

**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms****Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Federal Firearms and Ammunition Excise Tax Deposit.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before March 31, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESS:** Direct all written comments to Linda Barnes, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8930.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Teri Byers, Tax Compliance Branch, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Federal Firearms and Ammunition Excise Tax.

*OMB Number:* 1512-0509.

*Form Number:* ATF F 5300.27.

*Abstract:* A Federal excise tax is imposed by 26 U.S.C. 4181 on the sale of pistols and revolvers, other firearms, shells and cartridges sold by firearms manufacturers, producers, and importers. Sections 6001, 6301, and 6302 of Title 26 U.S.C. establish the authority for a deposit of excise tax to be made. The information on the form identifies the taxpayer and establishes the taxpayer's deposit.

*Current Actions:* The only change to this information collection is a decrease in burden hours due to a decrease of the number of respondents.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 283.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 9 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 770.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: January 26, 1998.

**John W. Magaw,**

*Director.*

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Tax Information Authorization.

*OMB Number:* 1512-0033.

*Form Number:* ATF F 1534A (5000.19).

*Abstract:* ATF F 1534A (5000.19) is required by ATF to be filed when a respondent's representative, not having a power of attorney, wishes to obtain confidential information regarding the respondent. After proper completion of the form, information can be released to the representative.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes to this information collection and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 50.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 1 hour.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 50.

**Request for Comments**

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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