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DATES: Comments are due on or before October 23, 2018.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
[DOcket No. TTB–2018–0001]

AGENCY: Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) invites comments on the proposed or continuing information collections listed below in this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Michael Hoover, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, 1310 G Street NW, Box 12, Washington, DC 20005; telephone (202) 453–1039, ext. 135; or email informationcollections@ttb.gov (please do not submit comments on the information collections listed in this document to this email address).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Request for Comments

The Department of the Treasury and its Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB), as part of a continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed or continuing information collections listed below in this notice, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.).

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be included or summarized in our request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the relevant information collection. All comments are part of the public record and subject to disclosure. Please do not include any confidential or inappropriate material in comments. For each information collection listed below, we invite comments on: (a) Whether the information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency’s functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the information collection’s burden; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden 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 the requested information.

INFORMATION COLLECTIONS OPEN FOR COMMENT

Currently, we are seeking comments on the following information collections (forms, recordkeeping requirements, or questionnaires):

Title: Change of Bond (Consent of Surety)
OMB Number: 1513–0013.
TTB Form Number: F 5000.18.

Abstract: The Internal Revenue Code (IRC), at 26 U.S.C. 5114, 5173, 5272, 5354, 5401, and 5711, requires certain alcohol and tobacco industry proprietors to post a bond in conformity with regulations issued by the Secretary of the Treasury (Secretary) to ensure payment by the bonding company of Federal excise taxes due on such products should the proprietor default. When circumstances of a proprietor’s operation change from the original bond agreement, the TTB regulations authorized under those IRC sections allow the proprietor to complete form TTB F 5000.18, Change of Bond (Consent of Surety), in lieu of obtaining a new bond. Once executed by the proprietor and an approved surety company, the form is filed with TTB, which retains it as long as the revised bond agreement remains in force.

Current Actions: This information collection remains unchanged, and TTB is submitting it only for extension purposes. However, TTB is decreasing the estimated number of annual respondents, responses, and burden hours associated with this information collection due to a decrease in the number of TTB-regulated alcohol industry members that are required to file bonds. As amended by section 332 of the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015 (PATH Act), the IRC no longer requires bonds for taxpayers who are eligible to pay excise taxes on distilled spirits, wines, and beer using quarterly or annual return periods, provided that such taxes are paid on a deferred basis and, with respect to distilled spirits and wine, the products are for nonindustrial use.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profits.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 150.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 150.
Title: Application for and Certification/Exemption of Label/Bottle Approval.

OMB Number: 1513–0020.

TTB Form Number: F 5100.31.

Abstract: To provide consumers with adequate information as to the identity of alcohol beverage products and to prevent consumer deception and unfair advertising practices, the Federal Alcohol Administration Act at 27 U.S.C. 205(e) requires that alcohol beverages sold or introduced into interstate or foreign commerce be labeled in conformity with regulations issued by the Secretary. Under this authority, TTB regulations require that the producer, bottler, or importer of an alcohol beverage receive TTB approval of the product’s label prior to the product’s introduction into interstate or foreign commerce. Respondents use TTB F 5100.31 (including its electronic equivalent, COLAs Online) to request and obtain label approval. The form serves as both an application for and, if approved by TTB, a certificate of label approval (COLA) or certificate of exemption from label approval.

Current Actions: This information collection remains unchanged, and TTB is submitting it only for extension purposes. However, TTB is increasing the estimated number of annual respondents, responses, and burden hours associated with this information collection due to continued growth in the number of alcohol beverage industry members regulated by TTB, which results in continued growth in the number of alcohol beverage labels submitted to TTB for approval.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profits.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 11,300.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 97,909.

Title: Claim for Drawback of Tax on Tobacco Products, Cigarette Papers, and Cigarette Tubes.

OMB Number: 1513–0026.

TTB Form Number: F 5620.7.

Abstract: The IRC at 26 U.S.C. 5008, 5056, 5370, and 5705 authorizes the Secretary to provide for claims for taxpayer relief from Federal excise taxes paid on distilled spirits, wine, beer, and tobacco products lost or destroyed by theft, disaster or some other manner, on products voluntarily destroyed, and on products returned from the market. The IRC at 26 U.S.C. 5044 also allows for the refund of tax for wine returned to bond, and section 5056 and section 5705 allow for refund of tax for beer and tobacco products, respectively, withdrawn from or returned from the market. Under 26 U.S.C. 5111–5114, the Secretary also is authorized to issue drawback (refunds) for a portion of the excise taxes paid on distilled spirits used in the manufacture of certain nonbeverage products. In addition, 26 U.S.C. 6402–6404 provides that taxpayers may file claims to request credit, refund, or abatement of overpaid, excessive, or erroneous taxes collected, 26 U.S.C. 6416 allows for the credit or refund of overpaid firearms and ammunition excise taxes, and 26 U.S.C. 6423 sets conditions on claims for erroneously collected alcohol and tobacco excise taxes.

