\$\$1905(b)(6)(C), 1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1823, 1834; Pub. L. 98–369, div. A, title IV, <math display="inline">\$451(b)(1), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 819.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5179, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 631, related to "survey of distillery", prior to the general revision of this chapter by Pub. L. 85-859.

Provisions similar to those comprising this section were contained in prior sections 5174 and 5275(2), act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 630, 651, prior to the general revision of this chapter by Pub. L. 85–859.

#### AMENDMENTS

1984—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 98–369 substituted "notification to set up a still, boiler, or other vessel for distilling, see section 5101(a)(2)" for "permit to set up a still, boiler or other vessel for distilling, see section 5105".

1976—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94–455, \$1906(b)(13)(A), struck out "or his delegate" after "Secretary".

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 94-455, \$1905(b)(6)(C), struck out ", 5601(b)(1)," after "5601(a)(1)".

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98–369 effective on first day of first calendar month which begins more than 90 days after July 18, 1984, see section 456(a) of Pub. L. 98–369, set out as an Effective Date note under section 5101 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 1905(b)(6)(C) of 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.

#### §5180. Signs

# (a) Requirements

Every person engaged in distilled spirits operations shall place and keep conspicuously on the outside of his place of business a sign showing the name of such person and denoting the business, or businesses, in which engaged. The sign required by this subsection shall be in such form and contain such information as the Secretary shall by regulations prescribe.

# (b) Penalty

For penalty and forfeiture relating to failure to post sign or improperly posting such sign, see section 5681.

(Added Pub. L. 85–859, title II, §201, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1355; amended Pub. L. 94–455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834; Pub. L. 96–39, title VIII, §807(a)(19), July 26, 1979, 93 Stat. 283.)

# PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5180, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 632, consisted of provisions similar to those comprising this section, prior to the general revision of this chapter by Pub. L. 85–859.

Provisions similar to those comprising this section were contained in prior section 5274, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 651, prior to the general revision of this chapter by Pub. L. 85–859.

# AMENDMENTS

1979—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 96-39 substituted "distilled spirits operation" for "distilling, bonded warehousing, rectifying, or bottling of distilled spirits".

1976—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-455 struck out "or his delegate" after "Secretary".

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1979 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96–39 effective Jan. 1, 1980, see section 810 of Pub. L. 96–39, set out as a note under section 5001 of this title.

## §5181. Distilled spirits for fuel use

#### (a) In general

# (1) Purposes for which plant may be established

On such application and bond and in such manner as the Secretary may prescribe by regulation, a person may establish a distilled spirits plant solely for the purpose of—

- (A) producing, processing, and storing, and
- (B) using or distributing,

distilled spirits to be used exclusively for fuel use.

## (2) Regulations

In prescribing regulations under paragraph (1) and in carrying out the provisions of this section, the Secretary shall, to the greatest extent possible, take steps to—

- (A) expedite all applications;
- (B) establish a minimum bond; and
- (C) generally encourage and promote (through regulation or otherwise) the production of alcohol for fuel purposes.

#### (b) Authority to exempt

The Secretary may by regulation provide for the waiver of any provision of this chapter (other than this section or any provision requiring the payment of tax) for any distilled spirits plant described in subsection (a) if the Secretary finds it necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

# (c) Special rules for small plant production

# (1) Applications

## (A) In general

An application for an operating permit for an eligible distilled spirits plant shall be in such a form and manner, and contain such information, as the Secretary may by regulations prescribe; except that the Secretary shall, to the greatest extent possible, take steps to simplify the application so as to expedite the issuance of such permits.

### (B) Receipt of application

Within 15 days of receipt of an application under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall send a written notice of receipt to the applicant, together with a statement as to whether the application meets the requirements of subparagraph (A). If such a notice is not sent and the applicant has a receipt indicating that the Secretary has received an application, paragraph (2) shall apply as if a written notice required by the preceding sentence, together with a statement that the application meets the requirements of subparagraph (A), had been sent on the 15th day after the date the Secretary received the application.

## (C) Multiple applications

If more than one application is submitted with respect to any eligible distilled spirits plant in any calendar quarter, the provisions