

date of entry, and the name of the port of entry.

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§296.78 Action by regional director (compliance).

The regional director (compliance) will date stamp and examine each claim filed under this subpart and will determine the validity of the claim. The claim will then be processed by him in accordance with existing procedures. Claims and supporting data involving customs duties will be forwarded to the Commissioner of Customs with a summary statement by the regional director (compliance) concerning his findings. The Commissioner of Customs will notify the regional director (compliance) as to allowance under this subpart of claims for duty in respect of unmarketable or condemned tobacco products, and cigarette papers and tubes.

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DESTRUCTION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS,
AND CIGARETTE PAPERS AND TUBES

§296.79 Supervision.

Before payment is made under this subpart in respect of the tax, or tax and duty, on tobacco products, or cigarette papers or tubes rendered unmarketable or condemned by a duly authorized official, such tobacco products, or cigarette papers or tubes shall be destroyed by suitable means under the supervision of an ATF officer who will be assigned for that purpose by the regional director (compliance), unless such tobacco products, or cigarette papers or tubes were previously destroyed under supervision satisfactory to the regional director (compliance).

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PENALTIES

§296.80 Penalties.

Penalties are provided in 26 U.S.C. 7206 and 7207 for the execution under the penalties of perjury of any false or fraudulent statement in support of any claim and for the filing of any false or fraudulent document under this subpart. All provisions of law, including penalties, applicable in respect of internal revenue taxes on tobacco products, and cigarette papers and tubes shall, insofar as applicable and not inconsistent with this subpart, be applied in respect of the payments provided for in this subpart to the same extent as if such payments constituted refunds of such taxes.

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Subparts D-E [Reserved]

Subpart F—Distribution of Cigarettes

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GENERAL

§296.141 Scope of subpart.

The regulations in this subpart relate to the distribution of cigarettes in excess of 60,000 in a single transaction.

§296.142 Territorial extent.

The provisions of the regulations in this subpart apply in the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

§296.143 Meaning of terms.

When used in this subpart, terms are defined as follows in this section. Words in the plural shall include the singular, and vice versa. Words indicating the masculine gender shall include the feminine. The terms "includes" and "including" do not exclude other things not named which are in

the same general class or are otherwise within the scope of the term defined.

ATF officer. An officer or employee of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) authorized to perform any function relating to the administration or enforcement of this subpart.

Business premises. When used with respect to a distributor, the property on which the cigarettes are kept or stored. The business premises includes the property where the records of a distributor are kept.

Common or contract carrier. A carrier holding a certificate of convenience and necessity, a permit for contract carrier by motor vehicle, or other valid operating authority under the Interstate Commerce Act, or under equivalent operating authority from a regulatory agency of the United States or of any State.

Contraband cigarettes. Any quantity of cigarettes in excess of 60,000, if—

(a) The cigarettes bear no evidence of the payment of applicable State cigarette taxes in the State where the cigarettes are found;

(b) The State in which the cigarettes are found requires a stamp, impression, or other indication to be placed on packages or other containers of cigarettes to evidence payment of cigarette taxes; and

(c) The cigarettes are in the possession of any person other than an exempted person.

Disposition. The movement of cigarettes from a person's business premises, wherever situated, by shipment or other means of distribution.

Distribute. To sell, ship, issue, give, transfer, or otherwise dispose of.

Distributor. Any person who distributes more than 60,000 cigarettes in a single transaction.

Exempted person. Any person who is—

(a) Holding a permit issued pursuant to Chapter 52 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as a manufacturer of tobacco products or as an export warehouse proprietor;

(b) Operating a customs bonded warehouse pursuant to section 311 or 555 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1311 or 1555);

(c) An agent of a tobacco products manufacturer, an export warehouse

proprietor, or an operator of a customs bonded warehouse;

(d) A common or contract carrier transporting the cigarettes involved under a proper bill of lading or freight bill which states the quantity, source, and destination of the cigarettes;

(e) Licensed or otherwise authorized by the State, in which he possesses cigarettes, to account for and pay cigarette taxes imposed by that State; and who has complied with the accounting and payment requirements relating to his license or authorization with respect to the cigarettes involved; or

(f) An agent of the United States, of an individual State, or of a political subdivision of a State and having possession of cigarettes in connection with the performance of official duties.

(g) Operating within a foreign-trade zone established under 19 U.S.C., section 81b, when the cigarettes involved have been entered into the zone under zone-restricted status or, in respect to foreign cigarettes, have been admitted into the zone but have not been entered into the United States.

Person. Any individual, corporation, company, association, firm, partnership, society, or joint stock company.

Regional Director (compliance). The regional official in charge of regulatory enforcement.

State. A State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands.

RECORDS

§ 296.146 General requirements.

Each distributor of cigarettes shall keep copies of invoices, bills of lading, or other suitable commercial records relating to each disposition of more than 60,000 cigarettes. Dividing a single agreement for the disposition of more than 60,000 cigarettes into the delivery of smaller components of 60,000 cigarettes or less does not exempt the distributor from the recordkeeping requirements of this subpart. The distributor shall include the information prescribed in § 296.147 in his commercial records of disposition.