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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages.

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Mr. PAULSEN (for himself, Mr. KIND, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. EMMER, and Mr. AMODEI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS; RULE OF**  
4 **CONSTRUCTION.**

5 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the  
6 “Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act of  
7 2017”.

8 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents of  
9 this Act is as follows:



1           (1) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-  
2           graph (5), and

3           (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-  
4           lowing new paragraph:

5           “(4) EXEMPTION FOR AGING PROCESS OF  
6           BEER, WINE, AND DISTILLED SPIRITS.—For pur-  
7           poses of this subsection, the production period shall  
8           not include the aging period for—

9                   “(A) beer (as defined in section 5052(a)),

10                   “(B) wine (as described in section  
11                   5041(a)), or

12                   “(C) distilled spirits (as defined in section  
13                   5002(a)(8)), except such spirits that are unfit  
14                   for use for beverage purposes.”.

15           (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Paragraph  
16           (5)(B)(ii) of section 263A(f) of the Internal Revenue Code  
17           of 1986, as redesignated by this section, is amended by  
18           inserting “except as provided in paragraph (4),” before  
19           “ending on the date”.

20           (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
21           this section shall apply to interest costs paid or incurred  
22           in taxable years ending on or after December 31, 2018.

**TITLE II—BEER****SEC. 201. REDUCED RATE OF EXCISE TAX ON BEER.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 5051(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—

“(A) IMPOSITION OF TAX.—A tax is hereby imposed on all beer brewed or produced, and removed for consumption or sale, within the United States, or imported into the United States. Except as provided in paragraph (2), the rate of such tax shall be—

“(i) \$16 on the first 6,000,000 barrels of beer—

“(I) brewed by the brewer and removed during the calendar year for consumption or sale, or

“(II) imported by the importer into the United States during the calendar year, and

“(ii) \$18 on any barrels of beer to which clause (i) does not apply.

“(B) BARREL.—For purposes of this section, a barrel shall contain not more than 31 gallons of beer, and any tax imposed under this

1 section shall be applied at a like rate for any  
2 other quantity or for fractional parts of a bar-  
3 rel.”.

4 (b) REDUCED RATE FOR CERTAIN DOMESTIC PRO-  
5 DUCTION.—Subparagraph (A) of section 5051(a)(2) of the  
6 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

7 (1) in the heading, by striking “\$7” and insert-  
8 ing “\$3.50”, and

9 (2) by striking “\$7” and inserting “\$3.50”.

10 (c) APPLICATION OF REDUCED TAX RATE FOR FOR-  
11 EIGN MANUFACTURERS AND IMPORTERS.—Subsection (a)  
12 of section 5051 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is  
13 amended—

14 (1) in subparagraph (A)(i)(II) of paragraph (1),  
15 as amended by subsection (a) of this section, by in-  
16 serting “but only if the importer is an electing im-  
17 porter under paragraph (4) and the barrels have  
18 been assigned to the importer pursuant to such  
19 paragraph” after “during the calendar year”, and

20 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
21 paragraph:

22 “(4) REDUCED TAX RATE FOR FOREIGN MANU-  
23 FACTURERS AND IMPORTERS.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any  
25 barrels of beer which have been brewed or pro-

1           duced outside of the United States and im-  
2           ported into the United States, the rate of tax  
3           applicable under clause (i) of paragraph (1)(A)  
4           (referred to in this paragraph as the ‘reduced  
5           tax rate’) may be assigned by the brewer (pro-  
6           vided that the brewer makes an election de-  
7           scribed in subparagraph (B)(ii)) to any electing  
8           importer of such barrels pursuant to the re-  
9           quirements established by the Secretary of the  
10          Treasury under subparagraph (B).

