

**§ 5561. Exemptions to meet the requirements of the national defense**

The Secretary may temporarily exempt proprietors of distilled spirits plants from any provision of the internal revenue laws relating to distilled spirits, except those requiring payment of the tax thereon, whenever in his judgment it may seem expedient to do so to meet the requirements of the national defense. Whenever the Secretary shall exercise the authority conferred by this section he may prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to accomplish the purpose which caused him to grant the exemption.

(Added Pub. L. 85-859, title II, §201, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1397; amended Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834.)

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

Provisions similar to those comprising this section were contained in prior section 5217(b), act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 641, prior to the general revision of this chapter by Pub. L. 85-859.

**AMENDMENTS**

1976—Pub. L. 94-455 struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary” wherever appearing.

**§ 5562. Exemptions from certain requirements in cases of disaster**

Whenever the Secretary finds that it is necessary or desirable, by reason of disaster, to waive provisions of internal revenue law with regard to distilled spirits, he may temporarily exempt proprietors of distilled spirits plants from any provision of the internal revenue laws relating to distilled spirits, except those requiring payment of the tax thereon, to the extent he may deem necessary or desirable.

(Added Pub. L. 85-859, title II, §201, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1397; amended Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834.)

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

Provisions similar to those comprising this section were contained in prior section 5215, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 640, prior to the general revision of this chapter by Pub. L. 85-859.

**AMENDMENTS**

1976—Pub. L. 94-455 struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary”.

**Subchapter J—Penalties, Seizures, and Forfeitures Relating to Liquors**

- Part I. Penalty, seizure, and forfeiture provisions applicable to distilling, rectifying, and distilled and rectified products.
- II. Penalty and forfeiture provisions applicable to wine and wine production.
- III. Penalty, seizure, and forfeiture provisions applicable to beer and brewing.
- IV. Penalty, seizure, and forfeiture provisions common to liquors.
- [V. Repealed.]

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior subchapter J consisted of parts I to V, prior to the general revision of this chapter by Pub. L. 85-859, title II, §201, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1313.

**AMENDMENTS**

2005—Pub. L. 109-59, title XI, §11125(b)(19)(B), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1956, struck out item for part V “Penalties applicable to occupational taxes”.

**PART I—PENALTY, SEIZURE, AND FORFEITURE PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO DISTILLING, RECTIFYING, AND DISTILLED AND RECTIFIED PRODUCTS**

- Sec. 5601. Criminal penalties.
- 5602. Penalty for tax fraud by distiller.
- 5603. Penalty relating to records, returns, and reports.
- 5604. Penalties relating to marks, brands, and containers.
- 5605. Penalty relating to return of materials used in the manufacture of distilled spirits, or from which distilled spirits may be recovered.
- 5606. Penalty relating to containers of distilled spirits.
- 5607. Penalty and forfeiture for unlawful use, recovery, or concealment of denatured distilled spirits, or articles.
- 5608. Penalty and forfeiture for fraudulent claims for export drawback or unlawful relanding.
- 5609. Destruction of unregistered stills, distilling apparatus, equipment, and materials.
- 5610. Disposal of forfeited equipment and material for distilling.
- 5611. Release of distillery before judgment.
- 5612. Forfeiture of taxpaid distilled spirits remaining on bonded premises.
- 5613. Forfeiture of distilled spirits not closed, marked, or branded as required by law.
- 5614. Burden of proof in cases of seizure of spirits.
- 5615. Property subject to forfeiture.

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior part I consisted of sections 5601 to 5650, prior to the general revision of this chapter by Pub. L. 85-859, title II, §201, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1313.

**AMENDMENTS**

1984—Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title IV, §454(c)(11)(B), (12)(C), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 822, struck out “stamps,” in item 5604, and substituted “closed” for “stamped” in item 5613.

**§ 5601. Criminal penalties**

**(a) Offenses**

Any person who—

**(1) Unregistered stills**

has in his possession or custody, or under his control, any still or distilling apparatus set up which is not registered, as required by section 5179(a); or

**(2) Failure to file application**

engages in the business of a distiller or processor without having filed application for and received notice of registration, as required by section 5171(c); or

**(3) False or fraudulent application**

engages, or intends to engage, in the business of distiller, warehouseman, or processor of distilled spirits, and files a false or fraudulent application under section 5171; or

**(4) Failure or refusal of distiller, warehouseman, or processor to give bond**

carries on the business of a distiller, warehouseman, or processor without having given bond as required by law; or