

spirits, wines, or beer prior to commencement of suit thereon, or the authority of the Secretary to compromise any claim under the customs laws in respect to such distilled spirits, wines, or beer.

**(b) Distraint or judicial process**

Except as provided in section 5243, all distilled spirits sold by order of court, or under process of distraint, shall be sold subject to tax; and the purchaser shall immediately, and before he takes possession of said spirits, pay the tax thereon, pursuant to the applicable provisions of this chapter and in accordance with regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary.

**(c) Release of seized vessels or vehicles by courts**

Notwithstanding any provisions of law relating to the return on bond of any vessel or vehicle seized for the violation of any law of the United States, the court having jurisdiction of the subject matter may, in its discretion and upon good cause shown by the United States, refuse to order such return of any such vessel or vehicle to the claimant thereof. As used in this subsection, the word "vessel" includes every description of watercraft used, or capable of being used, as a means of transportation in water or in water and air; and the word "vehicle" includes every animal and description of carriage or other contrivance used, or capable of being used, as a means of transportation on land or through the air.

(Added Pub. L. 85-859, title II, §201, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1412; amended Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5688, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 701, consisted of provisions similar to those comprising this section, prior to the general revision of this chapter by Pub. L. 85-859.

AMENDMENTS

1976—Subsecs. (a)(5), (b). Pub. L. 94-455 struck out "or his delegate" after "Secretary" wherever appearing.

**[§ 5689. Repealed. Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, § 1905(b)(2)(E)(i), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1822]**

Section, added Pub. L. 85-859, title II, §201, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1413, provided for penalty and forfeiture for tampering with a stamp machine.

A prior section 5689, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 702, related to penalty and forfeiture for tampering with a stamp machine, prior to the general revision of this chapter by Pub. L. 85-859.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal 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 an Effective Date of 1976 Amendment note under section 5005 of this title.

**§ 5690. Definition of the term "person"**

The term "person", as used in this subchapter, includes an officer or employee of a corporation or a member or employee of a partnership, who as such officer, employee, or member is under a duty to perform the act in respect of which the violation occurs.

(Added Pub. L. 85-859, title II, §201, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1413.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5690, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 702, consisted of provisions similar to those comprising this section, prior to the general revision of this chapter by Pub. L. 85-859.

[PART V—REPEALED]

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior part V consisted of sections 5691 to 5693, prior to the general revision of this chapter by Pub. L. 85-859, title II, §201, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1313.

**[§ 5691. Repealed. Pub. L. 109-59, title XI, § 11125(b)(19)(A), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1956]**

Section, added Pub. L. 85-859, title II, §201, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1413; amended Pub. L. 96-39, title VIII, §807(a)(60), July 26, 1979, 93 Stat. 290; Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title IV, §451(b)(3), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 819; Pub. L. 100-203, title X, §10512(a)(1)(B)(i), (ii), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1330-447, 1330-448, related to penalties for nonpayment of special taxes.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5691, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 702, related to penalties for willful nonpayment of special taxes and forfeitures for nonpayment of special taxes relating to liquors, prior to the general revision of this chapter by Pub. L. 85-859.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective July 1, 2008, but inapplicable to taxes imposed for periods before such date, see section 11125(c) of Pub. L. 109-59, set out as an Effective Date of 2005 Amendment note under section 5002 of this title.

**[§ 5692. Repealed. Pub. L. 90-618, title II, § 206(a), Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1235]**

Section, added Pub. L. 85-859, title II, §201, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1413, set forth a cross reference to section 7273(a), relating to penalties for failure to post special tax stamps.

A prior section 5692, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 703, related to penalty relating to records of retail liquor dealers, prior to the general revision of this chapter by Pub. L. 85-859, title II, §201, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1313.

A prior section 5693, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 703, consisted of provisions similar to those comprising section 5692, prior to the general revision of this chapter by Pub. L. 85-859.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal 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.

**CHAPTER 52—TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND CIGARETTE PAPERS AND TUBES**

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1997—Pub. L. 105-33, title IX, §9302(g)(3)(C), (h)(2)(D), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 673, 674, amended chapter heading generally, substituting “TOBACCO PRODUCTS” for “CIGARS, CIGARETTES, SMOKELESS TOBACCO, PIPE TOBACCO,” and inserted “and importers” after “manufacturers” in item for subchapter B.

1988—Pub. L. 100-647, title V, §5061(c)(3), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3680, inserted “PIPE TOBACCO,” after “SMOKELESS TOBACCO,” in chapter heading.

