



TTB Alcohol and Tobacco
Tax and Trade Bureau
U.S. Department of the Treasury

A Proud Past... A Focused Future

Our Mission



Collect

the taxes on alcohol, tobacco,
firearms, and ammunition



Protect

the consumer by ensuring the
integrity of alcohol products



Ensure

only qualified businesses enter the
alcohol and tobacco industries



Prevent

unfair and unlawful market activity
for alcohol and tobacco products

Since 1789, the United States Treasury Department and its Bureaus have played an integral role as the steward of the U.S. economic and financial systems, and as an influential participant in the world economy. Today, supporting the Nation's economic vitality is at the core of the work performed by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB).

TTB was formed in 2003 by the Homeland Security Act of 2002, which divided the functions of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms into two new entities. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives retained predominately firearms and explosive related functions within the Department of Justice and TTB retained the tax collection, trade facilitation, and consumer protection functions within the U.S. Department of Treasury.

TTB is staffed with approximately 500 employees, most of whom report to either the headquarters office in Washington, D.C., or the National Revenue Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. To effectively operate in the field, TTB maintains 10 offices in cities across the United States and Puerto Rico. These small, strategically located offices place the Bureau in close proximity to centers of trade and industry activity, and provide effective launch points for TTB's investigative teams. Additionally, the Bureau has laboratory facilities in Beltsville, Maryland.

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ATF

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms
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within the Department of Justice



Collect, Protect, Ensure



Annually, we collect over \$20 billion in federal excise taxes on alcohol, tobacco, firearms and ammunition.

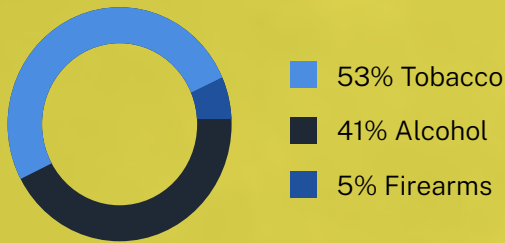


Annually, we issue approximately 7,000 original and 16,000 amended permits to alcohol and tobacco businesses, the vast majority of which are small businesses.



Annually, we process over 190,000 applications for Certificates of Label Approval, a federal certification required before an alcohol beverage can be bottled or introduced into domestic commerce.

Estimated Annual Tax Collection by Industry



TTB administers Federal tax and trade laws on alcohol, tobacco, firearms, and ammunition:

Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C.):

Chapter 32 – firearms and ammunition

Chapter 51 – spirits, wine, and beer

Chapter 52 – tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes

Federal Alcohol Administration Act
(27 U.S.C. Chapter 8)

The Alcoholic Beverage Labeling Act
(27 U.S.C. Section 213)
(Government warning label)

Webb-Kenyon Act
(27 U.S.C. Section 122)



U.S. Department of the Treasury is established

1789

1791

Domestic Tax on Alcohol and Tobacco Act is enacted

Congress passes the Revenue Act to collect alcohol & tobacco taxes

1862

1913

The Webb-Kenyon Act is passed

The 18th Amendment (National Prohibition Act) is passed

1919

1933

The 21st Amendment (Repeal of Prohibition) is passed

The Federal Alcohol Administration Act is signed

1935

1988

The Alcoholic Beverage Labeling Act is passed

The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax & Trade Bureau is created

2003