#### §41.191

#### §41.191 Application for permit.

Except as provided in §41.192, every person, before commencing business as an importer of tobacco products as defined in §41.11, must make application for, and obtain, the permit provided by this subpart K. Such application must be made on TTB Form 5230.4, according to the instructions for the form. All documents required under this part to be furnished with such application must be made a part thereof.

[T.D. ATF–422, 64 FR 71951, Dec. 22, 1999. Redesignated and amended by T.D. TTB–16, 69 FR 52424, 52425, Aug. 26, 2004]

### §41.192 Transitional rule.

Any person who-

(a) Was engaged in the business as an importer of tobacco products before January 1, 2000, and

(b) Who files an application with TTB before January 1, 2000, may continue to import tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes pending action on their application by TTB. Pending such final action, all provisions of chapter 52 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 will apply to such applicant.

[T.D. ATF-422, 64 FR 71951, Dec. 22, 1999. Redesignated and amended by T.D. TTB-16, 69 FR 52424, 52425, Aug. 26, 2004]

# §41.193 Corporate documents.

corporation, before mencing business as an importer of tobacco products, must furnish with its application for permit, required by §41.191, a true copy of the corporate charter or a certificate of corporate existence or incorporation executed by the appropriate officer of the State in which incorporated. The corporation must likewise furnish duly authenticated extracts of the stockholders' meetings, bylaws, or directors' meetings, listing the offices the incumbents of which are authorized to sign documents or otherwise act in behalf of the corporation in matters relating to 26 U.S.C. chapter 52, and regulations issued thereunder. The corporation must also furnish evidence, in duplicate, of the identity of the officers and directors and each person who holds more than ten percent of the stock of such corporation. Where any of the information required by this section has

previously been filed with the appropriate TTB officer, and such information is currently complete and accurate, a written statement to that effect, in duplicate, will be sufficient for the purpose of this section.

[T.D. ATF-422, 64 FR 71951, Dec. 22, 1999. Redesignated and amended by T.D. TTB-16, 69 FR 52424, 52425, Aug. 26, 2004]

# §41.194 Articles of partnership or association.

Every partnership or association, before commencing business as an importer of tobacco products, must furnish with its application for permit required by §41.191 a true copy of the articles of partnership or association, if any, or certificate of partnership or association where required to be filed by any State, county, or municipality. Where a partnership or association has previously filed such documents with the appropriate TTB officer and such documents are currently complete and accurate, a written statement, in duplicate, to that effect by the partnership or association will be sufficient for the purpose of this section.

[T.D. ATF-422, 64 FR 71951, Dec. 22, 1999. Redesignated and amended by T.D. TTB-16, 69 FR 52424, 52425, Aug. 26, 2004]

#### §41.195 Trade name certificate.

Every person, before commencing business under a trade name as an importer of tobacco products, must furnish with his application for a permit, required by §41.191, a true copy of the certificate or other document, if any, issued by a State, county, or municipal authority in connection with the transaction of business under such trade name. If no such true copy of the certificate or other document is so required, a written statement, in duplicate, to that effect by such person will be sufficient for the purpose of this section.

[T.D. ATF-422, 64 FR 71951, Dec. 22, 1999. Redesignated and amended by T.D. TTB-16, 69 FR 52424, 52425, Aug. 26, 2004]

# §41.196 Power of attorney.

If the application for permit or any report, return, notice, schedule, or other document required to be executed is to be signed by an individual

(including one of the partners for a partnership or one of the members of an association) as an attorney in fact for any person, or if an individual is to otherwise officially represent such person, power of attorney on Form 1534 must be furnished to the appropriate TTB officer. (For power of attorney in connection with conference and practice requirements see subpart E, part 70 of this chapter.) Such power of attorney is not required for persons whose authority is furnished with the corporate documents as required by §41.194. Form 1534 does not have to be filed again with the appropriate TTB officer if such form has previously been submitted to TTB and is still in effect.

[T.D. ATF-422, 64 FR 71951, Dec. 22, 1999. Redesignated and amended by T.D. TTB-16, 69 FR 52424, 52425, Aug. 26, 2004]

#### §41.197 Additional information.

The appropriate TTB officer may require such additional information as may be deemed necessary to determine whether the applicant is entitled to a permit under the provisions of this part. The applicant must, when required by the appropriate TTB officer, furnish as a part of his application for such permit such additional information as the appropriate TTB officer deems necessary to determine whether the applicant is entitled to a permit.

[T.D. ATF–422, 64 FR 71951, Dec. 22, 1999. Redesignated and amended by T.D. TTB–16, 69 FR 52424, 52425, Aug. 26, 2004]

#### §41.198 Investigation of applicant.

Appropriate TTB officers may inquire or investigate to verify the information in connection with an application for a permit. The investigation will ascertain whether the applicant is, by reason of his business experience, financial standing, and trade connections, likely to maintain operations in compliance with 26 U.S.C. chapter 52, and regulations thereunder; whether the applicant has disclosed all material information required, or whether the applicant has made any material false statement in the application for such permit.

[T.D. ATF–422, 64 FR 71951, Dec. 22, 1999. Redesignated and amended by T.D. TTB–16, 69 FR 52424, 52425, Aug. 26, 2004]

# §41.199 Notice of contemplated disapproval.

If the appropriate TTB officer has reason to believe that the applicant is not entitled to a permit, the appropriate TTB officer will promptly give to the applicant a notice of the contemplated disapproval of the application and opportunity for hearing thereon in accordance with part 71 of this chapter. If, after such notice and opportunity for hearing, the appropriate TTB officer finds that the applicant is not entitled to a permit, an order will be prepared stating the findings on which the permit request is denied.

[T.D. ATF-422, 64 FR 71951, Dec. 22, 1999, as amended by T.D. ATF-463, 66 FR 42734, Aug. 15, 2001. Redesignated and amended by T.D. TTB-16, 69 FR 52424, 52425, Aug. 26, 2004]

#### § 41.200 Issuance of permit.

If the application for permit, together with the required supporting documents, is approved, the appropriate TTB officer will issue a permit on TTB F 5200.24 to the applicant as an importer of tobacco products.

[T.D. ATF-422, 64 FR 71951, Dec. 22, 1999. Redesignated and amended by T.D. TTB-16, 69 FR 52424, 52425, Aug. 26, 2004]

# §41.201 Duration of permit.

- (a) Permits other than temporary permits issued under paragraph (b) of this section will be valid for a period of three years from the effective date shown on the permit, TTB F 5200.24.
- (b) Temporary permits will be issued for a one-year period to those applicants described in §41.192.

[T.D. ATF-422, 64 FR 71951, Dec. 22, 1999. Redesignated and amended by T.D. TTB-16, 69 FR 52424, 52425, Aug. 26, 2004]

# §41.202 Renewal of permit.

Importers wishing to continue operations beyond the expiration of their current permit must renew their permit by making application within 30 days of such expiration on TTB F 5200.24, in accordance with instructions for the form. The expiring permit will continue in effect until final action is