Under these authorities, TTB has issued regulations that require taxpayers to make claims for abatement, allowance, credit, refund, or remission of excise tax on taxable articles (alcohol, tobacco products, firearms, and ammunition) on form TTB F 5620.8. Taxpayers also use this form to request drawback on excise taxes paid on distilled spirits used in non-beverage products. Respondents submit the form to TTB along with supporting documentation, stating the reason for, and circumstances of, the claim. This information is necessary to protect the revenue as it allows TTB to determine if the claim qualifies for relief.

Current Actions: This information collection remains unchanged, and TTB is submitting it only for extension purposes. However, TTB is increasing the estimated number of annual respondents, responses, and burden hours associated with this information collection because of an increase in the number of claims received by TTB caused by growth in the number of alcohol excise taxpayers regulated by TTB.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profits; Not-for-profit institutions; Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,000.
Title: Offer in Compromise of Liability Incurred under the Provisions of Title 26 U.S.C. Administered by TTB, and Collection Information Statements for Individuals and Businesses

OMB Number: 1513–0054.

TTB Form Numbers: F 5640.1, F 5600.17, and F 5600.18.

Abstract: The IRC at 26 U.S.C. 7122 provides that the Secretary may compromise any civil or criminal case arising under the IRC, including tax liabilities, in lieu of civil or criminal action. Under this authority, the TTB regulations require persons who wish to make an offer in compromise for violations of the IRC to use form TTB F 5640.1 to identify the tax liabilities or violations being compromised, the amount of the compromise offer, and the respondent’s reasons for believing that the offer should be accepted. To support requests for installment payments of compromise offers, TTB may require individual and business respondents to supply information documenting financial hardship on TTB F 5600.17 and TTB F 5600.18, respectively. The information required under this collection is necessary to protect the revenue as it allows TTB to determine the adequacy of the offer in compromise in relation to the alleged violations of the tax law and to develop a payment plan if the individual or business is unable to immediately pay an accepted offer in compromise in full.

Current Actions: This information collection remains unchanged, and TTB is submitting it only for extension purposes. However, TTB is decreasing the estimated number of annual respondents, responses, and burden hours associated with this information collection due to a decrease in the number of IRC-based offers in compromise received by TTB.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profits; Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 40.

Title: Labeling and Advertising Requirements under the Federal Alcohol Administration Act.

OMB Number: 1513–0087.

TTB Recordkeeping Requirement Number: None.

Abstract: The FAA Act, at 27 U.S.C. 205(e) and (f), specifically requires the Secretary to issue regulations regarding the labeling and advertising of wines, distilled spirits, and malt beverages to prohibit consumer deception and the use of misleading statements on labels and in advertising of alcohol beverages and to ensure that such labels and advertisements provide consumers with adequate information as to the identity and quality of such products. Under this authority, TTB has issued regulations in 27 CFR parts 4, 5, and 7 that require bottlers and importers to provide certain mandatory information on labels and in advertisements of alcohol beverages and to adhere to certain performance standards for statements made on labels and in advertisements of such products to ensure that consumers are not deceived or mislead about a product’s identity and quality.

Current Actions: This information collection remains unchanged, and TTB is submitting it only for extension purposes. However, TTB is increasing the estimated number of annual respondents, responses, and burden hours associated with this information collection due to continued growth in the number of alcohol beverage industry members regulated by TTB.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profits.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 11,300.

Title: Total Annual Burden

Hours: 11,300.

Title: Excise Tax Return—Alcohol and Tobacco (Puerto Rico). OMB Number: 1513–0090.

TTB Form Numbers: F 5000.25.

Abstract: TTB is responsible for the collection of the excise taxes on distilled spirits, wine, beer, tobacco products, and cigarette papers and tubes imposed by 26 U.S.C. chapters 51 and 52. Under 26 U.S.C. 7652, these taxes apply to articles of merchandise of Puerto Rican manufacture coming into the United States, which, under 26 U.S.C. 5061(a) and 26 U.S.C. 5703(b), are collected on the basis of a return. The information requested on the return is necessary to establish the taxpayer’s identity, the amount and type of taxes due, and the amount of payments made. This information collection is necessary to protect the revenue.

