

**§ 46.262 How to apply for approval.**

You must apply in writing to the National Revenue Center, 550 Main Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-3263. You must describe the alternate method or procedure and reasons you wish to use it. You cannot use the alternate method until you receive written approval from the appropriate TTB officer.

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**§ 46.263 Conditions for approval.**

The alternate method or procedure may be approved if it meets all of the following conditions:

- (a) There is good cause for its use.
- (b) It is consistent with the purpose and effect intended by the prescribed method or procedure.
- (c) It affords equivalent security to the revenue.
- (d) It is not contrary to any provision of law.
- (e) It will not result in an increase in cost to the Government.
- (f) It will not hinder the effective administration of this subpart such as delaying timely payment of taxes.
- (g) It is not a method or procedure that relates to the payment or collection of tax.

**§ 46.264 Withdrawal of an alternate method or procedure.**

The approval will be withdrawn if revenue is jeopardized or administration of this subpart is hindered. The appropriate TTB officer will give you a written notice of the withdrawal.

## TTB AUTHORITIES

**§ 46.270 [Reserved]****§ 46.271 Entry, examination and testimony.**

Appropriate TTB officers, in performing official duties, may enter any premises to examine cigarettes subject to floor stocks tax. They may enter the premises during the day or may also enter at night if the premises are open.

Appropriate TTB officers may audit and examine all cigarettes, inventory records, books, papers, or other resource data for the purpose of ascertaining, determining or collecting floor stocks tax. They may take testimony (under oath) of any person when inquiring as to proper payment of floor stocks taxes.

**§ 46.272 Issuance of summons.**

Appropriate TTB officers can issue summonses when there is no Justice Department referral under the authority stated in 27 CFR 70.22. The summons will state a place and time for such items or person to appear. TTB will issue a summons to require:

- (a) Any books of account or other data pertaining to liability of floor stocks tax.
- (b) Any person liable for the floor stocks tax or having possession of books of account or other data.
- (c) Any other appropriate person in connection with the books or tax liability.

**§ 46.273 Refusing entry or examination.**

If you or another person in charge of the premises refuses to admit any appropriate TTB officer or prevents any appropriate TTB officer from examining the records or cigarettes, you may be liable for the penalties described in 26 U.S.C. 7342 and 7212, respectively.

**§ 46.274 Penalties for failure to comply.**

If you fail to follow these regulations, TTB may apply applicable civil and criminal penalties under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. For example, failure to file and failure to pay penalties may be assessed against you if you do not timely file your tax return or timely pay the taxes due. In addition, interest under 26 U.S.C. 6621 accrues for any underpayment of tax and on all assessed penalties until paid.