

(b) An application on IRS Form SS-4 will be made by the taxpayer who, prior to filing the first return, has neither secured nor made application for an employer identification number. An application on IRS Form SS-4 will be filed on or before the seventh day after the date on which the first return is filed.

(c) Each taxpayer shall make application 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 tax return under the provisions of this part. (Pub. L. 87-397, 75 Stat. 828, as amended (26 U.S.C. 6109))

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§ 24.47 Execution of IRS Form SS-4.

(a) *Preparation.* The application on IRS Form SS-4, together with any supplementary statement, will be prepared in accordance with the form instructions and applicable regulations. The application will be filed with the director of the internal revenue service center as instructed on the Form SS-4.

(b) *Signature.* The application will be signed by:

(1) The individual, if the taxpayer is an individual; or,

(2) The president, vice president, other principal officer, or other person authorized to sign, if the taxpayer is a corporation; or,

(3) A responsible and duly authorized member or officer having knowledge of its affairs, if the taxpayer is a partnership or other unincorporated organization; or,

(4) The fiduciary, if the taxpayer is a trust or estate. (Pub. L. 87-397, 75 Stat. 828, as amended (26 U.S.C. 6109))

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SPECIAL (OCCUPATIONAL) TAXES

§ 24.50 Payment of special (occupational) tax.

(a) *General.* Every proprietor of a bonded wine premises or a taxpaid wine bottling house shall pay a special (occupational) tax at the rate specified by § 24.51. The tax will be paid on or before the date of commencing business as a bonded wine premises or taxpaid wine

bottling house, and thereafter every year on or before July 1. On commencing business, the tax will be computed from the first day of the month in which the liability is incurred, through the following June 30. Thereafter, the tax will be computed for the entire year (July 1 through June 30).

(b) *Each place of business taxable.* Proprietors of a bonded wine premises or a taxpaid wine bottling house incur special (occupational) tax at each place of business in which an occupation subject to special (occupational) tax is conducted. 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 (occupational) tax, if the divisions of the premises are otherwise contiguous. A proprietor of a bonded wine premises or a taxpaid wine bottling house does not incur additional special (occupational) tax liability for sales of wine made at a location other than on wine premises described in the application, ATF F 5120.25, if the location where the sales are made is contiguous to the bonded wine premises or the taxpaid wine bottling house in the manner described in this paragraph. (26 U.S.C. 5081, 5142, 5143)

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§ 24.51 Rates of special (occupational) tax.

(a) *General.* Title 26 U.S.C. 5081(a) (2), (3), and (4) impose a special (occupational) tax of \$1,000 per year on every proprietor of a bonded wine premises or a taxpaid wine bottling house.

(b) *Reduced rate for small proprietors.* Title 26 U.S.C. 5081(b) provides for a reduced rate of \$500 per year with respect to any proprietor of a bonded wine premises or a taxpaid wine bottling house whose gross receipts (for the most recent taxable year ending before the first day of the taxable period to which the special (occupational) tax imposed by § 24.50 relates) are less than \$500,000. The “taxable year” to be used for determining gross receipts is the

taxpayer's income tax year. All gross receipts of the taxpayer will be included, not just the gross receipts of the business subject to special (occupational) tax. Proprietors of new businesses that have not yet begun a taxable year, as well as proprietors of existing businesses that have not yet ended a taxable year, who commence a new activity subject to special (occupational) tax, qualify for the reduced special (occupational) tax rate, unless the business is a member of a "controlled group"; in that case, the rules of paragraph (c) of this section apply.

(c) *Controlled group.* All persons treated as one taxpayer under 26 U.S.C. 5061(e)(3) shall be treated as one taxpayer for the purpose of determining gross receipts under paragraph (b) of this section. "Controlled group" means a controlled group of corporations, as defined in 26 U.S.C. 1563 and implementing regulations in 26 CFR 1.1563-1 through 1.1563-4, except that the words "at least 80 percent" is replaced by the words "more than 50 percent" in each place they appear in subsection (a) of 26 U.S.C. 1563, as well as in the implementing regulations. Also, the rules for a "controlled group of corporations" apply in similar fashion to groups which include partnerships and/or sole proprietorships. If one entity maintains more than 50% control over a group consisting of corporations and one, or more, partnerships and/or sole proprietorships, all of the members of the controlled group are one taxpayer for the purpose of this section.

(d) *Short taxable year.* Gross receipts for any taxable year of less than 12 months will be annualized by multiplying the gross receipts for the short period by 12 and dividing the result by the number of months in the short period, as required by 26 U.S.C. 448(c)(3).

(e) *Returns and allowances.* Gross receipts for any taxable year will be reduced by returns and allowances made during such year under 26 U.S.C. 448(c)(3). (26 U.S.C. 448, 5061, 5081)

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§ 24.52 Exemption from special (occupational) tax.

(a) *General.* The proprietor of a bonded wine premises or a taxpaid wine bottling house will not be required to pay special (occupational) tax as a wholesale dealer or retail dealer on account of the sale, at the bonded wine premises or the taxpaid wine bottling house, or at the principal business office as designated in writing to the appropriate ATF officer, of wine which, at the time of sale, is stored at the bonded wine premises or taxpaid wine bottling house, or has been removed from the bonded wine premises to a taxpaid wine premises, the operations of which are integrated with the operations of the bonded wine premises and which is adjacent to or in the immediate vicinity of the bonded wine premises. The proprietor may not have more than one place of sale, as to each bonded wine premises or taxpaid wine bottling house, that will be exempt from special (occupational) tax under this section.

(b) *Place of exemption.* Unless the proprietor has claimed the exemption elsewhere, it will be presumed that the exemption is claimed at the bonded wine premises or taxpaid wine bottling house where the wine or spirits are stored. If exemption from payment of special (occupational) tax is to be claimed for sales at the principal business office rather than for sales at the bonded wine premises or taxpaid wine bottling house, the proprietor shall state such intention in the approved application or file a notice in letter form of this intention with the appropriate ATF officer. Where the exemption is claimed for a place other than the bonded wine premises or taxpaid wine bottling house, the special (occupational) tax will be paid for any sales made at the bonded wine premises or taxpaid wine bottling house.

(c) *Exception.* Where the proprietor of a bonded wine premises or a taxpaid wine bottling house has not paid special (occupational) tax as a wholesale dealer and consummates sales of wine to another dealer at the purchaser's place of business through a delivery route sales personnel or otherwise, the proprietor of the bonded wine premises or taxpaid wine bottling house shall be