

§ 6805. Redemption of stamps**(a) Authorization**

The Secretary, subject to regulations prescribed by him, may, upon receipt of satisfactory evidence of the facts, make allowance for or redeem such of the stamps, issued under authority of any internal revenue law, as may have been spoiled, destroyed, or rendered useless or unfit for the purpose intended, or for which the owner may have no use.

(b) Method and conditions of allowance

Such allowance or redemption may be made, either by giving other stamps in lieu of the stamps so allowed for or redeemed, or by refunding the amount or value to the owner thereof, deducting therefrom, in case of repayment, the percentage, if any, allowed to the purchaser thereof; but no allowance or redemption shall be made in any case until the stamps so spoiled or rendered useless shall have been returned to the Secretary, or until satisfactory proof has been made showing the reason why the same cannot be returned; or, if so required by the Secretary, when the person presenting the same cannot satisfactorily trace the history of said stamps from their issuance to the presentation of his claim as aforesaid.

(c) Time for filing claims

No claim for the redemption of, or allowance for, stamps shall be allowed under this section unless presented within 3 years after the purchase of such stamps from the Government.

(d) Finality of decisions

The findings of fact in and the decision of the Secretary upon the merits of any claim presented under or authorized by this section shall, in the absence of fraud or mistake in mathematical calculation, be final and not subject to revision by any accounting officer.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 830; Pub. L. 85-859, title I, §165(b), (c), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1313; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834.)

AMENDMENTS

1976—Pub. L. 94-455 struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary” wherever appearing.

1958—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 85-859, §165(b), struck out provisions which authorized the Secretary to make allowances for or redeem stamps which through mistake may have been improperly or unnecessarily used, or where the rates or duties represented thereby have been excessive in amount, paid in error, or in any manner wrongfully collected.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 85-859, §165(c), inserted “under this section” after “shall be allowed”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1958 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 85-859 effective on first day of first calendar quarter which begins more than 60 days after Sept. 2, 1958, see section 1(c) of Pub. L. 85-859.

§ 6806. Occupational tax stamps

Every person engaged in any business, avocation, or employment, who is thereby made liable to a special tax (other than a special tax under subchapter B of chapter 35, under subchapter B of chapter 36, or under subtitle E) shall place and keep conspicuously in his establishment or

place of business all stamps denoting payment of such special tax.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 831; Pub. L. 89-44, title VI, §601(e), June 21, 1965, 79 Stat. 155; Pub. L. 90-618, title II, §204, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1235.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Subchapter B of chapter 36, referred to in text, was repealed by Pub. L. 95-600, title V, §521(b), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2884.

AMENDMENTS

1968—Pub. L. 90-618 substituted “Occupational tax stamps” for “Posting occupational tax stamps” in section catchline, and substituted provisions that every person liable for a special tax (other than a special tax under subchapter B of chapter 35, under subchapter B of chapter 36, or under subtitle E of this title) conspicuously place and keep in his place of business all stamps denoting payment of such special tax for provisions that every person liable for a special tax conspicuously place and keep in his place or business all stamps denoting payment of said special tax, provisions that authorized the Secretary or his delegate to require that the stamps denoting the payment of the special tax imposed by section 4461 of this title be posted on or in each device so that it will be visible to any person operating the device, and provisions that every person liable for the special tax under section 4411 of this title place the stamp denoting payment of such special tax in a conspicuous place in his place of business, or, if he has no such place of business, to keep such stamp on his person.

1965—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 89-44 struck out “amusement and” after “Coin-operated” in heading.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1968 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 90-618 effective Oct. 22, 1968, see section 207 of Pub. L. 90-618, set out as an Effective Date note under section 5801 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1965 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 89-44 to take effect in a manner consistent with effective date of change of tax provision to which related, see section 701(e) of Pub. L. 89-44, set out as a note under section 6103 of this title.

§ 6807. Stamping, marking, and branding seized goods

If any article of manufacture or produce requiring brands, stamps, or marks of whatever kind to be placed thereon, is sold upon levy, forfeiture (except as provided in section 5688 with respect to distilled spirits), or other process provided by law, the same not having been branded, stamped, or marked, as required by law, the officer selling the same shall, upon sale thereof, fix or cause to be affixed the brands, stamps, or marks so required.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 831.)

§ 6808. Special provisions relating to stamps**For special provisions on stamps relating to—**

- (1) **Distilled spirits and fermented liquors, see chapter 51.**
- (2) **Machine guns and short-barrelled firearms, see chapter 53.**
- (3) **Tobacco, snuff, cigars and cigarettes, see chapter 52.**

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 831; Pub. L. 88-36, title II, §201(d), June 4, 1963, 77 Stat. 54; Pub. L. 89-44, title VI, §601(f), June 21, 1965, 79 Stat. 155;