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taken by TTB on the application for renewal, provided a timely application for renewal is filed.

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§ 41.203 Retention of permit and supporting documents.

The importer must retain the permit, together with the copy of the application and supporting documents returned with the permit, at the same place where the records required by this part are kept. The permit and supporting documents must be made available for inspection by any appropriate TTB officer upon request.

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REQUIRED RECORDS AND REPORTS

§ 41.204 General.

Every tobacco products importer must keep such records and, when required by this part, submit such reports, of the physical receipt and disposition of tobacco products. Records and reports will not be required under this part with respect to tobacco products while in customs custody.

§ 41.205 Recordkeeping requirements.

Any owner, importer, consignee, or their agent who imports, or knowingly causes to be imported, any tobacco product or cigarette papers or tubes must make and keep records. A person purchasing a tobacco product from the importer in a domestic transaction and who does not knowingly cause merchandise to be imported is not required to make and keep records unless:

(a) The terms and conditions of the importation are controlled by the person placing the order with the importer (*e.g.*, the importer is not an independent contractor but the agent of the person placing the order).

(b) The tobacco products purchased from the importer include more than 60,000 cigarettes, in which case the importer and the person placing the order with the importer must keep the records required by 27 CFR Part 46, Subpart F, Distribution of Cigarettes. Dividing a single shipment of more

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than 60,000 cigarettes into smaller components of 60,000 cigarettes or less does not exempt any person from the recordkeeping requirements of this subpart.

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FILING AND RETENTION OF RECORDS AND REPORTS

§ 41.206 Reports.

(a) Importers must file a monthly report on TTB F 5220.6 in accordance with the format and instructions for the form.

(b) The first report(s) must be submitted by the 15th day of the month following the month in which the permit is issued; all previous months beginning January 1, 2000, must also be reported at that time.

For example:

An importer who is issued a permit with a date of August 17, 2000, would be required to submit by September 15, 2000, a total of eight reports for the months January-August, 2000.

(c) Reports with the notation “No Activity” must be made for those months in which no activity occurs.

(d) When a transfer of ownership of the business of an importer of tobacco products described in § 41.224, or when a change in control of a corporation described in § 41.226 occurs, a concluding report with the notation “Concluding Report” must be made for the month or partial month during which the transfer of ownership or change in control becomes effective.

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§ 41.207 Filing.

All records and reports required by this part will be maintained separately, chronologically by transaction or reporting date, at the importer's place of business. The appropriate TTB officer may, pursuant to an application, authorize files, or an individual file, to be maintained at another business location under the control of the importer, if the alternative location does not cause undue inconvenience to

TTB or Customs officers desiring to examine the files or delay in the timely transmittal of any documents required to be submitted.

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§ 41.208 Retention.

(a) All records and reports required by this part, documents or copies of documents supporting these records or reports, and file copies of reports required by this part to be submitted to TTB must be retained for not less than three years following the close of the calendar year in which filed or made, and during this period must be available for inspection and copying by TTB during business hours.

(b) Furthermore, the appropriate TTB officer may require these records to be kept for an additional period of not more than three years in any case where it is determined that such record retention is necessary to protect the revenue. Any records, or copies thereof, containing any of the information required by this part to be prepared, wherever kept, must also be made available for inspection and copying.

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Subpart L—Changes After Original Qualification of Importers

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CHANGES IN NAME

§ 41.220 Change in individual name.

Where there is a change in the name of an individual operating as an importer of tobacco products, the importer must make application on TTB Form 5230.5 for an amended permit within 30 days of such change.

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§ 41.221 Change in trade name.

Where there is a change in, or an addition or discontinuance of, a trade name used by an importer of tobacco

products in connection with operations authorized by the permit, the importer must make application on TTB Form 5230.5 for an amended permit to reflect such change within 30 days of such change. The importer must also furnish a true copy of any new trade name certificate or document issued to the business, or statement in lieu thereof, required by § 41.195.

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§ 41.222 Change in corporate name.

Where there is a change in the corporate name of an importer of tobacco products, the importer must make application on TTB Form 5230.5 for an amended permit within 30 days of such change. The importer must also furnish such documents as may be necessary to establish that the corporate name has been changed.

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CHANGES IN OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL

§ 41.223 Fiduciary successor.

If an administrator, executor, receiver, trustee, assignee, or other fiduciary, is to take over the business of an importer of tobacco products, as a continuing operation, such fiduciary must make application for permit, before commencing operations as required by subpart K of this part, furnish certified copies, in duplicate, of the order of the court, or other pertinent documents, showing his appointment and qualification as such fiduciary. However, where a fiduciary intends only to liquidate the business, qualification as an importer of tobacco products will not be required if the fiduciary promptly files with the appropriate TTB officer a written statement to that effect.

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§ 41.224 Transfer of ownership.

If a transfer is to be made in ownership of the business of an importer of tobacco products (including a change