

SUBPART A—MOTOR AND AVIATION FUELS

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AMENDMENTS

2004—Pub. L. 108-357, title VIII, §853(d)(2)(S), Oct. 22, 2004, 118 Stat. 1614, substituted “Motor and Aviation Fuels” for “Gasoline and Diesel Fuel” in subpart heading.

1997—Pub. L. 105-34, title X, §1032(e)(3)(B), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 935, inserted “and kerosene” after “diesel fuel” in item 4082.

1993—Pub. L. 103-66, title XIII, §13242(a), Aug. 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 514, substituted “Gasoline and Diesel Fuel” for “Gasoline” in subpart heading and amended section analysis generally, substituting “Exemptions for diesel fuel” for “Definitions” in item 4082 and “Definitions; special rule; administrative authority” for “Cross references” in item 4083 and adding item 4084.

1986—Pub. L. 99-514, title XVII, §1703(a), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2774, struck out item 4083 “Exemption of sales to producer” and redesignated former item 4084 as 4083.

1956—Act June 29, 1956, ch. 462, title II, §208(e)(2), 70 Stat. 397, substituted “Cross references” for “Relief of farmers from tax in case of gasoline used on the farm” in item 4084.

Act Apr. 2, 1956, ch. 160, §4(a)(2), 70 Stat. 90, added item 4084.

§ 4081. Imposition of tax

(a) Tax imposed

(1) Tax on removal, entry, or sale

(A) In general

There is hereby imposed a tax at the rate specified in paragraph (2) on—

- (i) the removal of a taxable fuel from any refinery,
- (ii) the removal of a taxable fuel from any terminal,
- (iii) the entry into the United States of any taxable fuel for consumption, use, or warehousing, and
- (iv) the sale of a taxable fuel to any person who is not registered under section 4101 unless there was a prior taxable removal or entry of such fuel under clause (i), (ii), or (iii).

(B) Exemption for bulk transfers to registered terminals or refineries

(i) In general

The tax imposed by this paragraph shall not apply to any removal or entry of a taxable fuel transferred in bulk by pipeline or vessel to a terminal or refinery if the person removing or entering the taxable fuel, the operator of such pipeline or vessel (except as provided in clause (ii)), and the operator of such terminal or refinery are registered under section 4101.

(ii) Nonapplication of registration to vessel operators entering by deep-draft vessel

For purposes of clause (i), a vessel operator is not required to be registered with respect to the entry of a taxable fuel transferred in bulk by a vessel described in section 4042(c)(1).

(2) Rates of tax

(A) In general

The rate of the tax imposed by this section is—

- (i) in the case of gasoline other than aviation gasoline, 18.3 cents per gallon,
- (ii) in the case of aviation gasoline, 19.3 cents per gallon, and
- (iii) in the case of diesel fuel or kerosene, 24.3 cents per gallon.

(B) Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund tax

The rates of tax specified in subparagraph (A) shall each be increased by 0.1 cent per gallon. The increase in tax under this subparagraph shall in this title be referred to as the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund financing rate.

(C) Taxes imposed on fuel used in aviation

In the case of kerosene which is removed from any refinery or terminal directly into the fuel tank of an aircraft for use in aviation, the rate of tax under subparagraph (A)(iii) shall be—

- (i) in the case of use for commercial aviation by a person registered for such use under section 4101, 4.3 cents per gallon, and
- (ii) in the case of use for aviation not described in clause (i), 21.8 cents per gallon.

(D) Diesel-water fuel emulsion

In the case of diesel-water fuel emulsion at least 14 percent of which is water and with respect to which the emulsion additive is registered by a United States manufacturer with the Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to section 211 of the Clean Air Act (as in effect on March 31, 2003), subparagraph (A)(iii) shall be applied by substituting “19.7 cents” for “24.3 cents”. The preceding sentence shall not apply to the removal, sale, or use of diesel-water fuel emulsion unless the person so removing, selling, or using such fuel is registered under section 4101.

(3) Certain refueler trucks, tankers, and tank wagons treated as terminal

(A) In general

For purposes of paragraph (2)(C), a refueler truck, tanker, or tank wagon shall be treated as part of a terminal if—

- (i) such terminal is located within an airport,
- (ii) any kerosene which is loaded in such truck, tanker, or wagon at such terminal is for delivery only into aircraft at the airport in which such terminal is located,
- (iii) such truck, tanker, or wagon meets the requirements of subparagraph (B) with respect to such terminal, and
- (iv) except in the case of exigent circumstances identified by the Secretary in regulations, no vehicle registered for highway use is loaded with kerosene at such terminal.

(B) Requirements

A refueler truck, tanker, or tank wagon meets the requirements of this subparagraph