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DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Part 602

OMB Control Numbers Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

CFR Correction

In Title 26 of the Code of Federal Regulations, parts 600 to end, revised as of April 1, 2001, on page 155, § 602.101 is amended by removing the entry for "31.6051–1T" following the entry for "1.6050S–2T".

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

27 CFR Parts 40, 44, 46, 70, and 290

[T.D. ATF-464]

RIN 1512-AC47

Exportation of Tobacco Products and Cigarette Papers and Tubes, Without Payment of Tax, or With Drawback of Tax; Recodification of Regulations (2001R–58P)

AGENCY: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Final rule (Treasury decision).

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) is recodifying the regulations pertaining to the exportation of tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes, without payment of tax, or with drawback of tax. The purpose of this recodification is to reissue the regulations in part 290 of title 27 of the Code of Federal Regulations (27 CFR part 290) as 27 CFR part 44. This change improves the organization of title 27.

DATES: This rule is effective on August 20, 2001.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

As a part of the continuing efforts to reorganize the part numbering system of title 27 CFR, ATF is removing part 290, in its entirety, and is recodifying the regulations as 27 CFR part 44. This change improves the organization of title 27 CFR.

DERIVATION TABLE FOR PART 44

The Requirements of Sec.:	Are derived from Sec.:
Subpart A	
44.1	290.1

	Subpart B	
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Subpart Ba

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44.31	290.31	
44.32	290.32	
44.33	290.33	
44.34	290.34	
44.35	290.35	
44.36	290.36	
Subpart C		

44.61	290.61
44.61a	290.61a
44.62	290.62
44.63	290.63
44.64	290.64
44.65	290.65
44.66	290.66
44.67	290.67
44.68	290.68
44.69	290.69
44.70	290.70
44.71	290.71
44.72	290.72
44.73	290.73

Subpart D

44.81	290.81
44.82	290.82
44.83	290.83
44.84	290.84
44.85	290.85
44.86	290.86
44.87	290.87
44.88	290.88
44.89	290.89
44.90	290.90
44.91	290.91
44.92	290.92
44.93	290.93

Subpart E

44.101	290.101
44.102	290.102
44.103	290.103
44.104	290.104
44.105	290.105
44.106	290.106
44.107	290.107
44.108	290.108
44.109	290.109
44.110	290.110
44.111	290.111
44.112	290.112

DERIVATION TABLE FOR PART 44— Continued

The Requirements of Sec :

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The Requirements of Sec.:	Are derived from Sec.:	
Subpart F		
44.121	290.121	
44.122	290.121	
44.123	290.123	
44.124	290.124	
44.125	290.124	
44.126	290.125	
	290.120	
	290.127	
	290.128	
-	290.129	
Subpart G		
44.141	290.141	
44.142	290.142	
44.143	290.143	
44.144	290.144	
44.145	290.145	
44.146	290.146	
44.147	290.147	
44.148	290.148	
44.149	290.149	
44.150	290.150	
44.151	290.151	
44.152	290.152	
44.153	290.153	
44.154	290.154	
Subpart H		
44.161	290.161	
44.162	290.162	
Subpart L Reserved	41	
Subpart I [Reserved	1]	
Subpart J		
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Subpart J		
Subpart J 44.181	290.181	
Subpart J 44.181 44.182	290.181 290.182	
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DERIVATION TABLE FOR PART 44— Continued

The Requirements of Sec.:	Are derived from Sec.:
44.210	290.210
44.211	290.211
44.212	290.212
44.213	290.213

Subpart K

Cabpart IX		
44.221	290.221	
44.222	290.222	
44.223	290.223	
44.224	290.224	
44.225	290.225	
44.226	290.226	
44.227	290.227	
44.228	290.228	
44.229	290.229	
44.230	290.230	
44.231	290.231	
44.232	290.232	

Subpart L

44.241	290.241
44.242	290.242
44.243	290.243
44.244	290.244
44.245	290.245
44.246	290.246
44.247	290.247
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44.251	290.251
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44.254	290.254
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44.256	290.256
44.257	290.257
44.258	290.258
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44.260	290.260
44.261	290.261
44.262	290.262
44.263	290.263
44.264	290.264
44.264a	290.264a
44.265	290.265
44.266	290.266
44.267	290.267

Paperwork Reduction Act

The provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104– 13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, do not apply to this final rule because there are no new or revised recordkeeping or reporting requirements.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

Because no notice of proposed rulemaking is required for this rule under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553), the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) do not apply. We sent a copy of this final rule to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration in accordance with 26 U.S.C. 7805(f). No comments were received.

Executive Order 12866

This final rule is not a significant regulatory action as defined in Executive Order 12866. Accordingly, this final rule is not subject to the analysis required by this Executive Order.

Administrative Procedure Act

Because this final rule merely makes technical amendments to improve the clarity and organization of the regulations, it is unnecessary to issue this final rule with notice and public procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b). Similarly, because this final rule makes no substantive changes and is merely the recodification of existing regulations, good cause is found that it is unnecessary to subject this final rule to the effective date limitation of 5 U.S.C. 553(d).

