

TTB. The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC.

TTB bond The internal revenue bond as prescribed in 26 U.S.C. Chapter 51.

Unfinished spirits. Spirits in the production system prior to production gauge.

U.S.C. The United States Code.

Warehouseman. A proprietor of a distilled spirits plant qualified under this part to store bulk distilled spirits.

Wine spirits. The term "wine spirits" means spirits authorized for use in wine production by 26 U.S.C. 5373.

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Subpart C—Taxes

GALLONAGE TAXES

§ 19.21 Tax.

(a) A tax is imposed by 26 U.S.C. 5001 and 7652 on all spirits produced in, imported into or brought into the United States at the rate prescribed in section 5001 on each proof gallon and a proportionate tax at a like rate on all fractional parts of a proof gallon. Wines containing more than 24 percent of alcohol by volume are taxed as spirits. All products of distillation, by whatever name known, which contain spirits, on which the tax imposed by law has not been paid, and any alcoholic ingredient added to such products, are considered and taxed as spirits.

(b) A credit against the tax imposed on distilled spirits by 26 U.S.C. 5001 or 7652 is allowable under 26 U.S.C. 5010 on each proof gallon of alcohol derived from eligible wine or from eligible flavors which do not exceed 2½ percent of the finished product on a proof gallon basis. The credit is allowable at the time the tax is payable as if it constituted a reduction in the rate of tax.

(c) Where credit against the tax is desired, the person liable for the tax shall establish an effective tax rate in accordance with § 19.34. The effective tax rate established will be applied to each

withdrawal or other taxable disposition of the distilled spirits.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1314, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5001); Sec. 6, Pub. L. 96-598, 94 Stat. 3488, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5010); Act of August 16, 1954, Pub. L. 591, 68A Stat. 907, as amended (26 U.S.C. 7652)).

[T.D. ATF-297, 55 FR 18061, Apr. 30, 1990]

§ 19.22 Attachment of tax.

Under 26 U.S.C. 5001(b), the tax attaches to spirits as soon as the substance comes into existence as such, whether it be subsequently separated as pure or impure spirits, or be immediately, or at any subsequent time, transferred into any other substance, either in the process of original production, or by any subsequent process.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1314, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5001))

§ 19.23 Lien.

Under 26 U.S.C. 5004, the tax becomes a first lien on the spirits from the time the spirits come into existence as such. The conditions under which the first lien shall be terminated are described in 26 U.S.C. 5004.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1317, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5004))

[T.D. ATF-198, 50 FR 8464, Mar. 1, 1985; 50 FR 23410, June 4, 1985]

§ 19.24 Persons liable for tax.

(a) *Distilling.* 26 U.S.C. 5005 provides that the distiller of spirits is liable for the tax and that each proprietor or possessor of, and person in any manner interested in the use of, any still, distilling apparatus, or distillery, shall be jointly and severally liable for the tax on distilled spirits produced. However, a person, not an officer or director of a corporate proprietor, owning or having the right of control of not more than 10 percent of any class of stock of that proprietor, is not liable by reason of the stock ownership or control. Persons transferring spirits in bond so liable for the tax are relieved of liability if

(1) The proprietors of transferring and receiving premises are independent of each other and neither has a proprietary interest, directly or indirectly, in the business of the other, and

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(2) No person so liable for the tax on the spirits transferred retains any interest in the spirits.

(b) *Storage on bonded premises.* 26 U.S.C. 5005(c) provides that each person operating bonded premises shall be liable for the tax on all spirits while the spirits are stored on the premises, and on all spirits which are in transit to the premises from the time of removal from the transferor's bonded premises, pursuant to an approved application. Liability for the tax continues until the spirits are transferred or withdrawn from bonded premises as authorized by law, or until the liability for tax is relieved under the provisions of 26 U.S.C. 5008(a). Claims for relief from liability for spirits lost are provided for in § 19.41. Voluntary destruction of spirits in bond is provided for in subpart U of this part.

(c) *Withdrawals without payment of tax.* Under 26 U.S.C. 5005(e), any person who withdraws spirits from the bonded premises of a plant without payment of tax, as provided in 26 U.S.C. 5214, shall be liable for the tax on the spirits from the time of withdrawal. The person shall be relieved of any liability at the time the spirits are exported, deposited in a foreign-trade zone, used in production of wine, deposited in a customs bonded warehouse, laden as supplies upon or used in the maintenance or repair of certain vessels or aircraft, or used for certain research, development or testing, as provided by law.

(d) *Withdrawals free of tax.* Persons liable for tax under paragraph (a) of this section, are relieved of the liability on spirits withdrawn from bonded premises free of tax under this part, at the time the spirits are withdrawn.

(e) *Withdrawn from customs custody without payment of tax.* 26 U.S.C. 5232(a) provides that when imported distilled spirits in bulk containers are withdrawn from customs custody and transferred to the bonded premises of a distilled spirits plant without payment of the tax imposed on imported distilled spirits by 26 U.S.C. 5001, the person operating the bonded premises of the distilled spirits plant to which spirits are transferred shall become liable for the tax on the spirits upon their release from customs custody, and the im-

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porter shall thereupon be relieved of liability for the tax.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1318, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5005); sec. 3, Pub. L. 90-630, 82 Stat. 1328, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5232); sec. 3, Pub. L. 91-659, 84 Stat. 1965, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5066))

§ 19.25 Time for tax determination.

Except as otherwise provided in this part, the tax on spirits shall be determined when the spirits are withdrawn from bond. The tax on spirits which are to be withdrawn from bonded premises shall be determined upon completion of the gauge for determination of tax and before withdrawal from bonded premises.

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

§ 19.26 Tax on wine.

(a) *Imposition of tax.* A tax is imposed by 26 U.S.C. 5041 or 7652 on wine (including imitation, substandard, or artificial wine, and compounds sold as wine) produced in or imported or brought into the United States. Proprietors of distilled spirits plants may become liable for wine taxes under 26 U.S.C. 5362(b)(3) in connection with wine transferred in bond to a distilled spirits plant. Wine may not be removed from the bonded premises of a distilled spirits plant for consumption or sale as wine.

(b) *Liability for tax.* Except as otherwise provided by law, the liability for tax on wine transferred in bond from a bonded wine cellar to a distilled spirits plant, or transferred in bond between distilled spirits plants, will continue until the wine is used in a distilled spirits product.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1331, as amended, 1380, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5041, 5362))

[T.D. ATF-297, 55 FR 18062, Apr. 30, 1990; 55 FR 23634, June 11, 1990]

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§ 19.31 Production not accounted for.

Where the appropriate TTB officer finds that a distiller has not accounted for all spirits produced by him, assessment shall be made for the tax on the