11           “(B) ASSIGNMENT.—The Secretary of the  
12          Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of  
13          Health and Human Services and the Secretary  
14          of the Department of Homeland Security, shall,  
15          through such rules, regulations, and procedures  
16          as are determined appropriate, establish proce-  
17          dures for assignment of the reduced tax rate  
18          provided under this paragraph, which shall in-  
19          clude—

20                   “(i) a limitation to ensure that the  
21                   number of barrels of beer for which the re-  
22                   duced tax rate has been assigned by a  
23                   brewer—

24                           “(I) to any importer does not ex-  
25                           ceed the number of barrels of beer

1 brewed or produced by such brewer  
2 during the calendar year which were  
3 imported into the United States by  
4 such importer, and

5 “(II) to all importers does not  
6 exceed the 6,000,000 barrels to which  
7 the reduced tax rate applies,

8 “(ii) procedures that allow the election  
9 of a brewer to assign and an importer to  
10 receive the reduced tax rate provided under  
11 this paragraph,

12 “(iii) requirements that the brewer  
13 provide any information as the Secretary  
14 determines necessary and appropriate for  
15 purposes of carrying out this paragraph,  
16 and

17 “(iv) procedures that allow for revoca-  
18 tion of eligibility of the brewer and the im-  
19 porter for the reduced tax rate provided  
20 under this paragraph in the case of any er-  
21 roneous or fraudulent information provided  
22 under clause (iii) which the Secretary  
23 deems to be material to qualifying for such  
24 reduced rate.

1           “(C) CONTROLLED GROUP.—For purposes  
2 of this section, any importer making an election  
3 described in subparagraph (B)(ii) shall be  
4 deemed to be a member of the controlled group  
5 of the brewer, as described under paragraph  
6 (5).”.

7           (d) CONTROLLED GROUP AND SINGLE TAXPAYER  
8 RULES.—Subsection (a) of section 5051 of the Internal  
9 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by this section, is  
10 amended—

11           (1) in paragraph (2)—

12                   (A) by striking subparagraph (B), and

13                   (B) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as  
14 subparagraph (B), and

15           (2) by adding at the end the following new  
16 paragraph:

17           “(5) CONTROLLED GROUP AND SINGLE TAX-  
18 PAYER RULES.—

19                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
20 subparagraph (B), in the case of a controlled  
21 group, the 6,000,000 barrel quantity specified  
22 in paragraph (1)(A)(i) and the 2,000,000 barrel  
23 quantity specified in paragraph (2)(A) shall be  
24 applied to the controlled group, and the  
25 6,000,000 barrel quantity specified in para-



1 graph (1)(A)(i) and the 60,000 barrel quantity  
2 specified in paragraph (2)(A) shall be appor-  
3 tioned among the brewers who are members of  
4 such group in such manner as the Secretary or  
5 his delegate shall by regulations prescribe. For  
6 purposes of the preceding sentence, the term  
7 ‘controlled group’ has the meaning assigned to  
8 it by subsection (a) of section 1563, except that  
9 for such purposes the phrase ‘more than 50  
10 percent’ shall be substituted for the phrase ‘at  
11 least 80 percent’ in each place it appears in  
12 such subsection. Under regulations prescribed  
13 by the Secretary or his delegate, principles simi-  
14 lar to the principles of the preceding two sen-  
15 tences shall be applied to a group of brewers  
16 under common control where one or more of the  
17 brewers is not a corporation.

18 “(B) FOREIGN MANUFACTURERS AND IM-  
19 PORTERS.—For purposes of paragraph (4), in  
20 the case of a controlled group, the 6,000,000  
21 barrel quantity specified in paragraph (1)(A)(i)  
22 shall be applied to the controlled group and ap-  
23 portioned among the members of such group in  
24 such manner as the Secretary or his delegate  
25 shall by regulations prescribe. For purposes of

1 the preceding sentence, the term ‘controlled  
2 group’ has the meaning given such term under  
3 subparagraph (A). Under regulations prescribed  
4 by the Secretary or his delegate, principles simi-  
5 lar to the principles of the preceding two sen-  
6 tences shall be applied to a group of brewers  
7 under common control where one or more of the  
8 brewers is not a corporation.

