

demand, surges in other demands, or to replace breakdowns; these fleets will already have an ELD platform that in many cases will be different from the one installed on a rental truck.

TRALA states that FMCSA has recognized the unique compliance concerns of the short-term CMV rental vehicle market by granting a partial exemption from the ELD requirements for vehicles rented for no longer than 8 days (82 FR 47306, October 11, 2017). In addition, FMCSA has granted an ELD waiver to TRALA until April 19, 2018, for CMVs rented for no longer than 30 days (83 FR 2868, January 19, 2018).

TRALA states that since FMCSA's October 11, 2017, decision granting an exemption of only 8 days for rental trucks, TRALA members have taken several steps to resolve the ELD issues. These include meeting with customers, building cloud-based portal systems between ELD providers, and purchasing thousands of ELDs for rental trucks. Nevertheless, TRALA members and their customers state that they need additional time to come into full compliance with ELD requirements.

IV. Request for Exemption

TRALA is requesting an exemption until December 31, 2018, from the ELD requirements in 49 CFR part 395, as applied to drivers of property-carrying CMVs rented for any reason for no longer than 30 days. Lessors of short-term CMV rentals are struggling to meet the current April 19, 2018, waiver expiration deadline. TRALA states that its members continue to work diligently with their customers, developing systems that will allow renters to record and report their hours seamlessly, and partnering with ELD providers to give the most options available to rental customers.

According to TRALA, every customer's needs are unique. An additional period through the end of this year to prepare for this transition would allow their members to continue resolving the issues presented by new technology and the need for individual customer-based compliance strategies. It would also allow lessors to meet seasonal demand for short-term rental vehicles through the holiday season in November and December of this year without disruptions.

TRALA states that allowing short-term CMV rental truck drivers to not comply with ELD requirements until December 31, 2018, will not have any impact on safety, nor will it provide a safe harbor for drivers who may try to avoid compliance with the hours-of-service (HOS) regulations in general. Nearly half the States now impose daily

rental fees which are a significant disincentive to rent solely for the purpose of avoiding the ELD regulations.

TRALA also states that, if the exemption is granted, law enforcement officers would be better able to identify short-term rental vehicles. Under 49 CFR 390.21(e), a CMV rented for a period not to exceed 30 days is not required to be marked with the name and USDOT number of the operating motor carrier if the vehicle otherwise is marked with the lessor's name and USDOT number, and a copy of the rental agreement is carried in the vehicle in accordance with that provision. Enforcement officials inspecting such a vehicle would examine the short-term rental agreement to determine that the ELD requirement does not apply to that vehicle. The official would then check the driver's paper record of duty status for compliance with the HOS regulations.

According to TRALA, their members represent about 25–30% of CMVs on the road and are a key component of the trucking industry. Allowing a further exemption through December 31, 2018, to continue the transition efforts ongoing since the final rule was published will give all businesses that use rental trucks comfort that systems can be deployed to better address the difficulties confronted by the rental truck market.

A copy of TRALA's application for exemption is available for review in the docket for this notice.

Issued on: March 5, 2018.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau

[Docket No. TTB–2018–0001]

Proposed Information Collections; Comment Request (No. 68)

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.

DATES: Comments are due on or before May 14, 2018.

ADDRESSES: As described below, you may send comments on the information collections listed in this document using the “Regulations.gov” online comment form for this document, or you may send written comments via U.S. mail or hand delivery. TTB no longer accepts public comments via email or fax.

- <https://www.regulations.gov>: Use the comment form for this document posted within Docket No. TTB–2018–0001 on “Regulations.gov,” the Federal e-rulemaking portal, to submit comments via the internet;

- *U.S. Mail:* Michael Hoover, Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, 1310 G Street NW, Box 12, Washington, DC 20005.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier in Lieu of Mail:* Michael Hoover, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, 1310 G Street NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20005.

Please submit separate comments for each specific information collection listed in this document. You must reference the information collection's title, form or recordkeeping requirement number, and OMB number (if any) in your comment.

