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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### 12 CFR Parts 211 and 238

[Docket No. R-1569]

RIN 7100-AE82

#### Large Financial Institution Rating System; Regulations K and LL

**AGENCY:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board).

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On August 17, 2017, the Board published in the **Federal Register** a proposed new rating system for its supervision of large financial institutions. To facilitate effective public comment, the Board has determined that an extension of the public comment period until November 30, 2017, is appropriate. This action will allow interested persons additional time to analyze the proposal and prepare their comments.

**DATES:** The comment period for the notice of proposed rulemaking published on August 17, 2017 (82 FR 39049), is extended. Comments on the proposal must be received on or before November 30, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written comments by following the instructions for submitting comments at <http://www.federalreserve.gov/generalinfo/foia/ProposedRegs.cfm>.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* [regs.comments@federalreserve.gov](mailto:regs.comments@federalreserve.gov). Include the docket number in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* (202) 452-3819 or (202) 452-3102.

- *Mail:* Address to Ann E. Misback, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20551.

All public comments will be made available on the Board's Web site at

<http://www.federalreserve.gov/generalinfo/foia/ProposedRegs.cfm> as submitted, unless modified for technical reasons. Accordingly, comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information. Public comments may also be viewed electronically or in paper in Room 3515, 1801 K Street NW. (between 18th and 19th Street NW.), Washington, DC 20006 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 17, 2017, the Board published in the **Federal Register** a proposed new rating system for its supervision of large financial institutions. The proposed "Large Financial Institution Rating System" is closely aligned with the Federal Reserve's new supervisory program for large financial institutions. The proposed rating system would apply to all bank holding companies with total consolidated assets of \$50 billion or more; all non-insurance, non-commercial savings and loan holding companies with total consolidated assets of \$50 billion or more; and U.S. intermediate holding companies of foreign banking organizations established pursuant to the Federal Reserve's Regulation YY. The proposed rating system includes a new rating scale under which component ratings would be assigned for capital planning and positions, liquidity risk management and positions, and governance and controls; however, a standalone composite rating would not be assigned. The Federal Reserve proposes to assign initial ratings under the new rating system during 2018. The Federal Reserve is also seeking comment on proposed revisions to existing provisions in Regulations K and

LL so they would remain consistent with certain features of the proposed rating system.

In recognition of the range of issues addressed and the variety of considerations involved with implementing the proposal, the Board requested that commenters respond to a number of questions. The proposal stated that the public comment period would close on October 16, 2017.<sup>1</sup>

The Board believes that the additional period for comment will facilitate public comment on the provisions of the proposal and the questions posed by the Board. Therefore, the Board is extending the end of the comment period for the proposal from October 16, 2017, to November 30, 2017.

By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, acting through the Secretary of the Board under delegated authority, October 5, 2017.

**Ann E. Misback,**

*Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau

#### 27 CFR Part 4

[Docket No. TTB-2016-0011; Notice No. 165A; Re: Notice No. 165]

RIN 1513-AC24

#### Proposed Addition of New Grape Variety Names for American Wines; Comment Period Reopening

**AGENCY:** Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking; reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau is reopening for an additional 60 days the comment period for Notice No. 165, Proposed Addition of New Grape Variety Names for American Wines, a notice of proposed rulemaking published in the **Federal Register** on November 17, 2016. TTB is taking this action in response to requests from several wine industry members and trade associations.

<sup>1</sup> *Id.*

**DATES:** The comment period for the proposed rule published on November 17, 2016 (81 FR 81023) is reopened for 60 days. Written comments on Notice No. 165 are now due on or before December 11, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send your comments on Notice No. 165 to one of the following addresses:

- *Internet:* <https://www.regulations.gov> (via the online comment form for Notice No. 165 as posted within Docket No. TTB–2016–0011 at *Regulations.gov*, the Federal e-rulemaking portal);
- *U.S. Mail:* Director, Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, 1310 G Street NW., Box 12, Washington, DC 20005; or
- *Hand delivery/courier in lieu of mail:* Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, 1310 G Street NW., Suite 400, Washington, DC 20005.

See the Public Participation section of Notice No. 165 for specific instructions and requirements for submitting comments, and for information on how to request a public hearing.