Drafting Information

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List of Subjects

27 CFR Part 40

Cigars and cigarettes, Claims, Electronic funds transfers, Excise taxes, Imports, Labeling, Packaging and containers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Surety bonds, Tobacco.

27 CFR Part 44

Aircraft, Armed forces, Cigars and cigarettes, Claims, Customs duties and inspection, Excise taxes, Exports, Foreign trade zones, Labeling, Packaging and containers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Surety bonds, Tobacco, Vessels, Warehouses.

27 CFR Part 46

Cigars and cigarettes, Claims, Excise taxes, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Seizures and forfeitures, Surety bonds, Tobacco.

27 CFR Part 70

Administrative practice and procedure, Claims, Excise taxes, Freedom of information, Law enforcement, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Surety bonds.

27 CFR Part 290

Aircraft, Armed forces, Cigars and cigarettes, Claims, Customs duties and

inspection, Excise taxes, Exports, Foreign trade zones, Labeling, Packaging and containers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Surety bonds, Tobacco, Vessels, Warehouses.

Authority and Issuance

ATF is amending title 27 of the Code of Federal Regulations, chapter 1, as follows:

PART 40—MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND CIGARETTE PAPERS AND TUBES

Paragraph 1. The authority citation for 27 CFR part 40 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 26 U.S.C. 5142, 5143, 5146, 5701, 5703–5705, 5711–5713, 5721–5723, 5731, 5741, 5751, 5753, 5761–5763, 6061, 6065, 6109, 6151, 6301, 6302, 6311, 6313, 6402, 6404, 6423, 6676, 6806, 7011, 7212, 7325, 7342, 7502, 7503, 7606, 7805; 31 U.S.C. 9301, 9303, 9304, 9306.

§§ 40.44, 40.233, 40.235, 40.451, and 40.454 [Amended]

Par. 2. Remove the reference to "part 290," each place it appears, and add, in substitution, a reference to "part 44" in the following places:

- a. Section 40.44;
- b. Section 40.233:
- c. Section 40.235;
- d. Section 40.451; and
- e. Section 40.454.

PART 46—MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS RELATING TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND CIGARETTE PAPERS AND TUBES

Par. 3. The authority citation for 27 CFR part 46 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 18 U.S.C. 2341–2346, 26 U.S.C. 5708, 5751, 5761–5763, 6001, 6601, 6621, 6622, 7212, 7342, 7602, 7606, 7805, 44 U.S.C. 3504(h), 49 U.S.C. 782, unless otherwise noted.

Par. 4. Under the paragraph entitled "CROSS REFERENCE," remove the reference to "part 290" and add, in its place, a reference to "part 44."

§46.255 [Amended]

Par. 5. Amend paragraphs (b) and (c) in § 46.255 by removing the reference to "part 290" and adding, in its place, a reference to "part 44."

PART 70—PROCEDURE AND ADMINISTRATION

Par. 6. The authority citation for 27 CFR part 70 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301 and 552; 26 U.S.C. 4181, 4182, 5146, 5203, 5207, 5275, 5367,

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5415, 5504, 5555, 5684(a), 5741, 5761(b), 5802, 6020, 6021, 6064, 6102, 6155, 6159, 6201, 6203, 6204, 6301, 6303, 6311, 6313, 6314, 6321, 6323, 6325, 6326, 6331-6343, 6401-6404, 6407, 6416, 6423, 6501-6503, 6511, 6513, 6514, 6532, 6601, 6602, 6611, 6621, 6622, 6651, 6653, 6656-6658, 6665, 6671, 6672, 6701, 6723, 6801, 6862, 6863, 6901, 7011, 7101, 7102, 7121, 7122, 7207, 7209, 7214, 7304, 7401, 7403, 7406, 7423, 7424, 7425, 7426, 7429, 7430, 7432, 7502, 7503, 7505, 7506, 7513, 7601-7606, 7608-7610, 7622, 7623, 7653, 7805.

§§ 70.431, 70.432, and 70.462 [Amended]

Par. 7. Remove the reference to "part 290" and add, in its place, a reference to "part 44" in the following places:

a. Section 70.431(b)(5);

- b. Section 70.432(d); and
- c. Section 70.462.

PART 290—EXPORTATION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND CIGARETTE PAPERS AND TUBES. WITHOUT PAYMENT OF TAX, OR WITH DRAWBACK OF TAX

Par. 8. The authority citation for 27 CFR part 290 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 26 U.S.C. 5142, 5143, 5146, 5701, 5703-5705, 5711-5713, 5721-5723, 5731, 5741, 5751, 5754, 6061, 6065, 6151, 6402, 6404, 6806, 7011, 7212, 7342, 7606, 7805; 31 U.S.C. 9301, 9303, 9304, 9306.

