sealed by the Puerto Rican revenue agent is such manner as will prevent unauthorized removal of spirits without detection.

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§ 26.199b Issuance and disposition of permit.

When the Secretary receives an application on TTB Form 5110.31 and he finds that the applicant is in compliance with law and regulations, he will execute the permit to ship on all copies of TTB Form 5110.31, retain one copy, and any accompanying package gauge record as provided in §26.164a, and return the remaining copies to the consignor who shall distribute them in accordance with the instructions on TTB Form 5110.31.

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§26.199c Action by carrier.

The carrier of the spirits specified on the TTB Form 5110.31 shall, at the time of unlading at the port of arrival in the United States, segregate and arrange the containers of spirits of convenient customs examination and shall assume any expense incurred in connection therewith.

§ 26.199d Customs inspection and release.

On receipt of a properly executed TTB Form 5110.31 from the consignor, the customs officer at the port of arrival in the United States shall inspect the corresponding shipment of spirits:

- (a) If a shipment is in a bulk conveyance, and:
- (1) The seals are intact, he shall release the shipment; or
- (2) If the seals are broken, he shall, before release of the spirits, affix customs seals
- (b) If a shipment in packages does not arrive in a sealed conveyance, the packages shall be inspected, and if it appears that any package has sus-

tained a loss, the package shall be weighed and its new gross weight shall be entered in contrasting color on the package gauge record attached to the related TTB Form 5110.31. The serial numbers of any seals affixed by the customs officers shall be reported on TTB Form 5110.31 under remarks with an explanation and description of any evidence of loss. After completing his inspection, the customs officer shall execute his certificate on each copy of TTB Form 5110.31 and show thereon any exceptions found at the time of his release for transfer of the spirits to internal revenue bond. Missing packages should be reported separately from packages which have sustained losses. The customs officer shall then release the spirits to the consignee's representative and distribute all forms in accordance with the instructions on TTB Form 5110.31.

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§26.199e [Reserved]

§26.199f Consignee premises.

- (a) General. When Puerto Rican spirits are received from customs custody under the provisions of this subpart, the consignee proprietor shall execute the certificate of receipt on TTB Form 5110.31 and examine all containers for evidence of loss. If it appears that spirits were lost by theft or unusual event, the proprietor shall determine the quantity of spirits lost and report the loss according to 27 CFR 19.562.
- (b) *Packages*. Packages shall be received on bonded premises by the proprietor on the basis of the most recent official gauge.
- (c) Distribution of forms. The proprietor shall keep and send copies according the instructions on the form.

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