

trial purposes, prior to the general revision of this chapter by Pub. L. 85-859. See section 5232 of this title.

Provisions similar to those comprising this section were contained in prior section 5211, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 638, prior to the general revision of this chapter by Pub. L. 85-859.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section effective July 1, 1959, see section 210(a)(1) of Pub. L. 85-859, set out as a note under section 5001 of this title.

**§ 5312. Production and use of distilled spirits for experimental research**

**(a) Scientific institutions and colleges of learning**

Under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe and on the filing of such bonds and applications as he may require, any scientific university, college of learning, or institution of scientific research may produce, receive, blend, treat, test, and store distilled spirits, without payment of tax, for experimental or research use but not for consumption (other than organoleptic tests) or sale, in such quantities as may be reasonably necessary for such purposes.

**(b) Experimental distilled spirits plants**

Under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe and on the filing of such bonds and applications as he may require, experimental distilled spirits plants may, at the discretion of the Secretary, be established and operated for specific and limited periods of time solely for experimentation in, or development of—

- (1) sources of materials from which distilled spirits may be produced;
- (2) processes by which distilled spirits may be produced or refined; or
- (3) industrial uses of distilled spirits.

**(c) Authority to exempt**

The Secretary may by regulations provide for the waiver of any provision of this chapter (other than this section) to the extent he deems necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section, except that he may not waive the payment of any tax on distilled spirits removed from any such university, college, institution, or plant.

(Added Pub. L. 85-859, title II, §201, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1375; amended Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834.)

**Editorial Notes**

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 5312, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 659, made a cross reference to remission and refund of tax on alcohol for loss or leakage, prior to the general revision of this chapter by Pub. L. 85-859.

Provisions similar to those comprising this section were contained in prior sections of act Aug. 16, 1954, prior to the general revision of this chapter by Pub. L. 85-859, as follows:

<i>Present subsecs.:</i>	<i>Prior sections</i>
(a) .....	5215.
(b) .....	5305.
(c) .....	5215, 5306.

The prior sections, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, are set out in 68A Stat. 640, 657.

**AMENDMENTS**

1976—Subsecs. (a) to (c). Pub. L. 94-455 struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary” wherever appearing.

**§ 5313. Withdrawal of distilled spirits from customs custody free of tax for use of the United States**

Distilled spirits may be withdrawn free of tax from customs custody by the United States or any governmental agency thereof for its own use for nonbeverage purposes, under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary.

(Added Pub. L. 85-859, title II, §201, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1375; amended Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834.)

**Editorial Notes**

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 5313, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 659, related to powers and duties of persons enforcing provisions respecting industrial alcohol plants, bonded warehouses, and denaturing plants, prior to the general revision of this chapter by Pub. L. 85-859. See section 5275 of this title.

Provisions similar to those comprising this section were contained in prior section 5310(b), act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 658, prior to the general revision of this chapter by Pub. L. 85-859.

**AMENDMENTS**

1976—Pub. L. 94-455 struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary”.

**§ 5314. Special applicability of certain provisions**

**(a) Puerto Rico**

**(1) Applicability**

The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico unless the Legislative Assembly of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico expressly consents thereto in the manner prescribed in the constitution of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, for the enactment of a law.

**(2) In general**

Distilled spirits for the purposes authorized in section 5214(a)(2) and (3), denatured distilled spirits, and articles, as described in this paragraph, produced or manufactured in Puerto Rico, may be brought into the United States free of any tax imposed by section 5001(a)(9) or 7652(a)(1) for disposal under the same conditions as like spirits, denatured spirits, and articles, produced or manufactured in the United States; and the provisions of this chapter and regulations promulgated thereunder (and all other provisions of the internal revenue laws applicable to the enforcement thereof, including the penalties of special application thereto) relating to the production, bonded warehousing, and denaturation of distilled spirits, to the withdrawal of distilled spirits or denatured distilled spirits, and to the manufacture of articles from denatured distilled spirits, shall, insofar as applicable, extend to and apply in Puerto Rico in respect of—

(A) distilled spirits for shipment to the United States for the purposes authorized in section 5214(a)(2) and (3);

(B) distilled spirits for denaturation;

(C) denatured distilled spirits for shipment to the United States;

(D) denatured distilled spirits for use in the manufacture of articles for shipment to the United States; and

(E) articles, manufactured from denatured distilled spirits, for shipment to the United States.

