

the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Tobacco Products Importer or Manufacturer—Records of Large Cigar Wholesale Prices.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 4, 1997 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) 927-8930.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Cliff Mullen, Wine, Beer and Spirits Regulations Branch, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8181.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Tobacco Products Importer or Manufacturer—Records of Large Cigar Wholesale Prices.

OMB Number: 1512-0368.

Recordkeeping Requirement ID Number: ATF REC 5230/1.

Abstract: This information collection is used by tobacco products importers or manufacturers who import or make large cigars. Records are needed to verify wholesale prices of those cigars and tax is based on those prices. The collection also ensures that all tax revenues due to the government are collected. The record retention period 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: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 108.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 2 hours and 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 252.

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.

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Director.

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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 Notice of Removal of Tobacco Products, Cigarette Papers, or Cigarette Tubes.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Notice of Removal of Tobacco Products, Cigarette Papers, or Cigarette Tubes.

OMB Number: 1512-0119.

Form Number: ATF F 2149/2150 (5200.14).

Abstract: Tobacco manufacturers or export warehouse proprietors are liable for tax on tobacco products removed from their premises. Tobacco products, cigarette papers and tubes may be removed without payment of tax for special purposes. This form verifies these removals. The record retention requirement for this information collection is 3 years after the close of the year in which evidence of clearance or delivery was received.

Current Actions: There is a change in burden hours due to a decrease in the number of respondents. A change to U.S. Customs regulations provides for duty free stores which may receive non tax paid cigarettes directly from manufacturers or export warehouses. This programmatic change necessitated a change to ATF F 2149/2150 (5200.14) to allow for reporting of this transaction.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 221.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 18,225.

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.

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