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(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 716; Pub. L. 85-859, title II, § 202, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1424; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, § 1905(b)(7)(B)(i), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1823.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1976—Pub. L. 94-455 struck out reference to stamps in the section catchline and in the text and struck out provisions which had enumerated violations involving the misuse of tax stamps.

1958—Pub. L. 85-859 included marks and notices in the catchline, limited the penalties to cases where there is intent to defraud the United States, and prohibited the destruction, obliteration, or detachment of any mark, label, notice or stamp before a package of tobacco products or cigarette papers or tubes is emptied.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 94-455 effective on first day of first month which begins more than 90 days after Oct. 4, 1976, see section 1905(d) of Pub. L. 94-455, set out as a note under section 5005 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1958 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 85-859 effective Sept. 3, 1958, see section 210(a)(1) of Pub. L. 85-859, set out as an Effective Date note under section 5001 of this title.

### § 5753. Disposal of forfeited, condemned, and abandoned tobacco products, and cigarette papers and tubes

If it appears that any forfeited, condemned, or abandoned tobacco products, or cigarette papers and tubes, when offered for sale, will not bring a price equal to the tax due and payable thereon, and the expenses incident to the sale thereof, such articles shall not be sold for consumption in the United States but shall be disposed of in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary shall prescribe.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 716; Pub. L. 85-859, title II, § 202, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1425; Pub. L. 89-44, title V, § 502(b)(11), June 21, 1965, 79 Stat. 152; 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”.

1965—Pub. L. 89-44 struck out references to tobacco materials wherever appearing in heading and text.

1958—Pub. L. 85-859 substituted “tobacco products, cigarette papers and tubes” for “articles” wherever appearing.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1965 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 89-44 applicable on and after January 1, 1966, see section 701(d) of Pub. L. 89-44, set out as a note under section 5701 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1958 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 85-859 effective Sept. 3, 1958, see section 210(a)(1) of Pub. L. 85-859, set out as an Effective Date note under section 5001 of this title.

### § 5754. Restriction on importation of previously exported tobacco products

#### (a) Export-labeled tobacco products

##### (1) In general

Tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes manufactured in the United States and labeled for exportation under this chapter—

(A) may be transferred to or removed from the premises of a manufacturer or an export warehouse proprietor only if such articles are being transferred or removed without tax in accordance with section 5704;

(B) may be imported or brought into the United States, after their exportation, only if such articles either are eligible to be released from customs custody with the partial duty exemption provided in section 5704(d) or are returned to the original manufacturer of such article as provided in section 5704(c); and

(C) may not be sold or held for sale for domestic consumption in the United States unless such articles are removed from their export packaging and repackaged by the original manufacturer into new packaging that does not contain an export label.

#### (2) Alterations by persons other than original manufacturer

This section shall apply to articles labeled for export even if the packaging or the appearance of such packaging to the consumer of such articles has been modified or altered by a person other than the original manufacturer so as to remove or conceal or attempt to remove or conceal (including by the placement of a sticker over) any export label.

#### (3) Exports include shipments to Puerto Rico

For purposes of this section, section 5704(d), section 5761, and such other provisions as the Secretary may specify by regulations, references to exportation shall be treated as including a reference to shipment to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

#### (b) Export label

For purposes of this section, an article is labeled for export or contains an export label if it bears the mark, label, or notice required under section 5704(b).

#### (c) Cross references

(1) For exception to this section for personal use, see section 5761(d).

(2) For civil penalties related to violations of this section, see section 5761(c).

(3) For a criminal penalty applicable to any violation of this section, see section 5762(b).

(4) For forfeiture provisions related to violations of this section, see section 5761(e).

(Added Pub. L. 105-33, title IX, § 9302(h)(1)(E)(i), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 673; amended Pub. L. 106-476, title IV, § 4002(a), Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2176; Pub. L. 109-432, div. C, title IV, § 401(f)(2)(B), Dec. 20, 2006, 120 Stat. 3050.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 109-432 substituted “5761(d)” for “5761(c)”.

