

the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the act) (21 U.S.C. 321(ff)). (See 62 FR 30678 at 30699 and 30700). FDA is publishing elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register** a notice announcing the availability of a guidance entitled "Street Drug Alternatives." The guidance is intended to inform industry and the public that FDA considers any product that is promoted as a street drug alternative to be an unapproved new drug and a misbranded drug in violation of the act. To date, the agency has taken action against several products marketed as alternatives to illicit street drugs, and it may do so in the future, as well.

Therefore, under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and under authority delegated to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, the proposed rule published on June 4, 1997 (62 FR 30678), is withdrawn in part for § 111.100(a), (b), (c), (e), and (f).

Dated: March 28, 2000.

Margaret M. Dotzel,

Acting Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

27 CFR Part 275

[Notice No. 894]

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Implementation of Public Law 105-33, Section 9302, Requiring the Qualification of Tobacco Products Importers.

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

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

SUMMARY: This document reopens the comment period for Notice No. 888, a notice of proposed rulemaking cross-referenced to temporary regulations, published in the **Federal Register** on December 22, 1999. 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 raised in the notice.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before May 3, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: Chief, Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, P.O. Box 50221, Washington, DC 20091-0221, Attention: Notice Number 888.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Clifford A. Mullen by writing to Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20226, by phone at 202-927-8210, or by e-mail at alcohol/tobacco@atfhq.atf.treas.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 22, 1999, ATF published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) cross-referenced to temporary regulations in the **Federal Register** soliciting comments from the public and industry on proposed regulations implementing the provisions of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, Public Law 105-33. These provisions amended the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that, beginning January 1, 2000, importers of tobacco products qualify for a permit to conduct that activity (Notice No. 888; 64 FR 71955).

The comment period for Notice No. 888 was scheduled to close on February 22, 2000. Prior to the close of the comment period, ATF received a request from a manufacturer of tobacco products, RJ Reynolds Tobacco Company to extend the comment period. RJ Reynolds stated that it needed additional time to coordinate the comments of several departments within the company which have an interest in the importation of tobacco products.

In consideration of the above, ATF finds that a reopening of the comment period is warranted. Thus, the comment period is being reopened for an additional 30 days until May 3, 2000. The Bureau believes that a comment period totaling 90 days is a sufficient amount of time for all interested parties to respond.

Disclosure

Copies of this notice, Notice No. 888, and the written comments will be available for public inspection during normal business hours at: ATF Public Reading Room, Room 6480, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington DC.

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List of Subjects in 27 CFR Part 275

Administrative practices and procedures, Authority delegations, Cigarette papers and tubes, Cigars and cigarettes, Claims, Customs duties and inspections, Electronic funds transfers, Excise taxes, Imports, Labeling, Packaging and containers, Penalties,

Reporting and record keeping requirements, Seizures and forfeitures, Surety bonds, U.S. Possessions, Warehouses.

Authority and Issuance

This notice is issued under the authority in 26 U.S.C. 7805.

Signed: March 22, 2000.

Bradley A. Buckles,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 21

RIN 2900-AJ23

Information Collection Needed in VA's Flight-Training Programs

AGENCIES: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: We propose to amend our educational assistance and educational benefit regulations concerning flight-training courses for which the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) pays for eligible students. In this regard, we propose to require that flight schools offering such flight-training courses maintain records regarding students to whom VA makes payments. The proposed rule is intended to provide information to VA for determining compliance with requirements for VA payments to students for pursuing flight-training courses. Also, when VA, rather than a separate State entity, is the approving agency, the proposed rule is intended to provide information to VA for determining whether to approve a flight-training course.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 2, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand-deliver written comments to: Director, Office of Regulations Management (02D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW, Room 1154, Washington, DC 20420; or fax comments to (202) 273-9289; or e-mail comments to "OGCRegulations@mail.va.gov". Comments should indicate that they are submitted in response to "RIN 2900-AJ23." All comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1158, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William G. Susling, Jr., Education