

several major segments of the financial community. When so utilized, such a committee is recognized to be an advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App section 3.

Although the Treasury's final announcement of financing plans may not reflect the recommendations provided in reports of the advisory committee, premature disclosure of the committee's deliberations and reports would be likely to lead to significant financial speculation in the securities market. Thus, these meetings fall within the exemption covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(A).

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Financial Markets is responsible for maintaining records of debt management advisory committee meetings and for providing annual reports setting forth a summary of committee activities and such other matters as may be informative to the public consistent with the policy of 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Dated: April 8, 1999.

Gary Gensler,

Assistant Secretary (Financial Markets).

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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 Application and Permit to Ship Puerto Rican Spirits to the United States Without Payment of Tax.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 14, 1999 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 Mary A. Wood, Regulations Division, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8185.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application and Permit to Ship Puerto Rican Spirits to the United States Without Payment of Tax.

OMB Number: 1512-0200.

Form Number: ATF F 5110.31.

Abstract: ATF F 5110.31 is used to allow a person to ship spirits in bulk into the U.S. The form identifies the person in Puerto Rico from where shipments are to be made, the person in the U.S. receiving the spirits, amounts of spirits to be shipped, and the bond of the U.S. person to cover taxes on such spirits.

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: 20.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 45 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 450.

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: April 5, 1999.

William T. Earle,

Assistant Director (Management) CFO.

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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 Excise Tax Return, Alcohol and Tobacco (Puerto Rico).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 14, 1999, 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 Joan Kravchak, Revenue Division, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Excise Tax Return, Alcohol and Tobacco (Puerto Rico).

OMB Number: 1512-0497.

Form Number: ATF F 5000.25.

Abstract: Businesses in Puerto Rico report their Federal excise tax liability on distilled spirits, wine, beer, tobacco products, cigarette papers and tubes on ATF F 5000.25. ATF uses this form to identify the taxpayer and to determine the amount and type of taxes due and paid.

Current Actions: The form has 1 change. Under the title CALCULATION OF TAX DUE, (b) TAX CLASS is deleted. (c) AMOUNT OF TAX is changed to (b) AMOUNT OF TAX.

Type of Review: Extension

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 130.