2000—Pub. L. 106-476 reenacted section catchline without change and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes previously exported from the United States may be imported or brought into the United States only as provided in section 5704(d). For purposes of this section, section 5704(d), section 5761, and such other provisions as the Secretary may specify by regulations, references to exportation shall be treated as including a reference to shipment to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

“(b) CROSS REFERENCE.—

“**For penalty for the sale of tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes in the United States which are labeled for export, see section 5761(c).**”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 109-432 applicable with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after Dec. 20, 2006, see section 401(g) of Pub. L. 109-432, set out as a note under section 1681 of Title 19, Customs Duties.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2000 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 106-476 effective 90 days after Nov. 9, 2000, see section 4002(d) of Pub. L. 106-476, set out as a note under section 5704 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section applicable to articles removed, as defined in section 5702(j) of this title, after Dec. 31, 1999, with transition rule, see section 9302(i) of Pub. L. 105-33, set out as an Effective Date of 1997 Amendment note under section 5701 of this title.

**Subchapter G—Penalties and Forfeitures**

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AMENDMENTS

1987—Pub. L. 100-203, title X, §10512(f)(1), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1330-449, redesignated subchapter F as G.

1965—Pub. L. 89-44, title V, §502(b)(7), June 21, 1965, 79 Stat. 151, redesignated subchapter G as F. Former subchapter F redesignated E.

1958—Pub. L. 85-859, title II, §202, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1425, substituted “Penalties and Forfeitures” for “Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures” in subchapter heading.

**§ 5761. Civil penalties**

**(a) Omitting things required or doing things forbidden**

Whoever willfully omits, neglects, or refuses to comply with any duty imposed upon him by this chapter, or to do, or cause to be done, any of the things required by this chapter, or does anything prohibited by this chapter, shall in addition to any other penalty provided in this title, be liable to a penalty of \$1,000, to be recovered, with costs of suit, in a civil action, except where a penalty under subsection (b) or (c) or under section 6651 or 6653 or part II of subchapter A of chapter 68 may be collected from such person by assessment.

**(b) Failure to pay tax**

Whoever fails to pay any tax imposed by this chapter at the time prescribed by law or regulations, shall, in addition to any other penalty provided in this title, be liable to a penalty of 5 percent of the tax due but unpaid.

**(c) Sale of tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes for export**

Except as provided in subsections (b) and (d) of section 5704—

(1) every person who sells, relands, or receives within the jurisdiction of the United States any tobacco products or cigarette papers or tubes which have been labeled or shipped for exportation under this chapter,

(2) every person who sells or receives such relanded tobacco products or cigarette papers or tubes, and

(3) every person who aids or abets in such selling, relanding, or receiving,

shall, in addition to the tax and any other penalty provided in this title, be liable for a penalty equal to the greater of \$1,000 or 5 times the amount of the tax imposed by this chapter. All tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes relanded within the jurisdiction of the United States shall be forfeited to the United States and destroyed. All vessels, vehicles, and aircraft used in such relanding or in removing such products, papers, and tubes from the place where relanded, shall be forfeited to the United States. This subsection and section 5754 shall not apply to any person who relands or receives tobacco products in the quantity allowed entry free of tax and duty under subchapter IV of chapter 98 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States. No quantity of tobacco products other than the quantity referred to in the preceding sentence may be relanded or received as a personal use quantity.

**(d) Personal use quantities**

**(1) In general**

No quantity of tobacco products other than the quantity referred to in paragraph (2) may be relanded or received as a personal use quantity.

**(2) Exception for personal use quantity**

Subsection (c) and section 5754 shall not apply to any person who relands or receives tobacco products in the quantity allowed entry free of tax and duty under chapter 98 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, and such person may voluntarily relinquish to the Secretary at the time of entry any excess of such quantity without incurring the penalty under subsection (c).

**(3) Special rule for delivery sales**

**(A) In general**

Paragraph (2) shall not apply to any tobacco product sold in connection with a delivery sale.

**(B) Delivery sale**

For purposes of subparagraph (A), the term “delivery sale” means any sale of a tobacco product to a consumer if—

(i) the consumer submits the order for such sale by means of a telephone or other method of voice transmission, the mail, or the Internet or other online service, or the seller is otherwise not in the physical presence of the buyer when the request for purchase or order is made, or

(ii) the tobacco product is delivered by use of a common carrier, private delivery service, or the mail, or the seller is not in the physical presence of the buyer when the buyer obtains personal possession of the tobacco product.

**(e) Applicability of section 6665**

The penalties imposed by subsections (b) and (c) shall be assessed, collected, and paid in the same manner as taxes, as provided in section 6665(a).

**(f) Cross references**

**For penalty for failure to make deposits or for overstatement of deposits, see section 6656.**