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## TTB Finalizes Importer Permit Requirements for Tobacco Products and Processed Tobacco, and Other Requirements for Tobacco **Products, Processed Tobacco and Cigarette Papers and Tubes**

Washington, D.C. — On Tuesday, June 16, 2016, the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) will publish a final rule in Federal Register adopting as a final rule, without change, a temporary rule concerning permit and other requirements related to importers and manufacturers of tobacco products and processed tobacco published in the Federal Register on June 27, 2013.

The regulatory amendments adopted in this final rule include an extension in the duration of new permits for importers of tobacco products and processed tobacco from three years to five years, a technical correction amending the definition of "Manufacturer of tobacco products" to reflect a statutory change, and a technical correction related to references to the sale price of large cigars. This final rule also permanently incorporates and reissues other TTB regulations pertaining to importer permit requirements for tobacco products as well as minimum manufacturing and marking requirements for tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes that also were incorporated in the 2013 temporary rule.

This final rule will be effective on July 21, 2016. The public may view the rulemaking record for this rulemaking, including copies of the 2013 temporary rule and this final rule, on the "Regulations.gov" website (https://www.regulations.gov) within Docket No. TTB-2013-0006. Copies of the relevant rulemaking documents and a link to the Regulatons.gov docket may be found on the TTB website at https://www.ttb.gov.

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