You may view copies of this document, the information collections listed in it and any associated instructions, and all comments received in response to this document within Docket No. TTB–2018–0001 at <https://www.regulations.gov>. A link to that docket is posted on the TTB website at <https://www.ttb.gov/forms/comment-on-form.shtml>. You may also obtain paper copies of this document, the information collections described in it and any associated instructions, and any comments received in response to this document by contacting Michael Hoover at the addresses or telephone number shown below.

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 information collection's 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: Drawback on Distilled Spirits Exported.

OMB Number: 1513-0042.

TTB Form Number: F 5110.30.

Abstract: Under the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) at 26 U.S.C. 5062, persons who export tax-paid distilled spirits may claim drawback of the excise tax paid on those spirits, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury (the Secretary). Under the TTB regulations, persons use TTB F 5110.30 to claim drawback of the Federal alcohol excise taxes paid on exported distilled spirits. The form requests, among other information, data regarding the claimant, the tax-paid spirits exported, and the amount of tax to be refunded. This information collection is necessary to protect the revenue as it allows TTB to verify that the excise tax has been paid on the spirits and that the spirits have been exported.

Current Actions: TTB is submitting this information collection for extension purposes only, and the information

collection remains unchanged. However, due to a decrease in the use of TTB F 5110.30, TTB is decreasing the estimated total annual burden hours associated with this information collection.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profits.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 800.

Title: Application and Permit to Ship Puerto Rican Spirits to the United States Without Payment of Tax.

OMB Number: 1513-0043.

TTB Form Number: F 5110.31.

Abstract: The IRC at 26 U.S.C. 7652 imposes excise tax on Puerto Rican distilled spirits shipped to the United States for consumption or sale. The IRC at 26 U.S.C. 5232 provides that distilled spirits imported or brought into the United States in bulk containers may be withdrawn from Customs custody and transferred to the bonded premises of a distilled spirits plant without payment of tax. In addition, the IRC at 26 U.S.C. 5314 allows Puerto Rican spirits, including denatured distilled spirits, to be brought into the United States without payment of tax under certain circumstances. Under the TTB regulations in 27 CFR part 26, applicants use TTB F 5110.31 to apply for, and to document, the shipment of Puerto Rican spirits to the United States without payment of tax. The form identifies the consignor in Puerto Rico, the consignee in the United States receiving the spirits, and the amount of spirits to be shipped without payment of tax. This information is necessary to protect the revenue.

Current Actions: TTB is submitting this information collection for extension purposes. However, TTB is decreasing the estimated number of respondents to this collection from 20 to 10 and is decreasing the estimated annual burden hours from 750 to 375.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profits.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 375.

Title: Report of Removal, Transfer, or Sale of Processed Tobacco.

OMB Number: 1513-0130.

TTB Form Number: F 5250.2.

Abstract: The IRC at 26 U.S.C. 5722 requires manufacturers and importers of tobacco products, processed tobacco, or

cigarette papers and tubes to make reports containing such information, in such form, at such times, and for such periods as the Secretary by regulation prescribes. While processed tobacco is not subject to Federal excise tax, taxable tobacco products may be manufactured using processed tobacco. Therefore, to protect the revenue by minimizing diversion of processed tobacco to illegal manufacturers, TTB has issued regulations that require manufacturers and importers of tobacco products or processed tobacco to report on form TTB F 5250.2 on a daily basis each transfer or sale of processed tobacco to entities that do not hold a TTB tobacco-related permit.

Current Actions: TTB is submitting this information collection for extension purposes only, and the information collection is unchanged. However, TTB is decreasing the number of annual number of respondents, responses, and burden hours associated with this information collection. Since TTB first required this information collection in 2009, TTB has reported that all manufacturers and importers of tobacco products and/or processed tobacco were potential respondents to this collection. However, based on recent data, TTB finds that only a small number of such entities sell or transfer processed tobacco to non-TTB permit holders. Therefore, TTB is reducing the reported annual number of respondents to this collection from 800 to 15, the annual number of responses from 4,800 to 3,175, and the estimated number of annual burden hours from 2,400 to 1,575.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profits.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,575.

Dated: March 8, 2018.

Amy R. Greenberg,

Director, Regulations and Rulings Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of the Fiscal Service

Proposed Collection of Information: Schedule of Excess Risks

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort