

products into the United States from Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. These recordkeeping requirements are for the verification of claims for drawback of distilled spirits excise tax paid on nonbeverage products.

*Current Actions:* We are submitting this information collection for extension purposes only. The information collection, estimated number of respondents, and estimated total annual burden hours remain unchanged.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 20.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 160.

*Title:* Certificate of Taxpaid Alcohol.

*OMB Control Number:* 1513-0131.

*TTB Form Number:* 5100.4.

*Abstract:* This form is required by a Port Director of Customs and Border Patrol (Customs) to support refunding taxes paid on nonbeverage products that are exported. When the nonbeverage product is exported, the industry member submits TTB F 5100.4 and supporting documentation to TTB. TTB certifies the form and then submits it to Customs.

*Current Actions:* We are submitting this information collection for extension purposes only. The information collection, estimated number of respondents, and estimated total annual burden hours remain unchanged.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,000.

Dated: June 26, 2012.

**Amy Greenberg,**

*Assistant Director, Regulations and Rulings Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Fiscal Service

#### Prompt Payment Interest Rate; Contract Disputes Act

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Public Debt, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** For the period beginning July 1, 2012, and ending on December 31, 2012, the prompt payment interest rate is 1¾ per centum per annum.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments or inquiries may be mailed to Dorothy Dicks, Reporting Team Leader, Federal Borrowings Branch, Division of Accounting Operations, Office of Public Debt Accounting, Bureau of the Public Debt, Parkersburg, West Virginia 26106-1328. A copy of this Notice is available at <http://www.treasurydirect.gov>.

**DATES:** Effective July 1, 2012, to December 31, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, (202) 504-3706.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** An agency that has acquired property or service from a business concern and has failed to pay for the complete delivery of property or service by the required payment date shall pay the business concern an interest penalty. 31 U.S.C. 3902(a). The Contract Disputes Act of 1978, Sec. 12, Public Law 95-563, 92 Stat. 2389, and the Prompt Payment Act, 31 U.S.C. 3902(a), provide for the calculation of interest due on claims at the rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Secretary of the Treasury has the authority to specify the rate by which the interest shall be computed for interest payments under section 12 of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 and under the Prompt Payment Act. Under the Prompt Payment Act, if an interest penalty is owed to a business concern, the penalty shall be paid regardless of whether the business concern requested payment of such penalty. 31 U.S.C. 3902(c)(1). Agencies must pay the interest penalty calculated with the interest rate, which is in effect at the time the agency accrues the obligation to pay a late payment interest penalty. 31 U.S.C. 3902(a). "The interest penalty shall be paid for the period beginning on the day after the required payment date and ending on the date on which payment is made." 31 U.S.C. 3902(b).

Therefore, notice is given that the Secretary of the Treasury has determined that the rate of interest applicable for the period beginning July 1, 2012, and ending on December 31, 2012, is 1¾ per centum per annum.

**Richard L. Gregg,**

*Fiscal Assistant Secretary.*

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