

5000.24 and make a separate EFT payment for each DSP from which spirits are withdrawn upon determination of tax.

(b) *Requirements*—(1) *Notice to TTB*. If the proprietor's gross distilled spirits tax liability is \$5 million or more in one calendar year, the proprietor must notify the appropriate TTB officer of this fact not later than January 10 of the following year. The proprietor must use the total amount of tax liability incurred under this part and parts 26 and 27 of this chapter to determine whether it must make this notification. Exception: this notice requirement does not apply if the proprietor already pays tax on distilled spirits by EFT. The notice shall be an agreement to make payments by EFT.

(2) *Separate EFT for each return*. For each return filed in accordance with this part, the proprietor will direct the bank to make an EFT to the Treasury Account for the amount of the tax reported due on the return. The proprietor must give instructions to the bank early enough for the EFT to be made to the Treasury Account by no later than close of business on the last day for filing the return as prescribed in §§ 19.236 or 19.237, as appropriate.

(3) *Discontinuing EFT payments*. If the proprietor pays tax by EFT and has a gross tax liability of less than \$5 million in distilled spirits taxes during a calendar year, combining tax liabilities incurred under this part and parts 26 and 27 of this chapter, payment by EFT will be optional in the following year. The proprietor may continue to remit tax payment by EFT as provided in this section, or the proprietor may remit taxpayment using any acceptable method as set forth in § 19.239. If the proprietor decides to stop paying tax by EFT, the proprietor must give the appropriate TTB officer written notice of that decision. The proprietor must attach a written notice to the first return on form TTB F 5000.24 filed using a method of payment other than EFT. Such notice must state that tax is not due by EFT because the proprietor's tax liability during the preceding calendar year was less than \$5 million. The proprietor must further state that future tax payments will be filed with the returns on TTB F 5000.24.

(c) *Remittance*—(1) *Identifying EFT payments*. When the proprietor completes the return on TTB F 5000.24, the proprietor must indicate on the form that the tax was paid by EFT. The proprietor must file the completed TTB F 5000.24 with TTB as directed by the instructions on the form.

(2) *Credit for payment*. TTB will credit the proprietor as having made a tax payment when the Treasury Account receives the EFT. TTB considers the EFT to be received by the Treasury Account when the EFT is paid to a Federal Reserve Bank.

(3) *Record of payment*. When a proprietor directs a bank to make an EFT as required by paragraph (b)(2) of this section, any transfer data record furnished to the proprietor as part of normal banking procedures will serve as the record of payment. The proprietor will retain this document as part of the required records.

(d) *Failure to make a tax payment by EFT*. The proprietor will be subject to a penalty imposed by 26 U.S.C. 5684, 6651, or 6656 for failure to make a required EFT tax payment before close of business on the last day for filing.

(e) *Procedure*. Upon receipt of a notice filed pursuant to paragraph (b)(1) of this section, the appropriate TTB officer will provide the proprietor with a copy of the TTB Procedure entitled "Payment of Tax by Electronic Fund Transfer". This publication outlines the procedure that the proprietor must follow when preparing returns and payments by EFT as required by this part. The proprietor must follow instructions provided by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for submitting the EFT payments that must be made to CBP.

(26 U.S.C. 5061, 6302)

REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYER
IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

§ 19.242 Employer identification number.

The proprietor must enter the employer identification number (EIN) assigned to it by the Internal Revenue Service on each form TTB F 5000.24, Excise Tax Return, filed with TTB. Failure to enter the assigned EIN on TTB F 5000.24, may result in a \$50.00

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penalty for each occurrence as specified in § 70.113 of this chapter.

(26 U.S.C. 6109, 6723)

§ 19.243 Application for employer identification number.

(a) *Use Form SS-4.* The proprietor must obtain an employer identification number (EIN) by filing an application with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on Form SS-4. Form SS-4 is available from Internal Revenue Service Centers, from IRS District Directors, the IRS Web site at <http://www.irs.gov>, or from TTB's National Revenue Center. The proprietor may file this form with IRS by mail, telephone, or fax by following the instructions on the form.

(b) *Time limit.* If the proprietor has not already received, or applied for, an EIN at the time that the first return on form TTB F 5000.24, Excise Tax Return, is filed, the proprietor must file such application for an EIN not later than seven days from the date of filing the TTB F 5000.24.

(c) *One EIN only.* Each proprietor must obtain and use only one EIN, regardless of the number of places of business for which the proprietor is required to file a tax return under this subpart.

(26 U.S.C. 6109)

EFFECTIVE TAX RATES

§ 19.245 Tax credits under 26 U.S.C. 5010.

(a) *The distilled spirits tax.* Sections 5001 and 7652 of the IRC impose a tax on all distilled spirits produced in, or imported into, or brought into the United States at the rate prescribed in section 5001 of the IRC.

(b) *Tax credits.* Section 5010 of the IRC provides a credit for the wine and flavors content in distilled spirits products. These credits effectively reduce the rate of excise tax paid on distilled spirits products that contain eligible wines and eligible flavors. As a result, the alcohol derived from eligible wine is taxed at the rates specified for wine in 26 U.S.C. 5041, and the alcohol derived from eligible flavors is not taxed to the extent that it does not exceed 2.5 percent of the alcohol in the product. This results in an effective tax rate on

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the distilled spirits product that is lower than the rate prescribed in 26 U.S.C. 5001.

(c) *Eligible wine and eligible flavor.* The credit for the wine and flavor content of a distilled spirits product is allowable only if the wine or flavor contained in the product is an "eligible wine" or an "eligible flavor". To determine whether a wine or flavor is eligible, refer to the definitions in § 19.1 and 26 U.S.C. 5010.

(d) *Application of effective tax rates.* Section 19.246 describes how the proprietor should compute the effective tax rate for each distilled spirits product containing eligible wine or eligible flavor. Sections 19.247 through 19.250 set forth several different methods that the proprietor may use in applying the effective tax rates to taxable removals of products from the proprietor's bonded premises.

(26 U.S.C. 5010)

§ 19.246 Computing the effective tax rate for a product.

(a) *How to compute effective tax rates.* In order to determine the effective tax rate for a distilled spirits product containing eligible wine or eligible flavor, the proprietor must first determine the total excise taxes due on the product from all sources including distilled spirits, eligible wine, and alcohol from eligible flavors in excess of 2.5 percent of the total proof gallons in the product. Then, the proprietor must determine the total number of proof gallons of alcohol in the product regardless of the source. By dividing the total tax (numerator) by the total number of proof gallons (denominator) the proprietor will arrive at the effective tax rate for the product in dollars per proof gallon. The proprietor will compute the effective tax rate according to the following formula:

(1) *Numerator.* The numerator will be the sum of:

(i) The proof gallons of all distilled spirits used in the product (exclusive of distilled spirits derived from eligible flavors), multiplied by the tax rate prescribed by 26 U.S.C. 5001;

(ii) The wine gallons of each eligible wine used in the product, multiplied by the tax rate prescribed by 26 U.S.C.