

returned to bond, be relieved of the liability. Claims for refund or credit, or relief from tax paid or determined on United States wine returned to bond are filed in accordance with § 24.66.

(b) *Receipt.* The quantity of unmerchable taxpaid United States wine returned to bond is determined upon receipt on bonded wine premises. The quantity determined will be entered on the TTB F 5120.17, Report of Bonded Wine Premises Operations for the reporting period during which the United States wine is returned.

(c) *Records.* The proprietor shall maintain records covering each lot of unmerchable taxpaid wine returned to bond in accordance with § 24.312. (Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1332, as amended, 1382, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5044, 5371))

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TAXPAID WINE OPERATIONS

§ 24.296 Taxpaid wine operations.

(a) *General.* The proprietor may conduct taxpaid wine operations authorized by § 24.102 in an area designated as a taxpaid wine premises at a bonded wine premises or at a taxpaid wine bottling house. Taxpaid foreign wine may be received on the taxpaid wine premises for reconditioning and removal without retaxpayment or for destruction without credit of tax. Any taxpaid wine operations will be separate from all nontaxpaid wine operations and taxpaid wine will be clearly identified as provided in § 24.135. The appropriate TTB officer may require any additional segregation and identification of taxpaid wine operations as deemed necessary to protect the revenue.

(b) *Treatment and blending.* Taxpaid wine may be treated with sulfur dioxide compounds, refrigeration or pasteurization and may also be preserved, filtered or clarified by the use of methods or materials which will not change the basic character of the wine. Water may not be added to taxpaid wine. The

proprietor who desires to treat wine in any manner (other than by simple filtration or the use of sulfur compounds, refrigeration or pasteurization) shall first file with the appropriate TTB officer an application giving the details of the proposed treatment. The proprietor may not use the treatment prior to approval. The proprietor may incur civil or criminal liability for using an unauthorized treatment of untaxpaid wine. Wine of the same kind (class and type), national origin and tax class may only be mixed to facilitate handling at a taxpaid wine bottling house; otherwise, the blending of taxpaid wine on such premises is prohibited. Taxpaid wine of different national origins, but of the same kind and tax class, may only be blended on taxpaid wine premises. (Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1407 (26 U.S.C. 5352, 5661))

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Subpart O—Records and Reports

§ 24.300 General.

(a) *Records and reports.* A proprietor who conducts wine operations shall maintain wine transaction records and submit reports as required by this part. Transaction records may be recorded in wine gallons or in liters. However, required reports will show wine volumes in wine gallons. The equivalent wine gallons of wine bottled or packed and labeled according to metric measure will be determined using the following conversion factors:

(1) *Per case.* Equivalent gallonage may be determined using the following conversion factors for cases of metric bottles:

Bottles per case	Net content each bottle	Equivalent gallonage
120	50 mL	1.58502
60	100 mL	1.58502
48	187 mL	2.37119
24	375 mL	2.37753
12	750 mL	2.37753
12	1 liter	3.17004
6	1.5 liter	2.37753
4	3 liter	3.17004

(2) *Per liter.* Equivalent gallonage may be determined by multiplying