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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

19 CFR Parts 141 and 142

RIN 1515-AC91

Single Entry for Split Shipments

AGENCY: Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: Customs is reopening the period of time within which comments may be submitted in response to the proposed rule providing for a single entry for split shipments, which was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 57688) on November 16, 2001. Specifically, the proposed rule would amend the Customs Regulations to allow an importer of record, under certain conditions, to submit a single entry to cover multiple portions of a single shipment which was split by the carrier, and which arrives in the United States separately. The proposed amendments would implement statutory changes made to the merchandise entry laws by the Tariff Suspension and Trade Act of 2000.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 14, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be addressed to and inspected at the Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Russell Berger, Regulations Branch, (202-927-1605).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 1460 of Public Law 106-476, popularly known as the Tariff Suspension and Trade Act of 2000, amended section 1484 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1484), in pertinent part, by adding a new paragraph (j)(2) in order to provide for a single entry in the case of a shipment which is split at the initiative of the carrier and which arrives in the United States separately.

To implement section 1484(j)(2), by a document published in the **Federal Register** (66 57688) on November 16,

2001, Customs proposed to amend the Customs Regulations to allow an importer of record, under certain conditions, to submit a single entry to cover multiple portions of a single shipment which is divided by the carrier into different parts which arrive in the United States at different times, often days apart.

Comments on the proposed rulemaking were to have been received on or before January 15, 2002. Customs has, however, received a request from a Customs broker to extend this period, the broker basically stating that it needed additional time in order to formulate its concerns and make appropriate comments. Customs believes, under the circumstances, that this request has merit. Accordingly, the period of time for the submission of comments is being reopened until February 14, 2002, as indicated above. It should be noted that no further extension of the comment period beyond this additional period will be granted.

Dated: January 15, 2002.

Douglas M. Browning,

Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of Regulations and Rulings.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

27 CFR Part 4

[Notice No. 934]

RIN 1512-AC50

Proposed Addition of Tannat as a Grape Variety Name for American Wines (2001R-207P)

AGENCY: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) is proposing to add a new name, "Tannat," to the list of prime grape variety names for use in designating American wines.

DATES: Written comments must be received by March 25, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: Chief, Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, P.O. Box 50221, Washington, DC 20091-0221 (Attn: Notice No. 934).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Berry, Bureau of Alcohol,

Tobacco and Firearms, Regulations Division, 111 W. Huron Street, Room 219, Buffalo, NY, 14202-2301; Telephone (716) 434-8039.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Background

Under the Federal Alcohol Administration Act (27 U.S.C. 201 *et seq.*) (FAA Act), wine labels must provide "the consumer with adequate information as to the identity" of the product. The FAA Act also requires that the information appearing on wine labels not mislead the consumer.

To help carry out these statutory requirements, ATF has issued regulations, including those that designate grape varieties. Under 27 CFR 4.23(b) and (c), a wine bottler may use a grape variety name as the designation of a wine if not less than 75 percent of the wine (51 percent in the case of wine made from *Vitis labrusca* grapes) is derived from that grape variety. Under § 4.23(d), a bottler may use two or more grape variety names as the designation of a wine if all of the grapes used to make the wine are of the labeled varieties, and if the percentage of the wine derived from each grape variety is shown on the label.

Treasury Decision ATF-370 (61 FR 522), January 8, 1996, adopted a list of grape variety names that ATF has determined to be appropriate for use in designating American wines. The list of prime grape names and their synonyms appears at § 4.91, while additional alternative grape names temporarily authorized for use are listed at § 4.92. ATF believes the listing of approved grape variety names for American wines will help standardize wine label terminology, provide important information about the wine, and prevent consumer confusion.

ATF has received a petition proposing that new grape variety names be listed in § 4.91. Under § 4.93 any interested person may petition ATF to include additional grape varieties in the list of prime grape names. Information with a petition should provide evidence of the following:

- Acceptance of the new grape variety;
- The validity of the name for identifying the grape variety;
- That the variety is used or will be used in winemaking; and
- That the variety is grown and used in the United States.

For the approval of names of new grape varieties, the petition may include:

- A reference to the publication of the name of the variety in a scientific or professional journal of horticulture or a