PART 290-[REDESIGNATED AS PART 44]

Par. 9. Transfer 27 CFR part 290 from subchapter M to subchapter B and redesignate as 27 CFR part 44.

PART 44—EXPORTATION OF **TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND** CIGARETTE PAPERS AND TUBES, WITHOUT PAYMENT OF TAX, OR WITH DRAWBACK OF TAX

Par. 10. The authority citation for the newly redesignated 27 CFR part 44 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 26 U.S.C. 5142, 5143, 5146, 5701, 5703-5705, 5711-5713, 5721-5723, 5731, 5741, 5751, 5754, 6061, 6065, 6151, 6402, 6404, 6806, 7011, 7212, 7342, 7606, 7805; 31 U.S.C. 9301, 9303, 9304, 9306.

Par. 11. Amend the newly redesignated part 44 as follows:

AMENDMENT TABLE FOR PART 44

Amend sec- tion:	By removing the reference to:	And adding in its place:
44.31(a)	290.32	44.32
44.32(b)	290.31	44.31
44.33(b)(3)	290.34	44.34
44.33(c)(2)	290.142	44.142
44.35(a)	290.33(c)(2)	44.33(c)(2)

AMENDMENT TABLE FOR PART 44— Continued			
Amend sec- tion:	By removing the reference to:	And adding in its place:	
44.62	290.207	44.207	
44.62	290.263	44.263	
44.63	290.62	44.62	
44.67(a)	290.66	44.66	
44.82	290.93	44.93	
44.83	290.82	44.82	
44.84	290.82	44.82	
44.85	290.82	44.82	
44.86	290.88	44.88	
44.87 44.88	290.83 290.82	44.83 44.82	
44.88 44.88	290.82	44.82	
44.93	290.142	44.142	
44.102	290.85	44.85	
44.104	290.144	44.144	
44.104	290.88	44.88	
44.104	290.126	44.126	
44.105	290.88	44.88	
44.105	290.146	44.146	
44.105	290.151	44.151	
44.105	290.144	44.144	
44.107	290.146	44.146 44.151	
44.107 44.108	290.151 290.126	44.151	
44.100	290.120	44.120	
44.110	290.140	44.151	
44.111	290.88	44.88	
44.112	290.111	44.111	
44.112	290.126	44.126	
44.112	290.89	44.89	
44.123	290.86	44.86	
44.123	290.124	44.124	
44.123	290.125	44.125	
44.124 44.144	290.123 290.93	44.123 44.93	
44.144 44.161	290.93	44.93	
44.161	290.140	44.151	
44.200	290.147	44.147	
44.205(d)	290.72	44.72	
44.222	290.224	44.224	
44.223	290.121	44.121	
44.223	290.122	44.122	
44.224	290.222	44.222	
44.225	290.224	44.224	
44.226 44.230	290.224 290.228	44.224 44.228	
44.230	290.228	44.121	
44.243	290.121	44.122	
44.244	290.243	44.243	
44.244	290.245	44.245	
44.244	290.246	44.246	
44.245	290.244	44.244	
44.264	290.200	44.200	
44.266	290.201	44.201	

Signed: May 24, 2001. Bradley A. Buckles, Director.

Approved: June 11, 2001.

Timothy E. Skud,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, (Regulatory, Tariff and Trade Enforcement). [FR Doc. 01-20906 Filed 8-17-01; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4810-31-P

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

30 CFR Part 946

[VA-119-FOR]

Virginia Regulatory Program

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), Interior.

ACTION: Final rule.

.88 SUMMARY: OSM is approving, with two .83 exceptions, an amendment to the .82 Virginia permanent regulatory program .86 (hereinafter referred to as the Virginia program) under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 .88 (SMCRA). The program amendment consists of changes to the Virginia Surface Mining Reclamation Regulations concerning letters of credit. The amendment is intended to revise the Virginia program to be consistent with the corresponding Federal regulations. EFFECTIVE DATE: August 20, 2001. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert A. Penn, Director, Big Stone Gap Field Office, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1941 Neeley Road, Suite 201, Compartment .86 116, Big Stone Gap, Virginia 24219, Telephone: (540) 523-4303. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: .93 I. Background on the Virginia Program. II. Submission of the Amendment. III. Director's Findings. IV. Summary and Disposition of Comments. .72 V. Director's Decision. VI. Procedural Determinations. I. Background on the Virginia Program Section 503(a) of SMCRA permits a State to assume primacy for the regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations on non-Federal and non-Indian lands within its borders by demonstrating that its program

includes, among other things, "a State law which provides for the regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations in accordance with the requirements of the Act. * * *" and "rules and regulations consistent with regulations issued by the Secretary' pursuant to SMCRA. 30 U.S.C. 1253(a)(1) and (7). On the basis of these criteria, the Secretary of the Interior conditionally approved the Virginia program on December 15, 1981. You can find background information on the Virginia program, including the Secretary's findings, the disposition of comments, and the conditions of