**(3) Withdrawals authorized by Puerto Rico**

Distilled spirits (including denatured distilled spirits) may be withdrawn from the bonded premises of a distilled spirits plant in Puerto Rico pursuant to authorization issued under the laws of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; such spirits so withdrawn, and products containing such spirits so withdrawn, may not be brought into the United States free of tax.

**(4) Costs of administration**

Any expenses incurred by the Treasury Department in connection with the enforcement in Puerto Rico of the provisions of this subtitle and section 7652(a), and regulations promulgated thereunder, shall be charged against and retained out of taxes collected under this title in respect of commodities of Puerto Rican manufacture brought into the United States. The funds so retained shall be deposited as a reimbursement to the appropriation to which such expenses were originally charged.

**(b) Virgin Islands**

**(1) In general**

Distilled spirits for the purposes authorized in section 5214(a)(2) and (3), denatured distilled spirits, and articles, as described in this paragraph, produced or manufactured in the Virgin Islands, may be brought into the United States free of any tax imposed by section 7652(b)(1) for disposal under the same conditions as like spirits, denatured spirits, and articles, produced or manufactured in the United States; and the provisions of this chapter and regulations promulgated thereunder (and all other provisions of the internal revenue laws applicable to the enforcement thereof, including the penalties of special application thereto) relating to the production, bonded warehousing, and denaturation of distilled spirits, to the withdrawal of distilled spirits or denatured distilled spirits, and to the manufacture of articles from denatured distilled spirits, shall, insofar as applicable, extend to and apply in the Virgin Islands in respect of—

(A) distilled spirits for shipment to the United States for the purposes authorized in section 5214(a)(2) and (3);

(B) distilled spirits for denaturation;

(C) denatured distilled spirits for shipment to the United States;

(D) denatured distilled spirits for use in the manufacture of articles for shipment to the United States; and

(E) articles, manufactured from denatured distilled spirits, for shipment to the United States.

**(2) Advance of funds**

The insular government of the Virgin Islands shall advance to the Treasury of the

United States such funds as may be required from time to time by the Secretary for the purpose of defraying all expenses incurred by the Treasury Department in connection with the enforcement in the Virgin Islands of paragraph (1) and regulations promulgated thereunder. The funds so advanced shall be deposited in a separate trust fund in the Treasury of the United States and shall be available to the Treasury Department for the purposes of this subsection.

**(3) Regulations issued by Virgin Islands**

The Secretary may authorize the Governor of the Virgin Islands, or his duly authorized agents, to issue or adopt such regulations, to approve such bonds, and to issue, suspend, or revoke such permits, as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this subsection. When regulations have been issued or adopted under this paragraph with concurrence of the Secretary he may exempt the Virgin Islands from any provisions of law and regulations otherwise made applicable by the provisions of paragraph (1), except that denatured distilled spirits, articles and distilled spirits for tax-free purposes which are brought into the United States from the Virgin Islands under the provisions of this subsection shall in all respects conform to the requirements of law and regulations imposed on like products of domestic manufacture.

(Added Pub. L. 85-859, title II, §201, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1375; amended Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §§1905(a)(18), 1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1820, 1834; Pub. L. 115-141, div. U, title IV, §401(a)(245), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1195.)

**Editorial Notes**

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 5314, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 659, related to officers and agents authorized to investigate, issue search warrants, and prosecute for violations, prior to the general revision of this chapter by Pub. L. 85-859. See sections 5557 of this title.

Provisions similar to those comprising subsec. (a)(2) of this section were contained in prior section 5318, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 660, prior to the general revisions of this chapter by Pub. L. 85-859.

**AMENDMENTS**

2018—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 115-141 substituted “section 5001(a)(9)” for “section 5001(a)(10)” in introductory provisions.

1976—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 94-455, §1905(a)(18), substituted “section 5001(a)(10)” for “section 5001(a)(4)”.

Subsec. (b)(2), (3). Pub. L. 94-455, §1906(b)(13)(A), struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary” wherever appearing.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by section 1905(a)(18) of Pub. L. 94-455 effective on first day of first month which begins more than 90 days after Oct. 4, 1976, see section 1905(d) of Pub. L. 94-455, set out as a note under section 5005 of this title.

**[§ 5315. Repealed. Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, § 1905(a)(19), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1820]**

Section 5315, added Pub. L. 85-859, title II, §201, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1377, related to status of certain distilled spirits on July 1, 1959.