brewer to file a claim for relief from the tax and submit proof as to the cause of such loss. In every case where it appears that the loss was by theft, the first sentence shall not apply unless the brewer establishes to the satisfaction of the Secretary that such theft occurred before removal from the brewery and occurred without connivance, collusion, fraud, or negligence on the part of the brewer, consignor, consignee,

bailee, or carrier, or the employees or agents of any of them.

# (c) Beer received at a distilled spirits plant

Any tax paid by any brewer on beer removed for consumption or sale may be refunded or credited to the brewer, without interest, or if the tax has not been paid, the brewer may be relieved of liability therefor, under regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, if such beer is received on the bonded premises of a distilled spirits plant pursuant to the provisions of section 5222(b)(2), for use in the production of distilled spirits.

## (d) Limitations

No claim under this section shall be allowed (1) unless filed within 6 months after the date of the return, loss, destruction, rendering unmerchantable, or receipt on the bonded premises of a distilled spirits plant or (2) if the claimant was indemnified by insurance or otherwise in respect of the tax.

(Added Pub. L. 85-859, title II, §201, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1335; amended Pub. L. 91-673, §1(a), Jan. 12, 1971, 84 Stat. 2056; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834; Pub. L. 105-34, title XIV, §1414(c), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 1047; Pub. L. 105-206, title VI, §6014(a)(3), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 820.)

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5056, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 613, related to "drawback of tax" prior to the general revision of this chapter by Pub. L. 85-859. See section 5055 of this title.

A prior section 5057, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 613, related to refund and credit of tax or relief from liability, prior to the general revision of this chapter by Pub. L. 85-859.

#### Amendments

1998—Subsecs. (a) to (c). Pub. L. 105-206 substituted "removed for consumption or sale" for "produced in the United States".

1997—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105–34, 1414(c)(1), added subsec. (c). Former subsec. (c) redesignated (d).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 105–34 redesignated subsec. (c) as (d) and substituted "rendering unmerchantable, or receipt on the bonded premises of a distilled spirits plant" for "or rendering unmerchantable".

1976—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 94-455 struck out "or his delegate" after "Secretary" wherever appearing. 1971—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 91-673 inserted provision

1971—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 91-673 inserted provision permitting credit or refund of tax if the beer is returned to any brewery of the brewer who paid the tax, and provided for offset or deduction against amount of beer removed from the brewery on the day of return if the beer is returned to the same brewery from which it was withdrawn.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 91-673 inserted provisions for credit or refund or relief from liability of tax when the beer is lost by theft or otherwise or rendered unmerchantable by fire, casualty or act of God, before the transfer of title to any other party, and required the brewer to file claim for relief from the tax and submit proof of the cause of the loss, and in the case of theft, to further prove that such theft occurred before removal from the brewery and without connivance, collusion, fraud, or negligence on the part of the brewer, consignor, consignee, bailee, or carrier, or the employees or agents of any of them.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 91-673 substantially reenacted subsec. (c) to reflect changes in subsec. (b).

## Effective Date of 1998 Amendment

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-206 effective, except as otherwise provided, as if included in the provisions of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, Pub. L. 105-34, to which such amendment relates, see section 6024 of Pub. L. 105-206, set out as a note under section 1 of this title.

### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1997 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-34 effective on the 1st day of the 1st calendar quarter that begins at least 180 days after Aug. 5, 1997, see section 1414(d) of Pub. L. 105-34, set out as a note under section 5053 of this title.

## Effective Date of 1971 Amendment

Pub. L. 91–673, §5, Jan. 12, 1971, 84 Stat. 2058, provided that: "The amendments made by the first four sections of this Act [enacting section 5417 of this title and amending this section and sections 5052, 5053, 5401, 5402, 5411, 5412, and 5416 of this title] shall take effect on the first day of the first calendar month which begins more than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Jan. 12, 1971]."

#### SUBPART E-GENERAL PROVISIONS

- Sec. 5061. Method of collecting tax.
- 5062. Refund and drawback in case of exportation.
- [5063. Repealed.]
- 5064. Losses resulting from disaster, vandalism, or malicious mischief.
- 5065. Territorial extent of law.
- 5066. Distilled spirits for use of foreign embassies, legations, etc.
- 5067. Cross reference.

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior subpart E, comprising sections 5061 to 5065, related to general provisions, prior to the general revision of this chapter by Pub. L. 85-859, title II, §201, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1313.

## Amendments

1978—Pub. L. 95-423, §1(b), Oct. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 936, substituted "Losses resulting from disaster, vandalism, or malicious mischief" for "Losses caused by disaster" in item 5064.

1971—Pub. L. 91-659, 3(b), Jan. 8, 1971, 84 Stat. 1966, added item 5066 and redesignated former item 5066 as 5067.

1965—Pub. L. 89-44, title V, §501(e), June 21, 1965, 79 Stat. 150, struck out item 5063 "Floor stocks tax refunds on distilled spirits, wines, cordials, and beer".

# § 5061. Method of collecting tax

# (a) Collection by return

The taxes on distilled spirits, wines, and beer shall be collected on the basis of a return. The Secretary shall, by regulation, prescribe the period or event for which such return shall be filed, the time for filing such return, the information to be shown in such return, and the time for payment of such tax.

## (b) Exceptions

Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), any taxes imposed on, or amounts to be paid or collected in respect of, distilled spirits, wines, and beer under—