

51% constructive ownership, defined in 26 CFR 1.1563-3, may be acquired through:

- (A) An option to purchase stock;
- (B) Attribution from partnerships;
- (C) Attribution from estate or trusts;
- (D) Attribution from corporations; or
- (E) Ownership by spouses, children, grandchildren, parents, and grandparents.

(2) *Production of beer.* The production of beer as recorded in the brewer's daily records and reported in the Brewer's Report of Operations, Form 5130.9. For the purpose of determining compliance with the 2,000,000 barrel limitation, production of beer by a brewer or a controlled group of brewers includes both beer produced at qualified breweries within the United States and beer produced outside the United States.

(c) *Brewers operating more than one brewery.* Brewers who operate more than one brewery shall include the combined production of beer at all their breweries when determining eligibility under the 2,000,000 barrel limitation. The reduced rate of tax applies to the first 60,000 barrels of beer removed for consumption or sale in a calendar year by the brewer; the brewer shall apportion the 60,000 barrels among the breweries in the manner described in the notice as provided by § 25.167(b)(3).

(d) *Controlled groups of brewers.* Members of a controlled group of brewers shall include the combined production of beer by all member brewers when determining eligibility under the 2,000,000 barrel limitation. The reduced rate of tax applies to the first 60,000 barrels of beer removed for consumption or sale in a calendar year by the controlled group of brewers; the controlled group of brewers shall apportion the 60,000 barrels among member brewers in the manner described in each brewer's notice as provided by § 25.167(b)(3).

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1333, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5052))

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**§ 25.153 Persons liable for tax.**

The tax imposed by law on beer (including beer purchased or procured by one brewer from another) shall be paid

by the brewer of the beer at the brewery where produced. The tax on beer transferred to a brewery from other breweries owned by the same brewer in accordance with subpart L of this part shall be paid by the brewer at the brewery from which the beer is removed for consumption or sale.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1334, as amended, 1389, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5054, 5413, 5414))

DETERMINATION OF TAX

**§ 25.155 Types of containers.**

Beer may be removed from a brewery for consumption or sale only in barrels, kegs, bottles, and similar containers, as provided in this part. A container which the appropriate ATF officer determines to be similar to a bottle or can will be treated as a bottle for purposes of this part. A container which the appropriate ATF officer determines to be similar to a barrel or keg and which conforms to one of the sizes prescribed for barrels or kegs in § 25.156 will be treated as such for purposes of this part.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1389, as amended, 1390, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5412, 5416))

**§ 25.156 Determination of tax on keg beer.**

(a) In determining the tax on beer removed in kegs, a barrel is regarded as a quantity of not more than 31 gallons. The authorized fractional parts of a barrel are whole barrels, halves, thirds, quarters, sixths, and eighths, and beer may be removed in kegs rated at those capacities. The following keg sizes are also authorized at the stated barrel equivalents:

Size of keg	Barrel equivalent
5 gallons .....	0.16129
30 liter .....	0.25565
50 liter .....	0.42608

(b) If any barrel or authorized size keg contains a quantity of beer more than 2 percent in excess of its rated capacity, tax will be determined and paid on the actual quantity of beer (without benefit of any tolerance) contained in the keg.