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Dated: February 6, 1996.

John W. Magaw,

Director.

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### Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Personnel Questionnaire-Alcohol and Tobacco Products.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before April 15, 1996, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Linda Barnes, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-7768.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to David Brokaw, Wine, Beer and Spirits Regulations Branch, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8210.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Personnel Questionnaire-Alcohol and Tobacco Products.

*OMB Number:* 1512-0034.

*Form Number:* ATF F 5000.9.

*Abstract:* The information on ATF F 5000.9 enables ATF to determine whether or not an applicant for an alcohol or tobacco permit meets the minimum qualifications. The form identifies the individual, residence, business background and financial sources for business and criminal

record. If the applicant is found not to be qualified, the permit may be denied.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes to this information collection and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 2 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 10,000.

#### Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Written comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection request.

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John W. Magaw,

Director.

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### Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Application for Operating Permit Under 26 U.S.C. 5171(d).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before April 15, 1996, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Linda Barnes, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-7768.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Tami Light, Wine, Beer and Spirits Regulations Branch, 650 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8210.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Application for Operating

Permit Under 26 U.S.C. 5171(d).

*OMB Number:* 1512-0195.

*Form Number:* ATF F 5110.25.

*Abstract:* ATF F 5110.25 is completed by proprietors of distilled spirits plants who engage in certain specified types of activities. ATF personnel use the information on the form to identify the applicant, the location of the business and the types of activities to be conducted.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes to this information collection and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 80.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 20.

#### Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Written comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection request.

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John W. Magaw,

Director.

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### OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. 301-98]

#### Section 304 Determinations: Certain Discriminatory Canadian Communications Practices

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice of determinations.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Trade Representative (USTR) has determined

pursuant to section 304(a)(1)(A)(ii) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2414(a)(1)(A)(ii)) that certain acts, policies and practices of the Government of Canada with respect to the granting or termination of authorizations for U.S.-owned programming services to be distributed in Canada via cable carriage deny market access for such services and are unreasonable and discriminatory and constitute a burden or restriction on U.S. commerce. The USTR has further determined pursuant to section 304(a)(1)(B) of the Trade Act that, as commercial negotiations to restore the market access previously denied a U.S. programming service are ongoing and the Government of Canada has taken no subsequent action to terminate the authorizations of other U.S.-owned programming services in Canada, the appropriate action at this time is to direct the Section 301 Committee to recommend the implementation of appropriate responsive action pursuant to section 301 should market access not be restored to the U.S.-owned programming service and to monitor pursuant to section 306 Canadian Government measures with respect to the restoration of this market access and with respect to the granting or termination of authorizations for other U.S.-owned programming services in Canada.

**DATES:** The sections 304 determinations were made and the investigation was terminated on February 6, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20508.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Claude Burcky, Director for Canadian Affairs, (202) 395-3412, or William Kane, Assistant General Counsel, (202) 395-7305.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 6, 1995, the USTR initiated an investigation under section 302(a) of the Trade Act in response to a petition filed on December 23, 1994, by Country Music Television (CMT) pursuant to Section 302(a) of the Trade Act to determine whether certain acts, policies or practices of the Government of Canada regarding the authorization for distribution via cable carriage of U.S.-owned programming services that have resulted in the denial of market access

for U.S.-owned programming services to distribute in Canada via cable carriage and in the termination of the authorization of a U.S.-owned programming service are unreasonable or discriminatory and burden or restrict U.S. commerce. By Federal Register notice dated February 10, 1995 (60 FR 8101), the USTR requested public comment on the issues raised in the investigation, including on (i) the acts, policies and practices that are the subject of the investigation, (ii) the amount of burden or restriction on U.S. commerce caused by them, (iii) the determinations required under section 304 of the Trade Act, and (iv) appropriate action under Section 301 which could be taken in response. Numerous comments were received in response.

Pursuant to section 303(a) of the Trade Act, the USTR requested consultations with the Government of Canada concerning the issues under investigation. On July 22, 1995, CMT and the Canadian network, New Country Network (NCN), reached a tentative agreement to form a single Canadian country music network, to be called CMT: Country Music Television (Canada), which if it were to become final and be approved by the Canadian Government, could result in the restoration of CMT's market access and resolution of this dispute. To date the parties have not reached a final agreement.

Section 304(a)(1)(A) of the Trade Act requires the USTR to determine whether any act, policy or practice of the Government of Canada described in section 301(b)(1) exists. If that determination is affirmative, the USTR must determine, subject to the specific direction of the President, what action, if any, is appropriate in response to any such act, policy or practice.

#### Reasons for Determinations

##### (1) *Canada's Acts, Policies and Practices*

Having concluded the investigation undertaken pursuant to section 302 of the Trade Act and on the basis of public comments received and the consultations with the Government of Canada, affected U.S. firms and the relevant private sector advisory committees, the USTR has determined pursuant to section 304(a)(1)(A)(ii) of

the Trade Act that certain acts, policies and practices of the Government of Canada with respect to the granting or termination of authorizations for U.S.-owned programming services to be distributed in Canada via cable carriage deny market access for such services and are unreasonable and discriminatory and constitute a burden or restriction on U.S. commerce. Pursuant to the policy set forth in Public Notice CRTC 1984-81 of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), the CRTC may terminate authorizations of non-Canadian-owned programming services which, in the CRTC's opinion, could be considered either totally or partially competitive with existing or newly-available Canadian-owned programming services. On June 6, 1994, following a regulatory proceeding to consider new applications for authority to distribute programs over cable television in Canada, the CRTC at the request of NCN revoked CMT's authorization to be distributed in Canada once NCN began distribution. NCN began distribution on January 1, 1995 and, at that time, CMT was evicted from the Canadian market.

##### (2) *U.S. Action*

As negotiations to restore the market access previously denied a U.S. programming service are ongoing and the Government of Canada has taken no subsequent action to terminate the authorizations of other U.S.-owned programming services in Canada, the USTR has further determined pursuant to section 304(a)(1)(B) of the Trade Act that the appropriate action at this time is to direct the Section 301 Committee to recommend the implementation of appropriate responsive action pursuant to section 301 should market access not be restored to the U.S.-owned programming service and to monitor pursuant to section 306 Canadian Government measures with respect to the restoration of this market access and with respect to the granting or termination of authorizations for other U.S.-owned programming services in Canada.

Irving A. Williamson,

*Chairman, Section 301 Committee.*

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