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§ 19.75 Assignment of officers and supervision of operations.

(a) *General.* The regional director (compliance) may assign such number of ATF officers to distilled spirits plants and utilize controls (including the use of Government locks and seals) as necessary to maintain supervision of operations conducted at such plants. When supervision is necessary:

(1) The regional director (compliance) may require a proprietor to delay any distilled spirits operation so that it may be conducted in the presence of an ATF officer; and

(2) The regional director (compliance) may require the proprietor to submit a schedule of operations to an ATF officer.

(b) *Hours of operation.* When operations at a distilled spirits plant are to be conducted in the presence of an ATF officer, such operations: (1) Shall not be conducted on Sunday unless specifically authorized by the regional director (compliance) in each instance on the showing of an emergency; and (2) Shall be conducted during an 8-hour period between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. unless, pursuant to the proprietor's application the regional director (compliance) authorizes the performance and supervision of operations during other hours. The regional director (compliance), in administering this provision, shall not restrict such operation or function to a greater extent than did the provisions of internal revenue law and regulations on June 30, 1959.

(c) *Notification of supervision.* (1) When it is determined that supervision of plant operations is necessary, the regional director (compliance) shall notify the proprietor of the extent of ATF supervision.

(2) If supervision of a distilled spirits plant was not terminated as of December 31, 1979, notification is not necessary for continued supervision.

(d) *Withdrawal of supervision.* The regional director (compliance) shall notify the proprietor when ATF supervision of plant operations is to be withdrawn.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1395, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5553); sec. 806, Pub. L. 96-39, 93 Stat. 279 (26 U.S.C. 5201, 5202))

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§ 19.76 Allowance of remission, abatement, credit or refund of tax.

The regional director (compliance) is authorized to allow claims for remission, abatement, credit, and refund of tax, filed under the provisions of this part.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1323, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5008))

§ 19.77 Installation of meters, tanks and other apparatus.

The regional director (compliance) is authorized to require the proprietor to install meters, tanks, pipes, or any other apparatus which the regional director (compliance) deems advisable for the purpose of protecting the revenue. Any proprietor refusing or neglecting to install such apparatus when so required shall not be permitted to conduct business.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1395, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5552))

§ 19.78 Approval of qualifying documents.

The regional director (compliance) is authorized to approve, except as otherwise provided in this part, all qualifying documents, including bonds and consents of surety, required by this part.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1349, as amended, 1394, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5172, 5551); sec. 805, Pub. L. 96-39, 93 Stat. 275, 276 (26 U.S.C. 5171, 5173))

§ 19.79 Discontinuance of storage facilities.

When the regional director (compliance) finds that any facilities for the storage of spirits on bonded premises are unsafe or unfit for use, or that spirits stored are subject to great loss or wastage, he may require the discontinuance of the use of such facilities and require the spirits contained therein to be transferred to such other storage facilities as he may designate. Such transfer shall be made at such time and under such supervision as the regional director (compliance) may require and the expense of the transfer shall be paid by the owner or the warehouseman of the spirits. Whenever the owner of such spirits or the warehouseman fails to make such transfer within

the time prescribed or to pay the just and proper expense of such transfer, as ascertained and determined by the regional director (compliance), such spirits may be seized and sold in the same manner as goods sold on distraint for taxes, and the proceeds of such sale shall be applied to the payment of the taxes due thereon and the cost and expense of such sale and removal, and the balance shall be paid over to the owner of such spirits.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1369, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5236))

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AUTHORITIES OF ATF OFFICERS

§ 19.81 Right of entry and examination.

Any ATF officer may at all times, as well by night as by day, enter any distilled spirits plant, or any other premises where distilled spirits operations are carried on, or structure or place used in connection therewith for storage or other purposes; to make examination of the materials, equipment, and facilities thereon; and make such gauges and inventories as he deems necessary. Whenever any ATF officer, having demanded admittance, and having declared his name and office, is not admitted into such premises by the proprietor or other person having charge thereof, he may at all times, use such force as is necessary for him to gain entry to such premises.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1357, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5203))

§ 19.82 Detention of containers.

Any ATF officer may detain any container containing, or supposed to contain, spirits when such officer has reason to believe that the tax imposed by law on such spirits has not been paid or determined as required by law or this part, or that such container is being removed in violation of law or this part. Every such container may be held by the ATF officer at a safe place until it shall be determined whether the property so detained is liable by law to be proceeded against for forfeiture. However, such summary detention shall not continue in any case longer than 72

hours without process of law or intervention of the regional director (compliance), unless the person in possession of the container immediately prior to its detention, in consideration of the container being kept on his premises during detention, executes a waiver of the 72-hours limitation on detention of the container.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1375 (26 U.S.C. 5311))

§ 19.83 Samples for the United States.

Any ATF officer is authorized to take samples of spirits, denatured spirits, articles, wines, or any other materials which may be added to such products for analysis, testing, or other determinations to ascertain whether there is compliance with the provisions of law and regulations. When such samples are removed from the bonded premises, the ATF officer shall give the proprietor a receipt covering the sample so removed.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1323, as amended, 1357, as amended, 1362, as amended, 1380, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5201, 5203, 5214, 5362))

§ 19.84 Gauging and measuring equipment.

All gauging and measuring equipment and means required by 27 CFR part 30 and this part to be furnished by the proprietor for the purpose of ascertaining the quantity, alcoholic content, specific gravity, and producing capacity of any materials, denaturants, mash, wort, or beer, or the quantity and alcoholic content of spirits, denatured spirits, or wines, shall be maintained by the proprietor in accurate and readily usable condition. Any ATF officer may disapprove the use of any equipment or means if such officer finds it would be insufficiently accurate and the proprietor shall promptly provide accurate equipment or means in lieu of the disapproved equipment or means.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1320, as amended, 1358, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5006, 5204))