§ 19.68 Other businesses.

The appropriate TTB officer may authorize the carrying on of other businesses (not specifically prohibited by 26 U.S.C. 5601(a)(6)) on premises of plants if he finds that those businesses will not jeopardize the revenue, hinder the effective administration of this part, or be contrary to law. The authorization will designate the premises (i.e., bonded or general) on which such other business is to be conducted.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85–859, 72 Stat. 1333, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5178))

§ 19.70 Exemptions to meet the requirements of National defense.

The appropriate TTB officer may temporarily exempt proprietors from any provision of the internal revenue laws or this part relating to spirits except those requiring payment of tax thereon whenever in his judgement it is expedient to do so to meet the requirements of the National defense.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85–859, 72 Stat. 1397, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5561))

§ 19.71 Experimental or research operations by scientific institutions and colleges of learning.

(a) General. The appropriate TTB officer may authorize any scientific university, college of learning, or institution of scientific research to produce, receive, blend, treat, test, and store spirits, without payment of tax, for experimental or research use but not for consumption (other than organoleptic tests) or sale, in quantities as may be reasonably necessary for such purposes. The appropriate TTB officer may waive any provision of 26 U.S.C. Chapter 51 (other than 26 U.S.C. 5312), or this part (other than this section) to the extent necessary to effect the purposes of 26 U.S.C. 5312(a), except he may not waive the payment of any tax on distilled spirits removed from any university, college, or institution.

(b) Qualification. Any university, college, or institution desiring to conduct any of the experimental or research operations listed in the preceding paragraphs shall make written application, to the appropriate TTB officer and obtain approval of the proposed operations. The applicant shall file with the application a bond in a form and penal sum as required by the appropriate TTB officer. The application shall state the nature, extent, and purpose of the operations to be conducted and describe the operations and equipment, the location at which operations will be conducted (including identification of the building or buildings, or the portions thereof to be used), and the security measures to be provided. The appropriate TTB officer may require any additional information. Operations shall not be commenced until authorized by the appropriate TTB officer.

(c) Records. Reports concerning the operations need not be submitted unless required by the appropriate TTB officer, but records of the quantities of spirits produced, received, and used each day shall be made and retained for inspection by appropriate TTB officers.

(d) Discontinuance of operations. When operations authorized by the appropriate TTB officer are discontinued, all remaining spirits shall be disposed of by destruction. When these spirits have been destroyed, notice of the discontinuance of operations shall be given to the appropriate TTB officer.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85–859, 72 Stat. 1375, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5312))


EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: By T.D. TTB–79, 74 FR 37403, July 28, 2009, § 19.71 was amended in paragraph (a) by removing the last sentence, effective July 28, 2009 through July 30, 2012.

§ 19.72 Other businesses.

Application to conduct at a distilled spirits plant a type of business other than that of a distiller, warehouseman, or processor may be approved by the appropriate TTB officer if the appropriate TTB officer has, as provided in §19.68, authorized the carrying on of a business of the type proposed, unless the appropriate TTB officer finds that there are particular conditions in respect to the applicant’s plant that would cause the carrying on of such
§ 19.73 Emergency variations from requirements.

The appropriate TTB officer may approve construction, equipment, and methods of operation other than as specified in this part, where he finds that an emergency exists and the proposed variations from the specified requirements are necessary, and the proposed variations—

(a) Will afford the security and protection to the revenue intended by the prescribed specifications;
(b) Will not hinder the effective administration of this part; and
(c) Will not be contrary to any provisions of law.

Variations from requirements granted under this paragraph are conditioned on compliance with the procedures, conditions, and limitations with respect thereto set forth in the approval of the application. Failure to comply in good faith with such procedures, conditions, and limitations shall automatically terminate the authority for such variations and the proprietor thereupon shall fully comply with the prescribed requirements of regulations from which the variations were authorized. Authority for any variation may be withdrawn whenever in the judgment of the appropriate TTB officer the revenue is jeopardized or the effective administration of this part is hindered by the continuation of such variation. Where the proprietor desires to employ such variation, he shall submit a written application to do so to the appropriate TTB officer. The application shall describe the proposed variations and set forth the reasons therefor. Variations shall not be employed until the application has been approved.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-459, 72 Stat. 1353, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5178))

§ 19.74 Disaster exemptions.

The appropriate TTB officer may, whenever he finds that it is necessary or desirable, by reason of disaster, temporarily exempt the proprietor of any plant from any provisions of the internal revenue laws and this part relating to spirits, except those requiring the payment of tax on spirits, to the extent he may deem necessary or desirable.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-459, 72 Stat. 1397, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5562))

§ 19.75 Assignment of officers and supervision of operations.

(a) General. The appropriate TTB officer may assign such number of TTB officers to distilled spirits plants and utilize controls (including the use of Government locks and seals) as necessary to maintain supervision of operations conducted at such plants. When supervision is necessary:

(1) The appropriate TTB officer may require a proprietor to delay any distilled spirits operation so that it may be conducted in the presence of an appropriate TTB officer; and

(2) The appropriate TTB officer may require the proprietor to submit a schedule of operations to an appropriate TTB officer.

(b) Hours of operation. When operations at a distilled spirits plant are to be conducted in the presence of an appropriate TTB officer, such operations:

(1) Shall not be conducted on Sunday unless specifically authorized by the appropriate TTB officer in each instance on the showing of an emergency; and (2) Shall be conducted during an 8-hour period between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. unless, pursuant to the proprietor’s application the appropriate TTB officer authorizes the performance and supervision of operations during other hours. The appropriate TTB officer, in administering this provision, shall not restrict such operation or function to a greater extent than did the provisions of internal revenue law and regulations on June 30, 1939.

(c) Notification of supervision. (1) When it is determined that supervision of plant operations is necessary, the appropriate TTB officer shall notify the proprietor of the extent of TTB supervision.

(2) If supervision of a distilled spirits plant was not terminated as of December 31, 1979, notification is not necessary for continued supervision.