

must be filed. The appropriate ATF officer with whom the claim or other required document is filed may, when he or she considers it necessary, require additional evidence of the authority of the agent or representative to execute the document. Except as otherwise provided by this part, powers of attorney shall be filed on ATF Form 1534 (5000.8), Power of Attorney. Notification of signature authority of partners, officers, or employees may be given by filing a copy of corporate or partnership documents, minutes of a meeting of the board of directors, etc. For corporate officers or employees, ATF Form 5100.1, Signing Authority for Corporate Officials, may be used. For additional provisions regarding powers of attorney, see § 17.105 and 26 CFR part 601, subpart E.

#### § 17.17 Delegations of the Director.

The regulatory authorities of the Director contained in this part 17 are delegated to appropriate ATF officers. These ATF officers are specified in ATF Order 1130.13, Delegation Order—Delegation of the Director's Authorities in 27 CFR parts 17 and 18. ATF delegation orders, such as ATF Order 1130.13, are available to any interested person by mailing a request to the ATF Distribution Center, P.O. Box 5950, Springfield, VA 22150-5190, or by accessing the ATF web site (<http://www.atf.treas.gov/>).

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### Subpart B—Definitions

#### § 17.11 Meaning of terms.

As used in this part, unless the context otherwise requires, terms have the meanings given in this section. Words in the plural form include the singular, and vice versa, and words indicating the masculine gender include the feminine. The terms “includes” and “including” do not exclude things not listed 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 1130.13, Delegation Order—Delegation of the Direc-

tor's Authorities in 27 CFR Parts 17 and 18.

*Approved, or approved for drawback.* When used with reference to products and their formulas, this term means that drawback may be claimed on eligible spirits used in such products in accordance with this part.

*CFR.* The Code of Federal Regulations.

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

*Distilled spirits, or spirits.* That substance known as ethyl alcohol, ethanol, spirits, or spirits of wine in any form (including all dilutions and mixtures thereof, from whatever source or by whatever process produced).

*Effective tax rate.* The net tax rate, after reduction for any credit allowable under 26 U.S.C. 5010 for wine and flavor content, at which the tax imposed on distilled spirits by 26 U.S.C. 5001 or 7652 is paid or determined. For distilled spirits with no wine or flavors content, the effective tax rate equals the rate of tax imposed by 26 U.S.C. 5001 or 7652.

*Eligible, or eligible for drawback.* When used with reference to spirits, this term designates taxpaid spirits which have not yet been used in nonbeverage products.

*Filed.* Subject to the provisions of §§ 70.305 and 70.306 of this chapter, a claim for drawback or other document or payment submitted under this part is generally considered to have been “filed” when it is received by the office of the proper Government official; but if an item is mailed timely with postage prepaid, then the United States postmark date is treated as the date of filing.

*Food products.* Includes food adjuncts, such as preservatives, emulsifying agents, and food colorings, which are manufactured and used, or sold for use, in food.

*Intermediate products.* Products to which all three of the following conditions apply: they are made with taxpaid distilled spirits, they have been disapproved for drawback, and they are made by the manufacturer exclusively for its own use in the manufacture of nonbeverage products approved for

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drawback. However, ingredients treated as unfinished nonbeverage products under §17.127 are not considered to be intermediate products.

*Medicines.* Includes laboratory stains and reagents for use in medical diagnostic procedures.

*Month.* A calendar month.

*Nonbeverage products.* Medicines, medicinal preparations, food products, flavors, flavoring extracts, or perfume, which are manufactured using taxpaid distilled spirits, and which are unfit for use for beverage purposes.

*Person.* An individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation.

*Proof gallon.* A gallon of liquid at 60 degrees Fahrenheit, which contains 50 percent by volume of ethyl alcohol having a specific gravity of 0.7939 at 60 degrees Fahrenheit (referred to water at 60 degrees Fahrenheit as unity), or the alcoholic equivalent thereof.

*Quarter.* A 3-month period beginning January 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1.

*Recovered spirits.* Taxpaid spirits that have been salvaged, after use in the manufacture of a product or ingredient, so that the spirits are reusable.

*Special tax.* The special (occupational) tax on manufacturers of nonbeverage products, imposed by 26 U.S.C. 5131.

*Subject to drawback.* This term is used with reference to spirits. Eligible spirits become "subject to drawback" when they are used in the manufacture of a nonbeverage product. When spirits have become "subject to drawback," they may be included in the manufacturer's claim for drawback of tax covering the period in which they were first used.

*Tax year.* The period from July 1 of one calendar year through June 30 of the following year.

*Taxpaid.* When used with respect to distilled spirits, this term shall mean that all taxes imposed on such spirits by 26 U.S.C. 5001 or 7652 have been determined or paid as provided by law.

*This chapter.* Chapter I of title 27 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

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

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### Subpart C—Special Tax

#### § 17.21 Payment of special tax.

Each person who uses taxpaid distilled spirits in the manufacture or production of nonbeverage products shall pay special tax as specified in §17.22 in order to be eligible to receive drawback on the spirits so used. Special tax shall be paid for each tax year during which spirits were used in the manufacture of a product covered by a drawback claim. If a claim is filed covering taxpaid distilled spirits used during the preceding tax year, and special tax has not been paid for the preceding tax year, then special tax for the preceding tax year shall be paid. Regardless of the portion of a tax year covered by a claim, the full annual special tax shall be paid. The manufacturer is not required to pay the special tax if drawback is not claimed.

#### § 17.22 Rate of special tax.

Effective January 1, 1988, the rate of special tax is \$500 per tax year for all persons claiming drawback on distilled spirits used in the manufacture or production of nonbeverage products.

#### § 17.23 Special tax for each place of business.

A separate special tax shall be paid for each place where distilled spirits are used in the manufacture or production of nonbeverage products, except for any such place in a tax year for which no claim is filed, or no drawback is paid, on spirits used at that place.

#### § 17.24 Time for payment of special tax.

Special tax may be paid in advance of actual use of distilled spirits. Special tax shall be paid before a claimant may receive drawback. Special tax may be paid without penalty under 26 U.S.C. 5134(c) at any time prior to completion of final action on the claim.

#### SPECIAL TAX RETURNS

#### § 17.31 Filing of return and payment of special tax.

Special tax shall be paid by return. The prescribed return is ATF Form 5630.5, Special Tax Registration and