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Date: April 5, 1999.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Excise Tax Return, Alcohol and Tobacco.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before June 14, 1999, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Barnes, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8930.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or

copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Joan Kravchak, Revenue Division, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-6993.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Excise Tax Return, Alcohol and Tobacco.

*OMB Number:* 1512-0467.

*Form Number:* ATF F 5000.24.

*Abstract:* ATF is responsible for the collection of the excise taxes on distilled spirits, wine, beer, cigars, cigarettes, chewing tobacco, snuff, and cigarette papers and tubes imposed by Chapters 51 and 52 of Title 26 of the United States Code. The information requested on the form is necessary to establish the taxpayer's identity, the amount and type of taxes due, and the amount of payments made.

*Current Actions:* The form has 1 change. Under the title CALCULATION OF TAX DUE, (b) TAX CLASS is deleted. (C) AMOUNT OF TAX is changed to (b) AMOUNT OF TAX.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,800.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 35,280.

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### Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Records and Supporting Data: Daily Summaries, Records of Production, Storage, and Disposition, and Supporting Data By Licensed Explosives Manufacturers and Manufacturers (Limited).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before June 14, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Barnes, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8930.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Paul Veto, Chief, Public Safety Branch, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8690.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Records and Supporting Data: Daily Summaries, Records of Production, Storage, and Disposition, and Supporting Data By Licensed Explosives Manufacturers and Manufacturers (Limited).

*OMB Number:* 1512-0372.

*Recordkeeping Requirement ID Number:* ATF REC 5400/2.

*Abstract:* These records show daily activities in the manufacture, use, storage, and disposition of explosive materials by manufacturers and manufacturers (limited) covered under 18 U.S.C. Chapter 40. The records are used to show where and to whom explosive materials are sent, thereby ensuring that any diversion will be readily apparent and, if lost or stolen, ATF will be immediately notified on discovery of the loss or theft. ATF

requires that records be kept 5 years from date of transaction.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes to this information collection and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,053.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 68,835.

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS:** Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information 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 information.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms within the Department of the Treasury is

soliciting comments concerning the Manufacturer of Tobacco Products Monthly Report.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before June 14, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Linda Barnes, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8930.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Mary A. Wood, Regulations Division, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8185.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Manufacturer of Tobacco Products Monthly Report.

*OMB Number:* 1512-0163.

*Form Number:* ATF F 3068 (5210.5).

*Abstract:* ATF F 3068 (5210.5)

documents a tobacco products manufacturer's accounting of cigars and cigarettes. The form describes the tobacco products manufactured, articles produced, received, disposed of, and statistical classes of large cigars. ATF examines and verifies entries on these reports so as to identify unusual activities, errors and omissions.

*Current Actions:* The burden has increased due to a small increase in the number of respondents.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 108.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 1 hour.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,296.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8233

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8233, Exemption From Withholding on Compensation for Independent (and Certain Dependent) Personal Services of a Nonresident Alien Individual.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before June 14, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Faye Bruce, (202) 622-6665, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5577, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Exemption From Withholding on Compensation for Independent (and Certain Dependent) Personal Services of a Nonresident Alien Individual.

*OMB Number:* 1545-0795.

*Form Number:* 8233.

*Abstract:* Compensation paid to a nonresident alien individual for independent personal services (self-employment) is generally subject to 30% withholding or graduated rates. However, such compensation may be exempt from withholding because of a U.S. tax treaty or the personal exemption amount. Form 8233 is used to request exemption from withholding.