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Dated: August 22, 1997.

**John W. Magaw,**

*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.

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**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, Pub. L. 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 Letter

Applications and Notices Filed by Brewers.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before October 27, 1997, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Barnes, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 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 Charles Bacon, Wine, Beer and Spirits Regulations Branch, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC (202) 927-8210.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Letter Applications and Notices Filed by Brewers.

*OMB Number:* 1512-0045.

*Form Number:* ATF F 5130.10.

*Recordkeeping Requirement ID*

*Number:* ATF REC 5130/2.

*Abstract:* The Internal Revenue Code requires brewers to file a notice of intent to operate a brewery. ATF F 5130.10, Brewer's Notice, is similar to a permit to operate. Letterhead applications and notices are necessary to identify specific activities that brewers engage in to insure that proposed activities will not jeopardize Federal revenues. General record retention requirements for on-going operational breweries is 3 years. However, notices are different because they are qualifying documents which gives them permission to operate. Records are kept as long as the brewery is in operation.

*Current Actions:* The only change to this information collection is an increase in burden hours due to an

increase in the number of brewers, which necessitates the filing of a larger number of applications and notices with ATF.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,400.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 4 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 9,100.

#### 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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