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ATF FORM 2145 ENTRIES AFFECTED
BY WITHDRAWAL OF CUSTOMS OFFICERS
FROM CUSTOMS BONDED INSTALLATIONS

Manufacturers of Tobacco Products and Others Concerned.

Purpose. This circular notifies industry members of an ATF Procedure which gives instructions on completing entries formerly made by Customs Officers on ATF Form 2145 (5200.11), Notice of Release of Cigars, Cigarettes, Cigarette Papers, or Cigarette Tubes. The Procedure will be published in the next issue of the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bulletin.

Background. Effective December 1, 1982, the United States Customs Service removed Customs Officers from Customs Bonded Warehouses and Customs Bonded Manufacturing Warehouses in accordance with Treasury Decision 82-204. ATF operations concerned with the importation of tobacco products involving Customs Bonded Warehouses were affected by the removal of the Customs Officers. This circular specifies the procedures to be followed when completing the portions of ATF Form 2145 previously completed by Customs Officers.

Forms Procedure. Release of Cigars, Cigarettes and Cigarette Papers and Tubes from Customs Custody Without Payment of Tax (27 CFR 275.86).

Manufacturers of tobacco products may obtain release of cigars, cigarettes and cigarette papers and tubes from a Customs Bonded Warehouse, in bond, without payment of tax. Part III of ATF Form 2145 (5200.11), Notice of Release of Cigars, Cigarettes, Cigarette Papers, or Cigarette Tubes, will be prepared by the proprietor of the Customs Bonded Warehouse. He will modify Item 9 by deleting the words "Customs Officer" and entering the word "Proprietor" and sign the form, entering his title and the date. The CBW proprietor will provide one copy of the form to the manufacturer, maintain one copy in the Customs file and send the original to the certifying Regional Director (Compliance).

Inquiries concerning this circular should refer to its number and be addressed to the Associate Director (Compliance Operations), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20226.

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