

Rican manufacture coming into the United States, he shall file a bond, Form 2986, with the regional director (compliance), in accordance with the provisions of this subpart. Such bond shall be conditioned on the payment, at the time and in the manner prescribed in this subpart, of the full amount of tax computed under the provisions of this subpart with respect to tobacco products which are released for shipment to the United States on computation of tax. All taxes which are computed under the provisions of this subpart shall be chargeable against the bond, until such taxes are paid, as provided in § 275.112. The bond shall show the location of the factory from which the tobacco products to which it relates are to be shipped.

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§ 275.110 Computation of tax and execution of agreement to pay tax.

Where tobacco products are to be shipped to the United States on computation of internal revenue tax in Puerto Rico (involving deferred taxpayment), the bonded manufacturer shall calculate the tax and shall prepare an original and five copies of Form 2987 (5210.8). He shall enter on such form under the penalties of perjury (a) the numbers of small cigarettes, large cigarettes, and small cigars to be shipped, (b) the number and total wholesale price or sale price, as applicable, of large cigars with a price of not more than \$235.294 per thousand to be shipped; (c) the number of large cigars with a wholesale price or sale price, as applicable, of more than \$235.294 per thousand to be shipped, (d) the pounds and ounces of chewing tobacco or snuff to be shipped, (e) the pounds and ounces of pipe tobacco to be shipped, (f) the amount of the tax to be paid on such products under the provisions of this subpart, and (g) the name and address of the consignee in the United States to whom such products are being shipped; and shall date and execute the agreement to pay the amount of tax which shall be computed

on such products covered by the Form 2987. The Form 2987 shall be serially numbered by the bonded manufacturer beginning with the number "1" on January 1 of each year. The bonded manufacturer shall then request the Chief, Puerto Rico Operations, to assign an ATF officer to inspect the tobacco products, verify the tax calculation with respect to such products, and release such products for shipment in accordance with § 275.111. The bonded manufacturer shall present all copies of the prepared Form 2987 to the ATF officer assigned. The date of certification of Form 2987 by the ATF officer shall be treated as the date of computation of tax. Tobacco products may be released for shipment to the United States in accordance with the provisions of this section only after computation of tax.

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§ 275.111 Inspection of shipment and certification by ATF officer.

On receipt of the original and five copies of the Form 2987 (5210.8) completed and executed by the bonded manufacturer in accordance with § 275.110, an ATF officer will inspect the tobacco products covered by the form, verify the tax calculation made with respect to such products, date and execute the certification on such form, and release the tobacco products for shipment to the United States. Such officer will then promptly distribute the certified Form 2987 by (a) mailing two copies to the district director of customs at the port of entry; (b) mailing one copy to the regional director (compliance) of the region wherein the customs collection headquarters is located; (c) returning two copies to the bonded manufacturer who will attach one copy to the bill of lading to accompany the shipment (in custody of the carrier) for presentation to the district director of customs at the port of entry; and (d) submitting the original to the Chief, Puerto Rico Operations. The ATF officer will also prepare, for each shipping container, a statement

on Form 2989 that the tax on the tobacco products to be shipped to the United States has been computed and show the name and address of the bonded manufacturer, date of tax computation, and the other information required by that form. The bonded manufacturer shall affix the completed Form 2989 to the outside of each shipping container in which the products are packed. Such statement, Form 2989, shall be affixed to the outer container used in the shipment of freight in bulk (crate, packing box, van, trailer, etc.) and not on the individual cartons, cases, etc., included in such outer container.

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§ 275.112 Tax return.

The internal revenue taxes imposed by 26 U.S.C. 7652(a), with respect to tobacco products manufactured in Puerto Rico and shipped to the United States on computation of tax under the provisions of this subpart shall be paid on the basis of a semimonthly tax return. The bonded manufacturer of such products shall prepare ATF Form 5000.25 in duplicate, and file the original with the Chief, Puerto Rico Operations, and maintain one copy for the file for each semimonthly return period. The bonded manufacturer shall execute the return, ATF Form 5000.25, under the penalties of perjury. He shall file a return for each return period at the time specified in § 275.114, regardless of whether tax is due for that return period. However, where the Regional Director (compliance), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Atlanta, GA, grants specific authorization, the bonded manufacturer need not file a tax return during the term of such authorization for any period in which tax liability was not incurred under the provisions of this subpart.

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§ 275.113 Return periods.

Except as provided by § 275.114, the periods to be covered in the semi-monthly tax returns shall be from the 1st day through the 15th day of each month, and from the 16th day through the last day of each month.

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§ 275.114 Time for filing.

(a) *General rule.* Semimonthly tax returns under this subpart shall be filed by the bonded manufacturer, for each return period, not later than the 14th day after the last day of the return period, except as provided by paragraph (b) of this section. The tax shall be paid in full by remittance at the time the return is filed as prescribed in § 275.115 or § 275.115a.

(b) *Special rule for taxes due for the month of September (effective after December 31, 1994).* (1) The second semimonthly period for the month of September shall be divided into two payment periods, from the 16th day through the 26th day, and from the 27th day through the 30th day. The bonded manufacturer shall file a return on Form 5000.24, and make remittance, for the period September 16-26, no later than September 29. The bonded manufacturer shall file a return on Form 5000.24, and make remittance, for the period September 27-30, no later than October 14.

(2) *Taxpayment not by electronic fund transfer.* In the case of taxes not required to be remitted by electronic fund transfer as prescribed by § 275.115a, the second semimonthly period of September shall be divided into two payment periods, from the 16th day through the 25th day, and the 26th day through the 30th day. The bonded manufacturer shall file a return on Form 5000.24, and make remittance, for the period September 16-25, no later than September 28. The bonded manufacturer shall file a return on Form 5000.24, and make remittance, for the period September 26-30, no later than October 14.

(3) *Amount of payment: Safe harbor rule.* (i) Taxpayers are considered to have met the requirements of paragraph (b)(1) of this section, if the amount paid no later than September