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**Sec. 7805. - Rules and regulations**

**(a) Authorization**

Except where such authority is expressly given by this title to any person other than an officer or employee of the Treasury Department, the Secretary shall prescribe all needful rules and regulations for the enforcement of this title, including all rules and regulations as may be necessary by reason of any alteration of law in relation to internal revenue.

**(b) Retroactivity of regulations**

**(1) In general**

Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no temporary, proposed, or final regulation relating to the internal revenue laws shall apply to any taxable period ending before the earliest of the following dates:

**(A)** The date on which such regulation is filed with the Federal Register.

**(B)** In the case of any final regulation, the date on which any proposed or temporary regulation to which such final regulation relates was filed with the Federal Register.

**(C)** The date on which any notice substantially describing the expected contents of any temporary, proposed, or final regulation is issued to the public.

**(2) Exception for promptly issued regulations**

Paragraph (1) shall not apply to regulations filed or issued within 18 months of the date of the enactment of the statutory provision to which the regulation relates.

**(3) Prevention of abuse**

The Secretary may provide that any regulation may take effect or apply retroactively to prevent abuse.

**(4) Correction of procedural defects**

The Secretary may provide that any regulation may apply retroactively to correct a procedural defect in the issuance of any prior regulation.

**(5) Internal regulations**

The limitation of paragraph (1) shall not apply to any regulation relating to internal Treasury Department policies, practices, or procedures.

**(6) Congressional authorization**

The limitation of paragraph (1) may be superseded by a legislative grant from Congress authorizing the Secretary to prescribe the effective date with respect to any regulation.

**(7) Election to apply retroactively**

The Secretary may provide for any taxpayer to elect to apply any regulation before the dates specified in paragraph (1).

**(8) Application to rulings**

The Secretary may prescribe the extent, if any, to which any ruling (including any judicial decision or any administrative determination other than by regulation) relating to the internal revenue laws shall be applied without retroactive effect.

**(c) Preparation and distribution of regulations, forms, stamps, and other matters**

The Secretary shall prepare and distribute all the instructions, regulations, directions, forms, blanks, stamps, and other matters pertaining to the assessment and collection of internal revenue.

**(d) Manner of making elections prescribed by Secretary**

Except to the extent otherwise provided by this title, any election under this title shall be made at such time and in such manner as the Secretary shall prescribe.

**(e) Temporary regulations**

**(1) Issuance**

Any temporary regulation issued by the Secretary shall also be issued as a proposed regulation.

**(2) 3-year duration**

Any temporary regulation shall expire within 3 years after the date of issuance of such regulation.

**(f) Review of impact of regulations on small business**

**(1) Submissions to Small Business Administration**

After publication of any proposed or temporary regulation by the Secretary, the Secretary shall submit such regulation to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration for comment on the impact of such regulation on small business. Not later than the date 4 weeks after the date of such submission, the Chief Counsel for Advocacy shall submit comments on such regulation to the Secretary.

**(2) Consideration of comments**

In prescribing any final regulation which supersedes a proposed or temporary regulation which had been submitted under this subsection to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration -

**(A)** the Secretary shall consider the comments of the Chief Counsel for Advocacy on such proposed or temporary regulation, and

**(B)** the Secretary shall discuss any response to such comments in the preamble of such final regulation.

**(3) Submission of certain final regulations**

In the case of the promulgation by the Secretary of any final regulation (other than a temporary regulation) which does not supersede a proposed regulation, the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2) shall apply; except that -

**(A)** the submission under paragraph (1) shall be made at least 4 weeks before the date of such promulgation, and

**(B)** the consideration (and discussion) required under paragraph (2) shall be made in connection with the promulgation of such final regulation

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### **§ 28.20 Alternate methods or procedures; and emergency variations from requirements.**

(a) *Alternate methods or procedures -- (1) Application.* An exporter, after receiving approval from the appropriate TTB officer, may use an alternate method or procedure (including alternate construction or equipment) in lieu of a method or procedure prescribed by this part. An exporter wishing to use an alternate method or procedure may apply to the appropriate TTB officer. The exporter shall describe the proposed alternate method or procedure and shall set forth the reasons for its use.

(2) *Approval by appropriate TTB officer.* The appropriate TTB officer may approve the use of an alternate method or procedure if:

- (i) The applicant shows good cause for its use;
- (ii) It is consistent with the purpose and effect of the procedure prescribed by this part, and provides equal security to the revenue;
- (iii) It is not contrary to law; and
- (iv) It will not cause an increase in cost to the Government and will not hinder the effective administration of this part.

(3) *Exceptions.* The appropriate TTB officer will not authorize an alternate method or procedure relating to the giving of a bond or the payment of tax.

(4) *Conditions of approval.* An exporter may not employ an alternate method or procedure until the appropriate TTB officer has approved its use. The exporter shall, during the terms of the authorization of an alternate method or procedure, comply with the terms of the approved application.

(b) *Emergency variations from requirements -- (1) Application.* When an emergency exists, an exporter may apply to the appropriate TTB officer for a variation from the requirements of this part relating to construction, equipment, and methods of operation. The exporter shall describe the proposed variation and set forth the reasons for using it.

(2) *Approval by appropriate TTB officer.* The appropriate TTB officer may approve an emergency variation from requirements if:

- (i) An emergency exists;
- (ii) The variation from the requirements is necessary;

(iii) It will afford the same security and protection to the revenue as intended by the specific regulations;

(iv) It will not hinder the effective administration of this part; and

(v) It is not contrary to law.

(3) *Conditions of approval.* An exporter may not employ an emergency variation from the requirements until the appropriate TTB officer has approved its use. Approval of variations from requirements are conditioned upon compliance with the conditions and limitations set forth in the approval.

(4) *Automatic termination of approval.* If the exporter fails to comply in good faith with the procedures, conditions or limitations set forth in the approval, authority for the variation from requirements is automatically terminated and the exporter is required to comply with prescribed requirements of regulations from which those variations were authorized.

(c) *Withdrawal of approval.* If the appropriate TTB officer finds the revenue is jeopardized or the effective administration of this part is hindered by the approval, such TTB officer may withdraw approval for an alternate method or procedure or for an emergency variation from requirements, approved under paragraph (a) or (b) of this section.

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