



# Press Release

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## **TTB Eases Electronic Submission of Forms, Simplifies Recordkeeping Requirements for Distilled Spirits Plants, and Amends Closure Requirements for Imported Distilled Spirits**

Washington, D.C. — On Thursday, March 27, 2014, the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) will publish a final rule in the Federal Register amending the regulations in 27 CFR part 73 to allow industry members to submit certain forms electronically to TTB rather than submitting originals. Original forms and other records will be retained by the industry member. This amendment removes a barrier to applying for permits completely by electronic means.

TTB is also amending the part 73 regulations to allow industry members to submit TTB-required required information electronically to other agencies in accordance with those agencies guidelines for electronic submission.

In addition, TTB is amending its regulations in 27 CFR part 19 governing the records that distilled spirits plant (DSP) proprietors must keep of finished products. Specifically, TTB is removing the requirement that DSP proprietors keep a daily summary record of the kind of distilled spirits bottled or packaged.

Finally, TTB is amending the regulations in 27 CFR parts 26 and 27 regarding closures that must be affixed to containers of imported distilled spirits products and those brought in from Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands. The amendments remove a requirement that a part of the closure remain attached to the container when opened. This amendment aligns the regulations for such products with those applicable to domestic distilled spirits products.

To view T.D. TTB-119 once it is published and the supporting documents related to this rulemaking, see Docket No. TTB-2014-0004 at the "Regulations.gov" website (<http://www.regulations.gov>).

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