You may view copies of this document, Notice No. 165, and any comments made to TTB about the described proposals at <https://www.regulations.gov> within Docket No. TTB–2016–0011. A link to that docket is posted on the TTB Web site at <https://www.ttb.gov/wine/wine-rulemaking.shtml> under Notice No. 165. You also may view copies of this document, Notice No. 165, and any comments made to TTB about the described proposals by appointment at the TTB Information Resource Center, 1310 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20005. Please call (202) 453–2270 to make an appointment.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Berry, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Regulations and Rulings Division; telephone 202–453–1039, ext. 275.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In Notice No. 165, a notice of proposed rulemaking published in the **Federal Register** on November 17, 2016 (81 FR 81023), the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) requested public comment on proposals to amend its wine labeling regulations by adding a number of new names to the list of grape variety names approved for use in designating American wines, removing one existing entry and replacing it with a slightly different name, and correcting the spelling of another existing entry. The proposed amendments would allow wine bottlers to use additional approved grape variety names on wine labels and in wine advertisements. The 60-day

comment period for Notice No. 165 originally closed on January 17, 2017.

During the original comment period, TTB received three requests to extend the comment period. The first request came from the National Association of Beverage Importers (NABI), an alcohol beverage industry trade association, and requested a 60-day extension of the comment period for Notice No. 165. In its request, NABI noted that Notice No. 165 was issued during the busy holiday season when many compliance personnel took vacation time, and it noted that the proposed list of 51 new grape variety names includes terms that appear as brand names on various beverage alcohol products. The NABI request stated that its members require additional time “to assure that potential conflicts, confusion, misunderstanding or other issues are brought to the attention of TTB.” The NABI comment is posted as Comment 5 within Docket No. TTB–2016–0011 on the *Regulations.gov* Web site at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

The second request was submitted on behalf of the French Federation of Wine and Spirits Exporters (FEVS), and it also requested a 60-day extension of the comment period for Notice No. 165 (see Comment 9). The FEVS comment noted that it was unable to gather enough information to comment on the proposals in Notice No. 165, including the proposed addition of Esprit to the approved list of grape names “due to an extended holiday season.” The comment stated that FEVS required additional time to finalize its research of the COLA database and to bring to TTB’s attention any potential conflicts between Esprit as an approved grape name and common terms used in wine brand or fanciful names.

The third request was submitted by the law firm of Dickerson, Peatman and Fogarty on behalf of “certain French wine producers that sell wine into the U.S. under a brand or fanciful name that includes the word “Esprit” (see Comment 18). The comment added that these producers only recently became aware of the proposed addition of Esprit to the list of approved grape names for American wines and are concerned that such action may adversely impact their intellectual property rights and ability to sell their wine in the U.S. The commenter, therefore, requested an extension of the comment period but did not specify a time period.

In response to these requests, TTB is reopening the comment period for Notice No. 165 for an additional 60 days. TTB believes that an additional 60-day comment period will allow all interested parties to fully consider the

impact of the new grape varietal names for American wines proposed in Notice No. 165.

Therefore, comments on Notice No. 165 are now due on or before December 11, 2017. Comments on Notice No. 165 may be submitted as described above in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

#### Drafting Information

Michael Hoover of the Regulations and Rulings Division drafted this document.

Signed: September 28, 2017.

**John J. Manfreda,**

*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau

#### 27 CFR Parts 4 and 24

[Docket No. TTB–2016–0005; Notice No. 160B; Re: Notice Nos. 160 and 160A]

RIN 1513–AC27

#### Proposed Revisions to Wine Labeling and Recordkeeping Requirements; Comment Period Reopening

**AGENCY:** Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking; reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) is reopening for an additional 90 days the comment period for Notice No. 160, Proposed Revisions to Wine Labeling and Recordkeeping Requirements, a notice of proposed rulemaking published in the **Federal Register** on June 22, 2016. In Notice No. 160, TTB proposed to amend its labeling and recordkeeping regulations in 27 CFR part 24 to provide that any standard grape wine containing 7 percent or more alcohol by volume that is covered by a certificate of exemption from label approval may be labeled with a varietal (grape type) designation, a type designation of varietal significance, a vintage date, or an appellation of origin only if the wine is labeled in compliance with the standards set forth in the appropriate sections of 27 CFR part 4 for that label information. TTB also proposed to amend its part 4 wine labeling regulations to include a reference to the new part 24 requirement. TTB is reopening the comment period a second time in response to requests from a number of commenters. In addition,