9 “(C) SINGLE TAXPAYER.—Pursuant to  
10 rules issued by the Secretary, two or more enti-  
11 ties (whether or not under common control)  
12 that produce beer marketed under a similar  
13 brand, license, franchise, or other arrangement  
14 shall be treated as a single taxpayer for pur-  
15 poses of the application of this subsection.”.

16 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),  
18 the amendments made by this section shall apply to  
19 beer removed after September 30, 2019.

20 (2) PRORATION.—For purposes of the fourth  
21 calendar quarter of 2019, the Secretary of the  
22 Treasury (or the Secretary’s delegate) shall issue  
23 such guidance, rules, or regulations as are deemed  
24 appropriate to provide that the amendments made

1 by this section are applied on a prorated basis for  
2 purposes of beer removed during such quarter.

3 **SEC. 202. USE OF WHOLESOME PRODUCTS SUITABLE FOR**  
4 **HUMAN FOOD CONSUMPTION IN THE PRO-**  
5 **DUCTION OF FERMENTED BEVERAGES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the date that is  
7 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
8 Secretary of the Treasury or the Secretary of the Treas-  
9 ury’s delegate shall amend subpart F of part 25 of sub-  
10 chapter A of chapter I of title 27, Code of Federal Regula-  
11 tions, to ensure that, for purposes of such part, wholesome  
12 fruits, vegetables, and spices suitable for human food con-  
13 sumption that are generally recognized as safe for use in  
14 an alcoholic beverage and that do not contain alcohol are  
15 generally recognized as a traditional ingredient in the pro-  
16 duction of fermented beverages.

17 (b) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the  
18 term “fruit” means whole fruit, fruit juices, fruit puree,  
19 fruit extract, or fruit concentrate.

20 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
21 tion shall be construed to revoke, prescribe, or limit any  
22 other exemptions from the formula requirements under  
23 subpart F of part 25 of subchapter A of chapter I of title  
24 27, Code of Federal Regulations, for any ingredient that  
25 has been recognized before, on, or after the date of the

1 enactment of this Act as a traditional ingredient in the  
2 production of fermented beverages.

3 **SEC. 203. SIMPLIFICATION OF RULES REGARDING**  
4 **RECORDS, STATEMENTS, AND RETURNS.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subsection (a) of section 5555 of  
6 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding  
7 at the end the following: “The Secretary shall permit a  
8 person to employ a unified system for any records, state-  
9 ments, and returns required to be kept, rendered, or made  
10 under this section for any beer produced in the brewery  
11 for which the tax imposed by section 5051 has been deter-  
12 mined, including any beer which has been removed for  
13 consumption on the premises of the brewery.”.

14 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
15 this section shall apply to any calendar quarters beginning  
16 more than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this  
17 Act.

18 **SEC. 204. TRANSFER OF BEER BETWEEN BONDED FACILI-**  
19 **TIES.**

20 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 5414 of the Internal Rev-  
21 enue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

22 **“SEC. 5414. TRANSFER OF BEER BETWEEN BONDED FACILI-**  
23 **TIES.**

24 “(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Beer may be removed from one  
25 brewery to another bonded brewery, without payment of

1 tax, and may be mingled with beer at the receiving brew-  
2 ery, subject to such conditions, including payment of the  
3 tax, and in such containers, as the Secretary by regula-  
4 tions shall prescribe, which shall include—

5           “(1) any removal from one brewery to another  
6 brewery belonging to the same brewer,

7           “(2) any removal from a brewery owned by one  
8 corporation to a brewery owned by another corpora-  
9 tion when—

10                   “(A) one such corporation owns the con-  
11 trolling interest in the other such corporation,  
12 or

13                   “(B) the controlling interest in each such  
14 corporation is owned by the same person or per-  
15 sons, and

16           “(3) any removal from one brewery to another  
17 brewery when—

18                   “(A) the proprietors of transferring and  
19 receiving premises are independent of each  
20 other and neither has a proprietary interest, di-  
21 rectly or indirectly, in the business of the other,  
22 and

23                   “(B) the transferor has divested itself of  
24 all interest in the beer so transferred and the



