

papers and tubes be put up in packages and that proper notice be placed on such packages shall not apply to imported tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes authorized to be released from customs custody, without payment of internal revenue tax, pursuant to §41.50, and shall not apply to tobacco products imported in passengers' baggage, or by mail where the value does not exceed \$250, where such products are solely for the personal consumption of the importer or for disposition as his bona fide gift.

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Subpart F—Tobacco Products and Cigarette Papers and Tubes, Imported Into or Returned to the United States

§41.81 Taxpayment.

(a) *General.* This section applies to tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes upon which internal revenue tax is payable and which are imported into the United States from a foreign country or are brought into the United States from Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, or a possession of the United States. For provisions relating to restrictions on the importation of previously exported tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes, see §41.82.

(b) *Method of payment.* Except for articles imported or brought into the United States as provided in §§41.85 and 41.85a, the internal revenue tax must be determined before the tobacco products, cigarette papers, or cigarette tubes are removed from customs custody. The tax must be paid on the basis of a return on the customs form or by authorized electronic transmission by which the tobacco products, cigarette papers, or cigarette tubes are duty- and tax-paid to customs.

(c) *Required information.* When tobacco products or cigarette papers or tubes enter the United States for consumption, or when they are released from customs custody for consumption,

the importer must include the Federal excise tax information specified in paragraphs (c)(1) through (7) of this section on the customs form or on the authorized electronic transmission if the form or electronic transmission allows for the reporting of such information. Whether or not the specified information appears on the form or electronic transmission filed with customs, that information, together with a copy of the customs form or the electronic transmission, must be retained and made available for inspection by the appropriate TTB officer.

(1) *For cigarette papers:* For cigarette papers imported on or after January 1, 2000, the importer will show the total number of cigarette papers, the rate of tax, and the amount of tax due. For cigarette papers imported prior to January 1, 2000, the importer will show the number of books or sets, the number of papers in each book or set, the rate of tax, and the amount of tax due.

(2) *For cigarette tubes:* The importer will show the number of tubes, the rate of tax, and the tax due.

(3) *For cigarettes:* The importer will show whether the cigarettes are small (class A) or large (class B), the number of cigarettes, the rate of tax, and the tax due.

(4) *For cigars.* The importer will show:

(i) The number imported under each HTS item number;

(ii) For large cigars with a sale price of not more than \$235.294 per thousand before April 1, 2009, or a sale price of not more than \$763.222 per thousand on and after April 1, 2009, the number and total sale price of such cigars;

(iii) For large cigars with a sale price of more than \$235.294 per thousand before April 1, 2009, or a sale price of more than \$763.222 per thousand on and after April 1, 2009, the number of cigars;

(iv) The applicable tax rate, as specified by §41.31; and

(v) The tax due.

(5) *For smokeless tobacco:* The importer will show whether the product is chewing tobacco or snuff, the number of pounds and ounces, the rate of tax and the tax due.

(6) *For pipe tobacco:* The importer will show the designation "pipe tobacco",

the number of pounds and ounces, the rate of tax, and the tax due.

(7) *For roll-your-own tobacco:* The importer will show the designation “roll-your-own tobacco” or any other acceptable designation (“cigarette tobacco”, “cigarette wrapper”, “cigar tobacco”, or “cigar wrapper”), the number of pounds and ounces, the rate of tax, and the tax due.

(d) *Exceptions.* The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

(1) Tobacco products, cigarette papers, or cigarette tubes released from customs custody and transferred in bond to a U.S. manufacturer of tobacco products or cigarette papers and tubes (see §§ 41.85, 41.85a, or 41.135);

(2) Puerto Rican products on which the tax is prepaid or deferred (see subpart G); and

(3) Tax payments of cigars from class 6, customs bonded manufacturing warehouses (see § 41.151).

(68A Stat. 907, as amended (26 U.S.C. 7652); sec. 202, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1417 (26 U.S.C. 5703))

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RELEASE FROM CUSTOMS CUSTODY OF
TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND CIGARETTE
PAPERS AND TUBES WITHOUT PAYMENT
OF TAX OR CERTAIN DUTY

§ 41.82 Restrictions on tobacco products labeled for export.

(a) The provisions of this section apply to tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes manufactured in the United States and labeled for exportation under parts 44 and 270 of this chapter.

(b) Articles described in paragraph (a) of this section may be transferred to or removed from the premises of a manufacturer or an export warehouse proprietor only if such articles are being transferred or removed without tax as provided in this part.

(c) Articles described in paragraph (a) of this section may only be imported or brought into the United States, after their exportation, under the provisions of 26 U.S.C. 5704(d), by release from Customs custody for delivery to the original manufacturer of such tobacco products or cigarette papers or tubes or to the proprietor of an export warehouse authorized by such manufacturer to receive such articles. These products are transferred in bond and are released from Customs custody without payment of that part of the duty attributable to internal revenue tax.

(d) Articles described in paragraph (a) of this section that are not put up in packages may be imported or brought into the United States under 26 U.S.C. 5704(c) by release from Customs custody without payment of tax for delivery to the original manufacturer of such articles. However, because such articles are also eligible for release under 26 U.S.C. 5704(d), such articles will be treated as though released under section 5704(d), due to the penalty provisions in section 5761(c).

(e) Articles described in paragraph (a) of this section may not be sold or held for sale for domestic consumption in the United States unless such articles are removed from their export packaging and repackaged by the original manufacturer into new packaging that does not contain an export label. The new packages, marks and notices must conform to the requirements of 27 CFR part 270.

(f) The provisions of this section shall apply to articles labeled for export even if the packaging or the appearance of such packaging to the consumer of such articles has been modified or altered by a person other than the original manufacturer so as to remove or conceal or attempt to remove or conceal (including by placement of a sticker over) any export label.

(g) For purposes of this section, an article is labeled for export or contains an export label if it bears the mark, label, or notice required by § 44.185 of this chapter.

(h) For purposes of this section, references to exportation shall be treated as including a reference to shipment to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.