1987—Pub. L. 100-203, title X, §10512(f)(2), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1330-449, added item for subchapter D and redesignated items for former subchapters D, E, and F as E, F, and G, respectively.

1986—Pub. L. 99-272, title XIII, §13202(b)(1), Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 311, inserted “SMOKELESS TOBACCO,” after “CIGARETTES,” in chapter heading.

1976—Pub. L. 94-455, title XXI, §2128(d)(2), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1921, substituted “manufacturers and importers” for “manufacturers” in item for subchapter D.

1965—Pub. L. 89-44, title V, §502(b)(1), (2), June 21, 1965, 79 Stat. 150, struck out “TOBACCO,” from chapter heading, reference to dealers in tobacco materials from heading of subchapter B, heading of subchapter D and redesignated subchapters E, F and G as D, E and F respectively, and struck out in heading of subchapter D (as redesignated) a reference to dealers in tobacco materials.

1958—Pub. L. 85-859, title II, §202, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1414, substituted “manufacturers of tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes, export warehouse proprietors, and” for “manufacturers of articles and” in heading of subchapters B and E, “manufacturers and importers of tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes and export warehouse proprietors” for “manufacturers of articles” in heading of subchapter C, and “Penalties and forfeitures” for “Fines, penalties and forfeitures” in heading of subchapter G.

**Subchapter A—Definitions; Rate and Payment of Tax; Exemption From Tax; and Refund and Drawback of Tax**

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[5707.	Repealed.]
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1965—Pub. L. 89-44, title V, §501(g), title VIII, §808(c)(2), June 21, 1965, 79 Stat. 150, 165, struck out item 5707 “Floor stocks refund on cigarettes” and inserted “Credit” before “refund” in item 5705.

1958—Pub. L. 85-859, title II, §202, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1414, added item 5708.

**§ 5701. Rate of tax**

**(a) Cigars**

On cigars, manufactured in or imported into the United States, there shall be imposed the following taxes:

**(1) Small cigars**

On cigars, weighing not more than 3 pounds per thousand, \$50.33 per thousand;

**(2) Large cigars**

On cigars weighing more than 3 pounds per thousand, a tax equal to 52.75 percent of the

price for which sold but not more than 40.26 cents per cigar.

Cigars not exempt from tax under this chapter which are removed but not intended for sale shall be taxed at the same rate as similar cigars removed for sale.

**(b) Cigarettes**

On cigarettes, manufactured in or imported into the United States, there shall be imposed the following taxes:

**(1) Small cigarettes**

On cigarettes, weighing not more than 3 pounds per thousand, \$50.33 per thousand;

**(2) Large cigarettes**

On cigarettes, weighing more than 3 pounds per thousand, \$105.69 per thousand; except that, if more than 6½ inches in length, they shall be taxable at the rate prescribed for cigarettes weighing not more than 3 pounds per thousand, counting each 2¾ inches, or fraction thereof, of the length of each as one cigarette.

**(c) Cigarette papers**

On cigarette papers, manufactured in or imported into the United States, there shall be imposed a tax of 3.15 cents for each 50 papers or fractional part thereof; except that, if cigarette papers measure more than 6½ inches in length, they shall be taxable at the rate prescribed, counting each 2¾ inches, or fraction thereof, of the length of each as one cigarette paper.

**(d) Cigarette tubes**

On cigarette tubes, manufactured in or imported into the United States, there shall be imposed a tax of 6.30 cents for each 50 tubes or fractional part thereof, except that if cigarette tubes measure more than 6½ inches in length, they shall be taxable at the rate prescribed, counting each 2¾ inches, or fraction thereof, of the length of each as one cigarette tube.

**(e) Smokeless tobacco**

On smokeless tobacco, manufactured<sup>1</sup> in or imported into the United States, there shall be imposed the following taxes:

**(1) Snuff**

On snuff, \$1.51 per pound and a proportionate tax at the like rate on all fractional parts of a pound.

**(2) Chewing tobacco**

On chewing tobacco, 50.33 cents per pound and a proportionate tax at the like rate on all fractional parts of a pound.

**(f) Pipe tobacco**

On pipe tobacco, manufactured in or imported into the United States, there shall be imposed a tax of \$2.8311 cents per pound (and a proportionate tax at the like rate on all fractional parts of a pound).

**(g) Roll-your-own tobacco**

On roll-your-own tobacco, manufactured in or imported into the United States, there shall be imposed a tax of \$24.78 per pound (and a proportionate tax at the like rate on all fractional parts of a pound).

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “manufactured”.