

TITLE 27 ¾  
ALCOHOL, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND FIREARMS ¾  
CHAPTER I ¾  
BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS, DEPARTMENT OF THE  
TREASURY

**Technical Amendments**

T.D. ATF-411

**27 CFR Part 178**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Final rule, Treasury decision.

**SUMMARY:** This Treasury decision changes the titles "Regional Director (Compliance)" to "Director of Industry Operations" and "Chief, Firearms and Explosives Licensing Center" to "Chief, National Licensing Center." It also replaces the term "region" with "division" and the term "regional counsel" with "Assistant Chief Counsel and Division Counsel." Finally, the decision replaces the words "local ATF office (compliance)" with "local ATF office." The changes are to provide clarity and uniformity throughout Title 27 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

**DATES:** Effective April 9, 1999.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) administers regulations published in chapter I of Title 27 CFR. Upon reviewing Title 27, ATF determined that the regulations in part 178 should be revised to reflect the ATF field structure reorganization that established Directors of Industry Operations in place of Regional directors (compliance), Chief, National Licensing Center in place of Chief, Firearms and Explosives Licensing Center, and Assistant Chief Counsels and Division Counsels in place of Regional Counsels. The reorganization also replaces regions with divisions.

These amendments do not make any substantive changes and are only intended to make Title 27 consistent with the agency's reorganization.

### Paperwork Reduction Act

The provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507) and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, do not apply to this final rule because there are no recordkeeping or reporting requirements.

### Regulatory Flexibility Act

The provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) do not apply to this final rule because no notice of proposed rulemaking is required.

### Executive Order 12866

This final rule is not subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12866 because the regulations make nonsubstantive technical corrections to previously published regulations.

### Administrative Procedure Act

Because this final rule merely makes technical amendments to improve the clarity of the regulations, it is unnecessary to issue this final rule with notice and public procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b).

### Drafting Information

The principal author of this document is Marsha D. Baker, Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

### **List of Subjects in 27 CFR 178**

Administrative practice and procedure, Arms and ammunition, Authority delegations, Customs duties and inspection, Exports, Imports, Military personnel, Penalties, Reporting requirements, Research, Seizures and forfeitures, Transportation.

## Authority and Issuance

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, ATF amends 27 CFR Part 178 as follows:

### PART 178--COMMERCE IN FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

**Paragraph 1.** The authority citation for Part 178 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 18 U.S.C. 847, 921-930; 44 U.S.C. 3504 (h).

**Par. 2.** Section 178.11 is amended by removing the title in the definition "Chief, Firearms and Explosives Licensing Center" and adding in its place "Chief, National Licensing Center," by removing the definitions "Regional director (compliance)" and "Region," and by adding the definitions "Director of Industry Operations" and "Division" to read as follows:

§ 178.11 Meaning of terms.

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*Director of Industry Operations.* The principal ATF official in a Field Operations division responsible for administering regulations in this part.

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*Division.* A Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division.

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**Par. 3.** Remove the words "Regional director (compliance)" each place it appears and add, in place thereof, the words "Director of Industry Operations" in the following sections:

(a) Section 178.22(a)(3) and (b);

(b) Section 178.25;

- (c) Section 178.35;
- (d) Section 178.47(c) and (d);
- (e) Section 178.52(b);
- (f) Section 178.71;
- (g) Section 178.72;
- (h) Section 178.73;
- (i) Section 178.74;
- (j) Section 178.76;
- (k) Section 178.78;
- (l) Section 178.111(b)(1) and (c);
- (m) Section 178.115(a);
- (n) Section 178.122(c);
- (o) Section 178.123(c);
- (p) Section 178.124(i);
- (q) Section 178.125(h);
- (r) Section 178.126;
- (s) Section 178.130(e);
- (t) Section 178.144(i)(4).

**Par. 4.** Remove the words "Chief, Firearms and Explosives Licensing Center" each place it appears and add, in place thereof, the words "Chief, National Licensing Center" in the following sections:

- (a) Section 178.41(b) and (c);
- (b) Section 178.45;

- (c) Section 178.47;
- (d) Section 178.48;
- (e) Section 178.52;
- (f) Section 178.53;
- (g) Section 178.54;
- (h) Section 178.56(b);
- (i) Section 178.57(a);
- (j) Section 178.60;
- (k) Section 178.95;
- (l) Section 178.127.

**Par. 5.** Remove the word "region" each place it appears in Sec. 178.127 and add, in place thereof, the word "division."

**Par. 6.** Remove the words "regional counsel" each place they appear in section 178.76 and add, in place thereof, the words "Assistant Chief Counsel or Division Counsel."

**Par. 7.** Remove the words "local ATF office (compliance)" each place it appears in section 178.130(e) and add, in place thereof, the words "local ATF office."

Signed: February 8, 1999.

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Approved: March 12, 1999.

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