1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—There shall be allowed  
2 as a credit against any tax imposed by this title  
3 (other than chapters 2, 21, and 22) an amount  
4 equal to the sum of—

5                   “(i) \$1 per wine gallon on the first  
6 30,000 wine gallons of wine, plus

7                   “(ii) 90 cents per wine gallon on the  
8 first 100,000 wine gallons of wine to which  
9 clause (i) does not apply, plus

10                   “(iii) 53.5 cents per wine gallon on  
11 the first 620,000 wine gallons of wine to  
12 which clauses (i) and (ii) do not apply,

13 which are produced by the producer and re-  
14 moved during the calendar year for consump-  
15 tion or sale, or which are imported by the im-  
16 porter into the United States during the cal-  
17 endar year.

18           “(B) ADJUSTMENT OF CREDIT FOR HARD  
19 CIDER.—In the case of wine described in sub-  
20 section (b)(6), subparagraph (A) of this para-  
21 graph shall be applied—

22                   “(i) in clause (i) of such subpara-  
23 graph, by substituting ‘6.2 cents’ for ‘\$1’,

1 “(ii) in clause (ii) of such subpara-  
2 graph, by substituting ‘5.6 cents’ for ‘90  
3 cents’, and

4 “(iii) in clause (iii) of such subpara-  
5 graph, by substituting ‘3.3 cents’ for ‘53.5  
6 cents’.”,

7 (3) by striking paragraph (2),

8 (4) by redesignating paragraphs (3) through  
9 (7) as paragraphs (2) through (6), respectively, and

10 (5) by amending paragraph (6), as redesignated  
11 by paragraph (4) of this subsection, to read as fol-  
12 lows:

13 “(6) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary may pre-  
14 scribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry  
15 out the purposes of this subsection, including regula-  
16 tions to ensure proper calculation of the credit pro-  
17 vided in this subsection.”.

18 (b) CONTROLLED GROUP AND SINGLE TAXPAYER  
19 RULES.—Paragraph (3) of section 5041(c), as redesi-  
20 gnated by subsection (a)(4), is amended by striking “sec-  
21 tion 5051(a)(2)(B)” and inserting “section 5051(a)(5)”.

22 (c) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT FOR FOREIGN MANU-  
23 FACTURERS AND IMPORTERS.—Subsection (c) of section  
24 5041 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended  
25 by subsection (a), is amended—



1           (1) in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1), by  
2           inserting “but only if the importer is an electing im-  
3           porter under paragraph (6) and the wine gallons of  
4           wine have been assigned to the importer pursuant to  
5           such paragraph” after “into the United States dur-  
6           ing the calendar year”,

7           (2) by redesignating paragraph (6) as para-  
8           graph (7), and

9           (3) by inserting after paragraph (5) the fol-  
10          lowing new paragraph:

11          “(6) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT FOR FOREIGN  
12          MANUFACTURERS AND IMPORTERS.—

13                 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any  
14                 wine gallons of wine which have been produced  
15                 outside of the United States and imported into  
16                 the United States, the credit allowable under  
17                 paragraph (1) (referred to in this paragraph as  
18                 the ‘tax credit’) may be assigned by the person  
19                 who produced such wine (referred to in this  
20                 paragraph as the ‘foreign producer’), provided  
21                 that such person makes an election described in  
22                 subparagraph (B)(ii), to any electing importer  
23                 of such wine gallons pursuant to the require-  
24                 ments established by the Secretary of the  
25                 Treasury under subparagraph (B).

