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TTB TO PUBLISH FINAL RULE REDUCING REGULATORY BURDEN ON INDUSTRIAL ALCOHOL INDUSTRY

Washington, D.C. — On Tuesday, August 30, 2016, the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) will publish a final rule in the Federal Register amending the regulations concerning denatured spirits—distilled spirits to which materials have been added to render the spirits unfit for beverage use—and articles made with denatured spirits.

The regulatory amendments remove unnecessary regulatory burdens on the industrial alcohol industry and TTB, and align the regulations with current industry practices. Specifically, the amendments authorize several new general-use formulas for manufacturing articles with specially denatured spirits, reclassify some specially denatured spirits formulas as completely denatured alcohol formulas, and eliminate outdated specially denatured spirits formulas from the regulations. The amendments also make other improvements, clarifications, minor technical changes, and corrections to TTB's industrial alcohol regulations.

As a result of these amendments, TTB estimates that there will be an 80 percent reduction in the formula approval submissions currently required from industry members that manufacture articles containing denatured spirits. TTB expects that this reduction in formula submissions will reduce formula processing times for articles made with denatured alcohol and will enable TTB to redirect resources to other mission activities.

This final rule will be effective on October 31, 2016.

To view the complete rulemaking record regarding these regulatory amendments, including the final rule, T.D. TTB-140, once it is published, see [Docket No. TTB-2013-0005](#) at the "Regulations.gov" Web site (<https://www.regulations.gov/>).

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