

## § 46.245

### § 46.245 Errors in records.

If your inventory records or tax computation records contain an error that resulted in an overpayment of tax, you can file a claim for refund. If your inventory or tax computation records contain an error that resulted in an underpayment of tax, you must file an additional tax return on which you show and pay the additional tax, interest and any applicable penalties.

#### CLAIMS

### § 46.251 Before filing a claim.

Before you can file a claim for refund, you must have paid your floor stocks tax on ATF F 5200.28T and subsequently determined that you overpaid the tax.

### § 46.252 When to file a claim for errors on return.

You must file the claim within 3 years from the due date of filing the tax return or 2 years from the time the tax was paid, whichever is later.

### § 46.253 How to file a claim for errors on return.

Your claim must be filed on ATF Form 2635 (5620.8). The claim must include detailed and sufficient evidence to support why you believe the tax was overpaid. The claim and supporting documentation must be mailed or delivered to the address shown on the form.

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### § 46.254 Destruction of cigarettes by a Presidentially-declared major disaster.

After you have paid the floor stocks tax, you may file a claim for refund of tax on cigarettes lost, rendered unmarketable, or condemned because of a Presidentially-declared major disaster. Refer to subpart C of this part for the time, evidence and procedures for filing a claim.

### § 46.255 Additional reasons for filing a claim.

(a) *Manufacturer.* 27 CFR part 40, subparts I and K state the times, reasons and procedures for filing a claim for refund.

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(b) *Export warehouse proprietor.* 27 CFR part 44, subpart G, states the time, evidence and procedures for filing a claim for refund.

(c) *Exported taxpaid.* If cigarettes are shipped from the United States, you may file a claim for drawback of taxes under subpart K of 27 CFR part 44.

(d) *Importer.* An importer may follow the procedures for filing a claim as described in 27 CFR part 275, subpart I.

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#### ALTERNATE METHODS OR PROCEDURES

### § 46.261 Purpose of an alternate method or procedure.

An alternate method or procedure is a different way of performing a requirement than is provided in this subpart of regulations. You would only make a request if you wanted to perform a requirement in a different way than is provided in this subpart.

### § 46.262 How to apply for approval.

You must apply in writing to the National Revenue Center, 550 Main Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-3263. You must describe the alternate method or procedure and reasons you wish to use it. You cannot use the alternate method until you receive written approval from ATF.

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### § 46.263 Conditions for approval.

The alternate method or procedure may be approved if it meets all of the following conditions:

- (a) There is good cause for its use.
- (b) It is consistent with the purpose and effect intended by the prescribed method or procedure.
- (c) It affords equivalent security to the revenue.
- (d) It is not contrary to any provision of law.
- (e) It will not result in an increase in cost to the Government.
- (f) It will not hinder the effective administration of this subpart such as delaying timely payment of taxes.