1           “(B) ASSIGNMENT.—The Secretary of the  
2 Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of  
3 Health and Human Services and the Secretary  
4 of the Department of Homeland Security, shall,  
5 through such rules, regulations, and procedures  
6 as are determined appropriate, establish proce-  
7 dures for assignment of the tax credit provided  
8 under this paragraph, which shall include—

9           “(i) a limitation to ensure that the  
10 number of wine gallons of wine for which  
11 the tax credit has been assigned by a for-  
12 eign producer—

13           “(I) to any importer does not ex-  
14 ceed the number of wine gallons of  
15 wine produced by such foreign pro-  
16 ducer during the calendar year which  
17 were imported into the United States  
18 by such importer, and

19           “(II) to all importers does not  
20 exceed the 750,000 wine gallons of  
21 wine to which the tax credit applies,

22           “(ii) procedures that allow the election  
23 of a foreign producer to assign and an im-  
24 porter to receive the tax credit provided  
25 under this paragraph,

1           “(iii) requirements that the foreign  
2           producer provide any information as the  
3           Secretary determines necessary and appro-  
4           priate for purposes of carrying out this  
5           paragraph, and

6           “(iv) procedures that allow for revoca-  
7           tion of eligibility of the foreign producer  
8           and the importer for the tax credit pro-  
9           vided under this paragraph in the case of  
10          any erroneous or fraudulent information  
11          provided under clause (iii) which the Sec-  
12          retary deems to be material to qualifying  
13          for such credit.

14          “(C) CONTROLLED GROUP.—For purposes  
15          of this section, any importer making an election  
16          described in subparagraph (B)(ii) shall be  
17          deemed to be a member of the controlled group  
18          of the foreign producer, as described under  
19          paragraph (3).”.

20          (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

21                 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),  
22                 the amendments made by this section shall apply to  
23                 wine removed after September 30, 2019.

24                 (2) PRORATION.—For purposes of the fourth  
25                 calendar quarter of 2019, the Secretary of the

1 Treasury (or the Secretary’s delegate) shall issue  
2 such guidance, rules, or regulations as are deemed  
3 appropriate to provide that the amendments made  
4 by this section are applied on a prorated basis for  
5 purposes of wine removed during such quarter.

6 **SEC. 302. ADJUSTMENT OF ALCOHOL CONTENT LEVEL FOR**  
7 **APPLICATION OF EXCISE TAX RATES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraphs (1) and (2) of section  
9 5041(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 are amend-  
10 ed by striking “14 percent” each place it appears and in-  
11 serting “16 percent”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
13 this section shall apply to wine removed during calendar  
14 years beginning after December 31, 2018.

15 **SEC. 303. DEFINITION OF MEAD AND LOW ALCOHOL BY**  
16 **VOLUME WINE.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5041 of the Internal Rev-  
18 enue Code of 1986 is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “Still wines”  
20 and inserting “Subject to subsection (h), still  
21 wines”, and

22 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
23 section:

24 “(h) MEAD AND LOW ALCOHOL BY VOLUME  
25 WINE.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of sub-  
2 sections (a) and (b)(1), mead and low alcohol by vol-  
3 ume wine shall be deemed to be still wines con-  
4 taining not more than 16 percent of alcohol by vol-  
5 ume.

6           “(2) DEFINITIONS.—

7           “(A) MEAD.—For purposes of this section,  
8 the term ‘mead’ means a wine—

9           “(i) containing not more than 0.64  
10 gram of carbon dioxide per hundred milli-  
11 liters of wine, except that the Secretary  
12 may by regulations prescribe such toler-  
13 ances to this limitation as may be reason-  
14 ably necessary in good commercial prac-  
15 tice,

16           “(ii) which is derived solely from  
17 honey and water,

18           “(iii) which contains no fruit product  
19 or fruit flavoring, and

20           “(iv) which contains less than 8.5 per-  
21 cent alcohol by volume.

22           “(B) LOW ALCOHOL BY VOLUME WINE.—  
23 For purposes of this section, the term ‘low alco-  
24 hol by volume wine’ means a wine—

1           “(i) containing not more than 0.64  
 2           gram of carbon dioxide per hundred milli-  
 3           liters of wine, except that the Secretary  
 4           may by regulations prescribe such toler-  
 5           ances to this limitation as may be reason-  
 6           ably necessary in good commercial prac-  
 7           tice,

8           “(ii) which is derived—

9                   “(I) primarily from grapes, or

10                   “(II) from grape juice con-  
 11           centrate and water,

12           “(iii) which contains no fruit product  
 13           or fruit flavoring other than grape, and

14           “(iv) which contains less than 8.5 per-  
 15           cent alcohol by volume.”.

