Except as otherwise provided in this section, every person who is required to hold a permit under 26 U.S.C. 5271 to procure, use, sell, and/or recover alcohol free of tax for nonbeverage purposes shall pay a special (occupational) tax at the rate of \$250 per year. A separate tax shall be paid for each tax-free alcohol permit which the permittee holds, and permits issued under this part shall not be valid unless special tax is paid. The tax shall be paid on or before the date of commencing the business of a tax-free alcohol permittee, and thereafter every year on or before July 1. On commencing business, the tax shall be computed from the first day of the month in which liability is incurred, through the following June 30. Thereafter, the tax shall be computed for the entire year (July 1 through June 30).

(b) *Transition rule.* For purposes of paragraph (a) of this section, a permittee engaged in nonbeverage tax-free distilled spirits operations on January 1, 1988, shall be treated as having commenced business on that date. The special tax imposed by this transition rule shall cover the period January 1, 1988, through June 30, 1988, and shall be paid on or before April 1, 1988.

(c) *Each place of business taxable.* Special (occupational) tax liability is incurred at each place of business for which a permit under subpart D of this part to procure, use, and/or recover distilled spirits free of tax has been issued. A place of business means the entire office, plant or area of the business in any one location under the same proprietorship. Passageways, streets, highways, rail crossings, waterways, or partitions dividing the premises are not sufficient separation to require additional special tax, if the divisions of the premises are otherwise contiguous.

(d) *Exception for United States.* Agencies and instrumentalities of the United States are not required to pay special tax under this subpart.

(e) *Exception for certain educational institutions.* (1) On and after July 1, 1989, a scientific university, college of learning, or institution of scientific research as specified in §22.104, which holds a permit to procure and use distilled spirits free of tax under this part, is not required to pay special tax under this subpart if—

(i) The university, college, or institution procures less than 25 gallons of tax free spirits per calendar year; and

(ii) Such spirits are procured for use exclusively for experimental or research use and not for consumption (other than organoleptic tests) or sale.

(2) A scientific university, college of learning, or institution of scientific research, which holds a permit under this part, and which does not operate as described in paragraphs (e)(1) (i) and (ii) of this section during any calendar year, shall pay special tax as provided in paragraph (a) of this section for the special tax year (July 1 through June 30) commencing during that calendar year.

(26 U.S.C. 5143, 5276)

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§ 22.38 Special tax returns.

(a) *General.* Special tax shall be paid by return. The prescribed return is ATF Form 5630.5, Special Tax Registration and Return. Special tax returns, with payment of tax, shall be filed with ATF in accordance with instructions on the form.

(b) *Preparation of ATF Form 5630.5.* All of the information called for on Form 5630.5 shall be provided, including:

- (1) The true name of the taxpayer.
- (2) The trade name(s) (if any) of the business(es) subject to special tax.
- (3) The employer identification number (see §22.38a).

(4) The exact location of the place of business, by name and number of building or street, or if these do not exist, by some description in addition to the post office address. In the case of one return for two or more locations, the address to be shown shall be the taxpayer's principal place of business (or principal office, in the case of a corporate taxpayer).

(5) The class(es) of special tax to which the taxpayer is subject.

(6) Ownership and control information: That is, the name, position, and residence address of every owner of the business and of every person having power to control its management and policies with respect to the activity subject to special tax. "Owner of the business" shall include every partner, if the taxpayer is a partnership, and every person owning 10% or more of its stock, if the taxpayer is a corporation. However, the ownership and control information required by this paragraph need not be stated if the same information has been previously provided to ATF in connection with a permit application, and if the information previously provided is still current.

(c) *Multiple locations and/or classes of tax.* A taxpayer subject to special tax for the same period at more than one location or for more than one class of tax shall—

(1) File one special tax return, ATF Form 5630.5, with payment of tax, to cover all such locations and classes of tax; and

(2) Prepare, in duplicate, a list identified with the taxpayer's name, address (as shown on ATF Form 5630.5), employer identification number, and period covered by the return. The list shall show, by States, the name, address, and tax class of each location for which special tax is being paid. The original of the list shall be filed with ATF in accordance with instructions on the return, and the copy shall be retained at the taxpayer's principal place of business (or principal office, in the case of corporate taxpayer) for the period specified on § 22.164.

(d) *Signing of ATF Forms 5630.5—(1) Ordinary returns.* The return of an individual proprietor shall be signed by the individual. The return of a partnership shall be signed by a general partner. The return of a corporation shall be signed by any officer. In each case, the person signing the return shall designate his or her capacity as "individual owner," "member of firm," or, in the case of a corporation, the title of the officer.

(2) *Fiduciaries.* Receivers, trustees, assignees, executors, administrators, and other legal representatives who

continue the business of a bankrupt, insolvent, deceased person, etc., shall indicate the fiduciary capacity in which they act.

(3) *Agent or attorney in fact.* If a return is signed by an agent or attorney in fact, the signature shall be preceded by the name of the principal and followed by the title of the agent or attorney in fact. A return signed by a person as agent will not be accepted unless there is filed, with the ATF office with which the return is required to be filed, a power of attorney authorizing the agent to perform the act.

(4) *Perjury statement.* ATF Forms 5630.5 shall contain or be verified by a written declaration that the return has been executed under the penalties of perjury.

(26 U.S.C. 5142, 6061, 6065, 6151, 7100)

§ 22.38a Employer identification number.

(a) *Requirement.* The employer identification number (defined in 26 CFR 301.7701-12) of the taxpayer who has been assigned such a number shall be shown on each special tax return, including amended returns, filed under this subpart. Failure of the taxpayer to include the employer identification number may result in the imposition of the penalty specified in § 70.105 of this chapter.

(b) *Application for employer identification number.* Each taxpayer who files a special tax return, who has not already been assigned an employer identification number, shall file IRS Form SS-4 to apply for one. The taxpayer shall apply for and be assigned only one employer identification number, regardless of the number of places of business for which the taxpayer is required to file a special tax return. The employer identification number shall be applied for no later than 7 days after the filing of the taxpayer's first special tax return. IRS Form SS-4 may be obtained from the director of an IRS service center or from any IRS district director.

(c) *Preparation and filing of IRS Form SS-4.* The taxpayer shall prepare and file IRS Form SS-4, together with any