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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

27 CFR Parts 5, 19, 24, 25, 70, and 250

[Notice No. 819; Ref: Notice No. 816]

RIN 1512-AB40

Registration of Formulas and Statements of Process for Certain Domestically Produced Wines, Distilled Spirits and Beer (95R-019P)

AGENCY: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice extends the comment period for Notice No. 816, a notice of proposed rulemaking, published in the Federal Register on November 27, 1995. ATF has received a request to extend the comment period in order to provide sufficient time for all interested parties to respond to the issues addressed in the notice.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before February 26, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: Chief, Wine, Beer and Spirits Regulations Branch; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; P.O. Box 50221; Washington, DC 20091-0221; *ATTN: Notice No. 816.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James P. Ficaretta, Wine, Beer and Spirits Regulations Branch, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226 (202-927-8230).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 27, 1995, ATF published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) in the Federal Register soliciting comments from the public and industry on a proposal to amend the regulations to require the registration, rather than approval, of formulas and statements of process for certain domestically produced wines,

distilled spirits, and beer (Notice No. 816; 60 FR 58311).

The comment period for Notice No. 816 was scheduled to close on January 26, 1996. Prior to the close of the comment period ATF received a request from a national trade association, the National Association of Beverage Importers, Inc. (NABI), to extend the comment period an additional 30 days. NABI, representing the companies that import most of the alcoholic beverages brought into the United States, stated that the additional time is needed for it to obtain information from its foreign counterparts and suppliers in order to prepare the association's comments.

In consideration of the above, ATF finds that an extension of the comment period is warranted and the Bureau is, therefore, extending the comment period until February 26, 1996.

Drafting Information

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List of Subjects

27 CFR Part 5

Advertising, Consumer protection, Customs duties and inspection, Imports, Labeling, Liquors, and Packaging and containers.

27 CFR Part 19

Administrative practice and procedure, Alcohol and alcoholic beverages, Authority delegations, Claims, Chemicals, Customs duties and inspection, Electronic funds transfers, Excise taxes, Exports, Gasohol, Imports, Labeling, Liquors, Packaging and containers, Reporting requirements, Research, Security measures, Spices and flavorings, Surety bonds, Transportation, U.S. possessions, Warehouses, and Wine.

27 CFR Part 24

Administrative practice and procedure, Authority delegations, Claims, Electronic funds transfers, Excise taxes, Exports, Food additives, Fruit juices, Labeling, Liquors, Packaging and containers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Research, Scientific equipment, Spices and flavorings, Surety bonds, Taxpaid wine bottling house, Transportation, Vinegar, Warehouses, and Wine.

27 CFR Part 25

Administrative practice and procedure, Authority delegations, Beer, Claims, Electronic funds transfers, Excise taxes, Labeling, Packaging and containers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Research, Surety bonds, and Transportation.

27 CFR Part 70

Administrative practice and procedure, Alcohol and alcoholic beverages, Appeals, Authority delegations, Cancellations, Claims, Government employees, Informal conferences, Law enforcement, and Law enforcement officers.

27 CFR Part 250

Administrative practice and procedure, Alcohol and alcoholic beverages, Authority delegations (Government agencies), Beer, Claims, Customs duties and inspection, Drugs, Electronic funds transfers, Excise taxes, Foods, Liquors, Packaging and containers, Puerto Rico, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Spices and flavorings, Surety bonds, Transportation, Virgin Islands, Warehouses, and Wine.

Authority and Issuance

This notice is issued under the authority in 5 U.S.C. 552; 26 U.S.C. 7805; 27 U.S.C. 205.

Signed: January 22, 1996.

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Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

30 CFR Part 925

[SPATS No. MO-025-FOR]

Missouri Regulatory Program

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; public comment period and opportunity for public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is