Current Actions: TTB is submitting this information collection for extension purposes only; there is no change to the collection or its estimated burden.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profits.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 24.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 356.

Title: Special (Occupational) Tax Registration and Return.

OMB Number: 1513–0112.

TTB Form Number: F 5630.5a, F 5630.5d, and F 5630.5t.

Abstract: The IRC at 26 U.S.C. 5731 and 5732 requires manufacturers of tobacco products or cigarette papers and tubes and tobacco product export warehouse proprietors to register for and pay a special (occupational) tax (SOT). Under that authority, TTB has issued regulations requiring the use of TTB F 5630.5t for SOT registration and tax payment for such businesses. With regard to alcohol, while section 11125 of Public Law 109–59 permanently repealed SOT on all alcohol dealers previously required by chapter 51 of the IRC, effective July 1, 2008, the registration requirement for such entities remains in force. Under the TTB regulations, TTB F 5630.5a is the tax return/registration form used by alcohol dealers already in business who failed to register or pay SOT on or before June
30, 2008, TTB F 5630.5d is used by new alcohol dealers to register upon beginning business on and after July 1, 2008, and it is also used by existing alcohol dealers to report certain changes to, or the discontinuation of, a dealer’s business.

Current Actions: This information collection remains unchanged, and TTB is submitting it only for extension purposes. However, TTB is decreasing the estimated number of annual respondents, responses, and burden hours associated with this information collection due to a change in agency estimates.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Estimated Public: Businesses and other for-profits.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 600.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 480.

Dated: August 20, 2018.

Amy R. Greenberg,
Director, Regulations and Rulings Division.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

[SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:]

Minority Depository Institutions Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) announces a meeting of the Minority Depository Institutions Advisory Committee (MDIAC).

DATES: The OCC MDIAC will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

ADDRESSES: The OCC will hold the September 18, 2018 meeting of the MDIAC at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20219.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By this notice, the OCC is announcing that the MDIAC will convene a meeting at 8:30 a.m. EDT on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20219. Agenda items will include current topics of interest to the industry. The purpose of the meeting is for the MDIAC to advise the OCC on steps the agency may be able to take to ensure the continued health and viability of minority depository institutions and other issues of concern to minority depository institutions.

Members of the public may submit written statements to the MDIAC by any one of the following methods:
- Email to: MDIAC@OCC.treas.gov
- Mail to: Beverly Cole, Designated Federal Officer, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20219.

The OCC must receive written statements no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. Members of the public who plan to attend the meeting should contact the OCC by 5:00 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, to inform the OCC of their desire to attend the meeting and to provide information that will be required to facilitate entry into the meeting. Members of the public may contact the OCC via email at MDIAC@OCC.treas.gov or by telephone at (202) 649–6862. Attendees should provide their full name, email address, and organization, if any. For security reasons, attendees will be subject to security screening procedures and must present a valid government-issued identification to enter the building. Members of the public who are hearing impaired should call (202) 649–5597 (TTY) no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, to arrange for an auxiliary aid such as sign language interpretation for this meeting.

Dated: August 20, 2018.

Joseph M. Otting,
Comptroller of the Currency.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Office of Foreign Assets Control

Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of one or more persons that have been placed on OFAC’s Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List based on OFAC’s determination that one or more applicable legal criteria were satisfied. All property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of these persons are blocked, and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with them.

DATES: See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for effective date(s).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

The Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available on OFAC’s website (www.treasury.gov/ofac).

Notice of OFAC Actions

On August 21, 2018, OFAC determined that the property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of the following persons are blocked under the relevant sanctions authority listed below.

Individuals

1. NAGIBIN, Anton Aleksandrovich, Russia; DOB 20 May 1985; POB Leningrad, Russia; Gender Male; Passport 712413714 (Russia) (individual) [CYBER2] (Linked To: DIVETECHNOSERVICES).

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iii)(C) of E.O. 13694, as amended, for having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, DIVETECHNOSERVICES, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13694, as amended.

2. TSAREVA, Marina Igorevna, Russia; DOB 09 Nov 1973; POB Krasnoyarsk, Russia; nationality Russia; Gender Female; Passport 711002398 (Russia) (individual) [CYBER2] (Linked To: DIVETECHNOSERVICES; Linked To: VELA–MARINE LTD.).

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