

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

[Treasury Directive 16-14]

Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996—Waiver of the Requirements of 5 U.S.C. 552a (o) and (p) for Administrative Offset

Dated: May 28, 1997.

1. *Delegation.* By virtue of the authority granted to the Fiscal Assistant Secretary by Treasury Order (TO) 101-05, this Directive delegates to the Commissioner, Financial Management Service, the authority vested in the Secretary of the Treasury by 31 U.S.C. § 3716(f) to waive the requirements of 5 U.S.C. §§ 552a (o) and (p) for administrative offset upon written certification by the head of an agency or State seeking to collect a claim that the requirements of 31 U.S.C. § 3716(a) have been met.

2. *Redelegation.* The Commissioner, Financial Management Service, may redelegate this authority in writing to officials within the Financial Management Service, and it may be exercised in the individual capacity and under the individual title of each official receiving such authority.

3. *Authorities.*

a. Section 31001(e) of the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, Public Law 104-134 (110 Stat. 1321-358 *et seq.*), codified at 31 U.S.C. § 3716(f).

b. TO 101-05, "Reporting Relationships and Supervision of Officials, Offices and Bureaus, Delegation of Certain Authority, and Order of Succession in the Department of the Treasury."

4. *Referemce.* See Treasury Directive 25-06, "The Treasury Data Integrity Board," regarding the responsibility of the Treasury Data Integrity Board for oversight and coordination of computer matching programs.

5. *Expiration Date.* This Directive shall expire three years from the date of issuance unless superseded or cancelled prior to that date.

6. *Office of Primary Interest.* Office of the Commissioner, Financial Management Service.

Gerald Murphy,

Fiscal Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms**Proposed Collection; 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 Usual and Customary Business Records Relating to Tax-Free Alcohol.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 4, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Linda Barnes, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8930.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Steve Simon, Wine, Beer and Spirits Regulations Branch, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8183.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Usual and Customary Business Records Relating to Tax-Free Alcohol.

OMB Number: 1512-0334.

Recordkeeping Requirement ID Number: ATF REC 5150/3.

Abstract: Tax-free alcohol is used for nonbeverage purposes by educational organizations, hospitals, laboratories, etc. The use of alcohol free of tax is regulated to prevent illegal diversion to taxable beverage use. Records maintain spirits accountability and protect tax revenue and public safety. The record retention requirement for this information collection is 3 years.

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: Not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,560.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: The recordkeeping requirement involves usual and customary business records only; therefore, there is no burden imposed on the respondent.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1 hour.

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.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: May 27, 1997.

John W. Magaw,

Director.

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