



Announcement

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TTB Introduces A More Secure Website

In the continuing effort to improve the safety of our systems, TTB is updating our website, www.ttb.gov, from the usual “http://” to the more secure “https://”. This change will take place on Thursday, April 14th, 2016.

What does this mean?

- Https is a method of securing the traffic on the web via the use of strong encryption so that you are confident that you are visiting the site you intended to visit, and so that your visit remains private.
- Whenever you go to a banking site, try to complete a purchase on Amazon™ or login to your Gmail™ account, you may notice the site is “https” and not the standard “http”. This is because the site is using encryption to better safeguard your information.
- TTB is constantly taking steps to better safeguard your information, and so this change is necessary.

What do I need to do?

- Going forward, instead of navigating to <http://www.ttb.gov>, instead use <https://www.ttb.gov>.
- Update any shortcuts, favorites, or links you may have that use “http” to the newer “https.”

What if I still use “http” and not “https”?

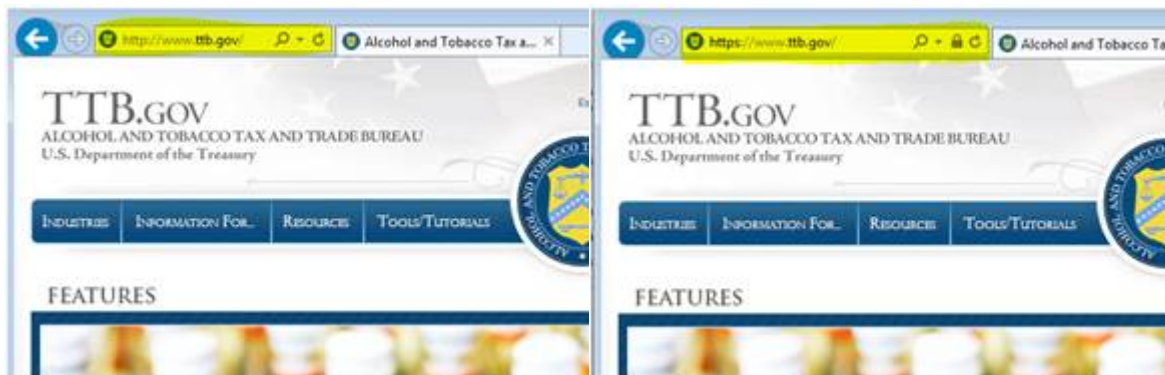
We have the site configured so that you will *be automatically forwarded to the new site using https*. If this does not happen, please let us know by contacting TTB.HelpDesk@ttb.gov.

How can I know the difference?

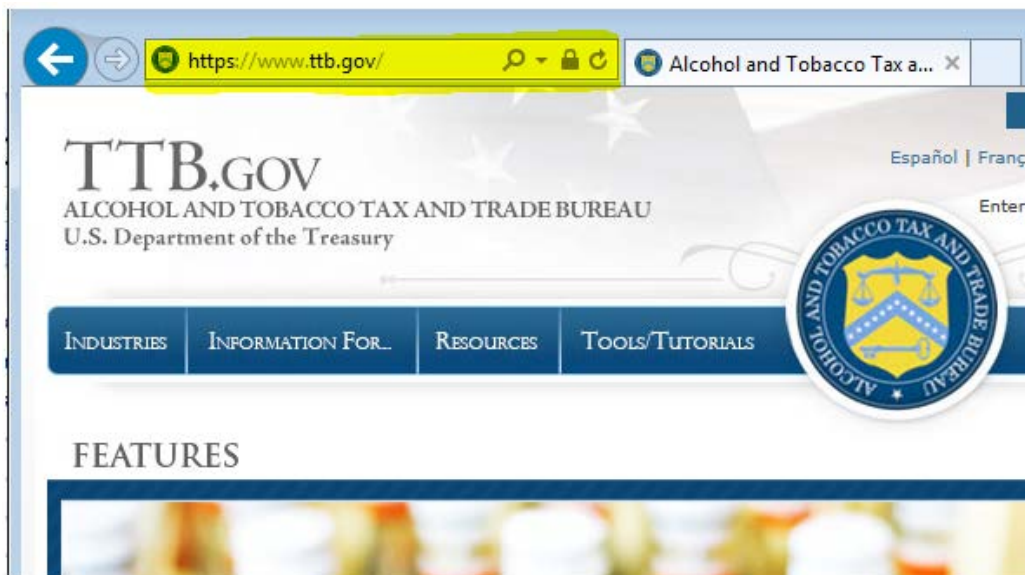
At first glance, there is NO VISUAL DIFFERENCE in the transition from “http” and “https”, as the encryption of the site is “behind the scenes.”

OLD

NEW



Looking closer, we see that in the ADDRESS LINE, there is a “padlock” icon which helps to notify you that this site is secured:



Please let [the Help Desk](#) know if you encounter any issues.