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customs requirements are complied with, he shall release the spirits for transfer to the distilled spirits plant by dating and signing on the transfer with his title the statement: "To the best of my knowledge the information hereon is accurate and the spirits are released." The original of the transfer record with any attachments shall be retained by the consignee.

(Sec. 3, Pub. L. 90-630, 82 Stat. 1328, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5232))

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§ 27.174 Tank cars and tank trucks to be sealed.

Where a shipment of distilled spirits from customs custody to the distilled spirits plant is made in a tank car or tank truck, all openings affording access to the spirits shall be sealed by the customs officer with customs seals in such manner as will prevent unauthorized removal of spirits through such openings without detection.

(72 Stat. 1314, 1322, 1366; 26 U.S.C. 5001, 5007, 5232)

[T.D. 6477, 25 FR 6208, July 1, 1960. Redesignated at 40 FR 16835, Apr. 15, 1975]

§ 27.175 Receipt by consignee.

Proprietors of distilled spirits plants who receive imported spirits under this subpart shall follow the requirements in 27 CFR part 19 for spirits received by transfer in bond. However, proprietors are not required to file application on TTB Form 5100.16 to receive imported spirits from customs custody.

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Subpart M—Withdrawal of Imported Distilled Spirits From Customs Custody Free of Tax for Use of the United States

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§ 27.181 General.

(a) The United States or any of its Government agencies may, upon filing proper customs entry, withdraw imported distilled spirits free of tax from customs custody, as authorized by 26 U.S.C. 5313 and under the provisions of this subpart. Before any distilled spir-

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its may be withdrawn, a permit to procure the spirits shall be obtained from the appropriate TTB officer. A bond is not required for any Government agency to procure and withdraw spirits free of tax under this subpart.

(b) The provisions of subpart N of part 22 of this chapter cover the withdrawal of domestically produced tax-free spirits for use of the United States or any of its Government agencies.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1372, as amended, 1375, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5273, 5313))

§ 27.182 Application and permit, Form 5150.33.

(a) *General.* All permits previously issued to the United States or any of its Government agencies on Form 1444 shall remain valid and will be regulated by the same provisions of this subpart as it refers to permits on Form 5150.33.

(b) *Application.* (1) A Government agency of the United States must apply for a permit to procure and withdraw spirits free of tax on Form 5150.33. Upon approval by the appropriate TTB officer, Form 5150.33 will be returned to the agency.

(2) If a Government agency intends to withdraw spirits free of tax under this part and part 22 of this chapter, Form 5150.33 may be annotated to cover both types of withdrawals.

(3) A separate permit is not required for each port of entry. The application, Form 5150.33, may be completed to indicate the applicable ports of entry in which spirits will be withdrawn from customs custody.

(4) A Government agency may specify on its application that it desires a single permit authorizing all sub-agencies under its control to procure and withdraw spirits free of tax under this subpart and subpart N of part 22 of this chapter; or, each Government location may individually file an application for a permit, Form 5150.33.

(5) Each application for a permit shall be signed by the head of the agency or sub-agency, or the incumbent of an office which is authorized by the head of the agency or sub-agency, to sign. Evidence of authorization to sign on behalf of the head of an agency or