16           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 17 this section shall apply to wine removed during calendar  
 18 years beginning after December 31, 2018.

## 19       **TITLE IV—DISTILLED SPIRITS**

### 20       **SEC. 401. REDUCED RATE OF EXCISE TAX ON CERTAIN DIS-** 21       **TILLED SPIRITS.**

22           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5001 of the Internal Rev-  
 23 enue Code of 1986 is amended by redesignating subsection  
 24 (c) as subsection (d) and by inserting after subsection (b)  
 25 the following new subsection:

1 “(c) REDUCED RATE.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a distilled  
3 spirits operation, the otherwise applicable tax rate  
4 under subsection (a)(1) shall be—

5 “(A) \$2.70 per proof gallon on the first  
6 100,000 proof gallons of distilled spirits, and

7 “(B) \$13.34 per proof gallon on the first  
8 22,130,000 of proof gallons of distilled spirits  
9 to which subparagraph (A) does not apply,

10 which have been distilled or processed by such oper-  
11 ation and removed during the calendar year for con-  
12 sumption or sale, or which have been imported by  
13 the importer into the United States during the cal-  
14 endar year.

15 “(2) CONTROLLED GROUPS.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a con-  
17 trolled group, the proof gallon quantities speci-  
18 fied under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of para-  
19 graph (1) shall be applied to such group and  
20 apportioned among the members of such group  
21 in such manner as the Secretary or his delegate  
22 shall by regulations prescribe.

23 “(B) DEFINITION.—For purposes of sub-  
24 paragraph (A), the term ‘controlled group’ shall  
25 have the meaning given such term by subsection

1 (a) of section 1563, except that ‘more than 50  
2 percent’ shall be substituted for ‘at least 80  
3 percent’ each place it appears in such sub-  
4 section.

5 “(C) RULES FOR NON-CORPORATIONS.—  
6 Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary,  
7 principles similar to the principles of subpara-  
8 graphs (A) and (B) shall be applied to a group  
9 under common control where one or more of the  
10 persons is not a corporation.

11 “(D) SINGLE TAXPAYER.—Pursuant to  
12 rules issued by the Secretary, two or more enti-  
13 ties (whether or not under common control)  
14 that produce distilled spirits marketed under a  
15 similar brand, license, franchise, or other ar-  
16 rangement shall be treated as a single taxpayer  
17 for purposes of the application of this sub-  
18 section.”.

19 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 7652(f)(2)  
20 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by strik-  
21 ing “section 5001(a)(1)” and inserting “subsection (a)(1)  
22 of section 5001, determined as if subsection (c)(1) of such  
23 section did not apply”.

24 (c) APPLICATION OF REDUCED TAX RATE FOR FOR-  
25 EIGN MANUFACTURERS AND IMPORTERS.—Subsection (c)



1 of section 5001 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,  
2 as added by subsection (a), is amended—

3 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “but only if  
4 the importer is an electing importer under para-  
5 graph (3) and the proof gallons of distilled spirits  
6 have been assigned to the importer pursuant to such  
7 paragraph” after “into the United States during the  
8 calendar year”, and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
10 paragraph:

11 “(3) REDUCED TAX RATE FOR FOREIGN MANU-  
12 FACTURERS AND IMPORTERS.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any  
14 proof gallons of distilled spirits which have been  
15 produced outside of the United States and im-  
16 ported into the United States, the rate of tax  
17 applicable under paragraph (1) (referred to in  
18 this paragraph as the ‘reduced tax rate’) may  
19 be assigned by the distilled sprits operation  
20 (provided that such operation makes an election  
21 described in subparagraph (B)(ii)) to any elect-  
22 ing importer of such proof gallons pursuant to  
23 the requirements established by the Secretary  
24 of the Treasury under subparagraph (B).

