

credit of tax paid or collected in respect to any article of a kind subject to a tax imposed by Part I, Subchapter A of Chapter 51, I.R.C., or by any corresponding provision of prior internal revenue laws.

(c) The regulations in Subpart G of this part implement 26 U.S.C. 5064, which permits payments to be made by the United States for amounts equal to the internal revenue taxes paid or determined and customs duties paid on distilled spirits, wines, and beer, previously withdrawn, that were lost, made unmarketable, or condemned by a duly authorized official as a result of disaster, vandalism, or malicious mischief. This subpart applies to disasters or other specified causes of loss, occurring on or after February 1, 1979. This subpart does not apply to distilled spirits, wines, and beer manufactured in Puerto Rico and brought into the United States.

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#### § 70.2 Forms prescribed.

(a) The appropriate ATF officer is authorized to prescribe all forms required by this part. All of the information called for in each form shall be furnished as indicated by the headings on the form and the instructions on or pertaining to the form. In addition, information called for in each form shall be furnished as required by this part. The form will be filed in accordance with the instructions for the form.

(b) Forms may be requested from the ATF Distribution Center, P.O. Box 5950, Springfield, Virginia 22150-5950, or by accessing the ATF web site (<http://www.atf.treas.gov>).

[T.D. ATF-376, 61 FR 31031, June 19, 1996, as amended by T.D. ATF-450, 66 FR 29022, May 29, 2001]

#### § 70.3 Delegations of the Director.

Most of the regulatory authorities of the Director contained in this part 70 are delegated to appropriate ATF officers. These ATF officers are specified in ATF Order 1130.19, Delegation Order—Delegation of the Director's Authorities in 27 CFR Part 70, Procedure and administration. ATF delegation orders, such as ATF Order 1130.19, are available to any interested person by

mailing a request to the ATF Distribution Center, P.O. Box 5950, Springfield, Virginia 22150-5950, or by accessing the ATF web site (<http://www.atf.treas.gov/>).

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### Subpart B—Definitions

#### § 70.11 Meaning of terms.

When used in this part and in forms prescribed under this part, where not otherwise distinctly expressed or manifestly incompatible with the intent thereof, terms shall have the meaning ascribed in this section. Words in the plural form shall include the singular, and vice versa, and words imparting the masculine gender shall include the feminine. The terms “includes” and “including” do not exclude things not enumerated which are in the same general class.

*Appropriate ATF officer.* An officer or employee of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) authorized to perform any functions relating to the administration or enforcement of this part by ATF Order 1130.19, Delegation Order—Delegation of the Director's Authorities in 27 CFR Part 70, Procedure and Administration.

*Bureau.* The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20226.

*CFR.* The Code of Federal Regulations.

*Commercial bank.* A bank, whether or not a member of the Federal Reserve System, which has access to the Federal Reserve Communications System (FRCS) or Fedwire. The “FRCS” or “Fedwire” is a communications network that allows Federal Reserve System member banks to effect a transfer of funds for their customers (or other commercial banks) to the Treasury Account at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

*Director.* The Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC.

*Electronic fund transfer or EFT.* Any transfer of funds effected by a taxpayer's commercial bank, either directly or through a correspondent banking relationship, via the Federal

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Reserve Communications System (FRCS) or Fedwire to the Treasury Account at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

*Enforced collection.* Collection of taxes when a taxpayer neglects or refuses to pay voluntarily. Includes such administrative measures as liens and levies.

*Levy.* The taking of property by seizure and sale or by collection of money due to the debtor, such as wages.

*Lien.* A charge upon real or personal property for the satisfaction of some debt or performance of an obligation.

*Person.* An individual, a trust, estate, partnership, association or other unincorporated organization, fiduciary, company, or corporation, or the District of Columbia, a State, or a political subdivision thereof (including a city, county, or other municipality).

*Provisions of 26 U.S.C. enforced and administered by the Bureau.* Sections 4181 and 4182 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code), as amended; subchapters F and G of chapter 32 of the Code, insofar as they relate to activities administered and enforced with respect to sections 4181 and 4182 of the Code; subtitle E of the Code; and subtitle F of the Code as it relates to any of the foregoing.

*Secretary.* The Secretary of the Treasury or designated delegate.

*Seizure.* The act of taking possession of property to satisfy a tax liability or by virtue of an execution.

*Treasury Account.* The Department of the Treasury's General Account at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

*U.S.C.* The United States Code.

(Aug. 16, 1954, Ch. 736, 68A Stat. 775 (26 U.S.C. 6301); June 29, 1956, Ch. 462, 70 Stat. 391 (26 U.S.C. 6301))

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### Subpart C—Discovery of Liability and Enforcement of Laws

#### EXAMINATION AND INSPECTION

#### § 70.21 Canvass of regions for taxable persons and objects.

Each appropriate ATF officer shall, to the extent deemed practicable, cause officers or employees under the appropriate ATF officer's supervision and control to proceed, from time to time, and inquire after and concerning all persons therein who may be liable to pay any tax, imposed under provisions of 26 U.S.C. enforced and administered by the Bureau, and all persons owning or having the care and management of any objects with respect to which such tax is imposed.

[T.D. ATF-331, 57 FR 40327, Sept. 3, 1992, as amended by T.D. ATF-450, 66 FR 29023, May 29, 2001]

#### § 70.22 Examination of books and witnesses.

(a) *In general.* For the purpose of ascertaining the correctness of any return, making a return where none has been made, determining the liability of any person for any tax imposed under provisions of 26 U.S.C. enforced and administered by the Bureau (including any interest, additional amount, addition to the tax, or civil penalty) or the liability at law or in equity of any transferee or fiduciary of any person in respect of any such tax, or collecting any such liability, any appropriate ATF officer may examine any books, papers, records or other data which may be relevant or material to such inquiry; and take such testimony of the person concerned, under oath, as may be relevant to such inquiry.

(b) *Summonses.* For the purposes described in paragraph (a) of this section the appropriate ATF officers are authorized to summon the person liable for tax or required to perform the act, or any officer or employee of such person, or any person having possession, custody, or care of books of accounts