§ 41.207  of the month following the month in which the permit is issued.

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

(d) Concluding report. 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. A concluding report must also be made for the month or partial month during which an importer concludes operations under the permit.

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§ 41.208  Maintenance and retention of records and reports.

(a) Maintenance. All records, reports, and other documents required under this part must be maintained separately, chronologically by transaction or reporting date, at the importer’s principal place of business. The appropriate TTB officer may, pursuant to an application by the importer for an approved alternate method or procedure under §41.26, authorize such documents to be maintained at another business location under the control of the importer, if the conditions of §41.26 are met and provided that the use of the alternate location does not cause undue inconvenience to TTB when attempting to examine the files and does not delay the timely transmittal of any document required to be submitted to TTB.

(b) Retention. All records and reports and documents or copies of documents supporting these records or reports required by this part to be submitted to TTB or retained by the importer must be retained for not less than three years following the close of the calendar year in which filed or made. Such records, reports, and other documents must be available for inspection by the appropriate TTB officer upon request. Furthermore, the appropriate TTB officer may require these records, reports, and other documents to be kept for an additional period of not more than three years in any case where it is necessary to protect the revenue.

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Subpart L—Changes After Original Qualification of Importers


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.


§ 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.


§ 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.

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.


§ 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 of any member of a partnership or association), such importer must give notice, in writing, to the appropriate TTB officer, naming the proposed successor and the desired effective date of such transfer. The proposed successor must qualify as an importer of tobacco products, before commencing operations, in accordance with the applicable provisions of subpart K of this part. The importer must give such notice of transfer, and the proposed successor must make application for permit in ample time for examination and approval thereof before the desired date of such change. The predecessor must make a concluding report, in accordance with the provisions of § 41.205, and surrender the permit with such report. The successor must make a commencing report, in accordance with the provisions of § 41.206.


§ 41.225 Change in officers, directors, or stockholders of a corporation.
Upon election or appointment (excluding successive reelection or reappointment) of any officer or director of a corporation operating the business of an importer of tobacco products, or upon any occurrence which results in a person acquiring ownership or control of more than ten percent in aggregate of the outstanding stock of such corporation, the importer must, within 30 days of such action, so notify the appropriate TTB officer in writing giving the identity of such person. In the event that the acquisition of ten or more percent in aggregate of the outstanding stock of such corporation results in a change of control of such corporation, the provisions of § 41.226 will apply. When there is any change in the authority furnished under § 41.196 for officers to act on behalf of the corporation the importer must immediately so notify the appropriate TTB officer in writing.


§ 41.226 Change in control of a corporation.
Where the issuance, sale, or transfer of the stock of a corporation operating as an importer of tobacco products results in a change in the identity of the principal stockholders exercising actual or legal control of the operations of the corporation, the corporate importer must make application on TTB Form 5230.4 for a new permit within 30 days after the change occurs. Otherwise, the present permit will be automatically terminated at the expiration of such 30-day period, and the importer will dispose of all tobacco products on hand, in accordance with this part, make a concluding report, in accordance with the provisions of § 41.206, and surrender his permit with such report. If the application for a new permit is timely made, the present permit will continue in effect pending final action with respect to such application.