1           “(B) ASSIGNMENT.—The Secretary of the  
2 Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of  
3 Health and Human Services and the Secretary  
4 of the Department of Homeland Security, shall,  
5 through such rules, regulations, and procedures  
6 as are determined appropriate, establish proce-  
7 dures for assignment of the reduced tax rate  
8 provided under this paragraph, which shall in-  
9 clude—

10           “(i) a limitation to ensure that the  
11 number of proof gallons of distilled spirits  
12 for which the reduced tax rate has been as-  
13 signed by a distilled spirits operation—

14           “(I) to any importer does not ex-  
15 ceed the number of proof gallons pro-  
16 duced by such operation during the  
17 calendar year which were imported  
18 into the United States by such im-  
19 porter, and

20           “(II) to all importers does not  
21 exceed the 22,230,000 proof gallons of  
22 distilled spirits to which the reduced  
23 tax rate applies,

24           “(ii) procedures that allow the election  
25 of a distilled spirits operation to assign

1 and an importer to receive the reduced tax  
2 rate provided under this paragraph,

3 “(iii) requirements that the distilled  
4 spirits operation provide any information  
5 as the Secretary determines necessary and  
6 appropriate for purposes of carrying out  
7 this paragraph, and

8 “(iv) procedures that allow for revoca-  
9 tion of eligibility of the distilled spirits op-  
10 eration and the importer for the reduced  
11 tax rate provided under this paragraph in  
12 the case of any erroneous or fraudulent in-  
13 formation provided under clause (iii) which  
14 the Secretary deems to be material to  
15 qualifying for such reduced rate.

16 “(C) CONTROLLED GROUP.—

17 “(i) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of  
18 this section, any importer making an elec-  
19 tion described in subparagraph (B)(ii)  
20 shall be deemed to be a member of the  
21 controlled group of the distilled spirits op-  
22 eration, as described under paragraph (2).

23 “(ii) APPORTIONMENT.—For purposes  
24 of this paragraph, in the case of a con-

1 trolled group, rules similar to section  
2 5051(a)(5)(B) shall apply.”.

3 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),  
5 the amendments made by this section shall apply to  
6 distilled spirits removed after September 30, 2019.

7 (2) PRORATION.—For purposes of the fourth  
8 calendar quarter of 2019, the Secretary of the  
9 Treasury (or the Secretary’s delegate) shall issue  
10 such guidance, rules, or regulations as are deemed  
11 appropriate to provide that the amendments made  
12 by this section are applied on a prorated basis for  
13 purposes of distilled spirits removed during such  
14 quarter.

15 **SEC. 402. BULK DISTILLED SPIRITS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5212 of the Internal Rev-  
17 enue Code of 1986 is amended—

18 (1) by striking “Bulk distilled spirits on which”  
19 and inserting “Distilled spirits on which”, and

20 (2) by striking “bulk” each place it appears.

21 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
22 this section shall apply distilled spirits transferred in bond  
23 in any calendar quarters beginning more than 1 year after  
24 the date of the enactment of this Act.

**TITLE V—FUNDING****SEC. 501. INCREASED FUNDING FOR THE ALCOHOL AND  
TOBACCO TAX AND TRADE BUREAU.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—For necessary expenses of carrying out section 1111(d) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 531(d)), there are authorized to be appropriated—

(1) for fiscal year 2017, \$116,439,000, to remain available until September 30, 2018; and

(2) for fiscal year 2018, \$119,081,000, to remain available until September 30, 2019.

(b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated under subsection (a), for each of fiscal years 2017 and 2018—

(1) \$5,000,000 shall be for the costs of accelerating the processing of formula and label applications;

(2) \$5,000,000 shall be for the costs of programs to enforce trade practice violations of the Federal Alcohol Administration Act (27 U.S.C. 201 et seq.); and

(3) \$5,000,000 shall be for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act and the amendments made by this Act, including accelerating the

- 1 processing of permit applications for non-industrial
- 2 alcohol production and distribution.

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