

geographic competition significantly impedes the efficient processing of such cases. Accordingly, to comply with both the recent legislative directive to process rate complaints more expeditiously and the long-standing Congressional intent that market dominance be a practical determination made without delay, the Board limited the evidence that would be considered to only that required by the statute, i.e., competition "for the transportation to which a rate applies."

The Board's decision is available on the Board's web site at www.stb.dot.gov. Copies of the decision also may be purchased from DC NEWS & DATA, INC. by phoning (202) 289-4357.

Dated: February 2, 1999.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

[Treasury Directive Number 15-12]

Delegation of Authority to the Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, To Investigate Violations of 18 U.S.C. 1956 and 1957

Dated: January 25, 1999.

1. Purpose

This Directive delegates to the Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), authority to investigate violations of 18 U.S.C. 1956 and 1957.

2. Delegation

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Treasury by 18 U.S.C. 981, 1956(e) and 1957(e) and the authority delegated to the Under Secretary (Enforcement) by Treasury Order (TO) 101-05, there is hereby delegated to the Director, ATF:

a. investigatory authority over violations of 18 U.S.C. 1956 or 1957 involving: 18 U.S.C. 2341-2346 (trafficking in contraband cigarettes); § 38 of the Arms Export Control Act, 22 U.S.C. 2778 (relating to the importation of items on the U.S. Munitions Import List, except violations relating to exportation, in transit, temporary import, or temporary export transactions); 18 U.S.C. 1952 (relating to traveling in interstate commerce, with respect to liquor on which Federal excise tax has not been paid); or any act or activity constituting an offense listed in 18 U.S.C. 1961(1), with respect to any act or threat involving arson, which is chargeable under State law and

punishable for more than one year imprisonment; and

b. seizure and forfeiture authority and related authority under 18 U.S.C. 981 relating to violations of 18 U.S.C. 1956 or 1957 within the investigatory jurisdiction of ATF under paragraph 2.a., and seizure authority under 18 U.S.C. 981 relating to any other violation of 18 U.S.C. 1956 or 1957 if the bureau with investigatory authority is not present to make the seizure. Property seized under 18 U.S.C. 981 where investigatory jurisdiction is with another bureau not present at the time of the seizure shall be turned over to that bureau.

3. Forfeiture Remission

The Director, ATF, is authorized to remit or mitigate forfeitures of property valued at not more than \$500,000 seized pursuant to paragraph 2.b.

4. Redelegation

The authority delegated by this Directive may be redelegated.

5. Coordination

a. If at any time during an investigation of a violation of 18 U.S.C. 1956 or 1957, the Director, ATF, discovers evidence of a matter within the jurisdiction of another Treasury bureau, the Director, ATF, shall immediately notify that bureau of the investigation and invite that bureau to participate in the investigation. The Director, ATF, shall attempt to resolve disputes over investigatory jurisdiction with other Treasury bureaus at the field level.

b. The Under Secretary (Enforcement) shall settle disputes that cannot be resolved by the bureaus. The Under Secretary (Enforcement) shall settle disputes over investigatory jurisdiction with the Internal Revenue Service in consultation with the Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service.

c. With respect to matters discovered within the investigatory jurisdiction of a Department of Justice bureau or the Postal Service, the Director, ATF, shall adhere to the provisions on notice and coordination in the "Memorandum of Understanding Among the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General and the Postmaster General Regarding Money Laundering Investigations," dated August 16, 1990, or any such subsequent memorandum of understanding entered pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1956(e) or 1957(e).

d. With respect to seizure and forfeiture operations and activities within its investigative jurisdiction, ATF shall comply with the policy, procedures, and directives developed

and maintained by the Treasury Executive Office for Asset Forfeiture. Compliance shall include adhering to the oversight, reporting, and administrative requirements relating to seizure and forfeiture contained in such policy, procedures, and directives.

6. Authorities

a. 18 U.S.C. 981, 1952, 1956, 1957, 1961, and 2341-2346.

b. 31 U.S.C. 5311-5326 (other than violations of 31 U.S.C. 5316).

c. 22 U.S.C. 2778.

d. TO 101-05, "Reporting Relationships and Supervision of Officials, Offices and Bureaus, Delegation of Certain Authority, and Order of Succession in the Department of the Treasury," dated May 4, 1995.

e. TO 102-14, "Delegation of Authority with Respect to the Treasury Forfeiture Fund Act of 1992," dated January 10, 1995.

7. Cancellation

Treasury Directive 15-12, "Delegation of Authority to the Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to Investigate Violations of 18 U.S.C. 1956 and 1957," dated September 11, 1995, is superseded.

8. Expiration Date

This Directive shall expire three years from the date of issuance unless superseded or canceled prior to that date.

9. Office of Primary Interest

Office of the Under Secretary (Enforcement).

James E. Johnson,

Under Secretary (Enforcement).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Proposed Renewal of Information Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The OCC, 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 a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the OCC is soliciting comment concerning its extension, without change, of an