

## ■ Tax Rate on Certain Cider Changed

### **TO:** All Alcoholic Liquor Manufacturers and Importing Distribu- tors

Effective July 10, 1998, the tax rate on cider that contains not less than 0.5 percent and not more than 7 percent alcohol by volume has been reduced to \$0.07 per gallon.

#### **What is "cider?"**

"Cider" is any alcoholic beverage obtained by the alcohol fermentation of the juice of apples or pears including, but not limited to, flavored, sparkling, or carbonated cider.

#### **What are the tax rates on cider?**

Cider that contains not less than 0.5 percent and not more than 7 percent alcohol by volume is taxed at \$0.07 per gallon.

Cider that contains more than 7 percent alcohol by volume continues to be taxed at a higher rate.

#### **How do I report cider?**

You will continue to report your cider inventory and sales on either Form RL-26, Liquor Revenue Return, or Form RL-26-A, Liquor Revenue Airline Return.

Report cider that contains not less than 0.5 percent and not more than 7 percent alcohol by volume in the column labeled "Cider 0.5% – 7% or Beer."

Report cider that contains more than 7 percent alcohol by volume in the appropriate column labeled "Alcoholic liquor."

#### **What about cider that I have in my inventory as of July 10, 1998?**

You will need to make an adjustment for any cider that contains not less than 0.5 percent and not more than 7 percent alcohol by volume that you had in your beginning inventory as of July 10, 1998.

To make this adjustment,

- write the number of cider gallons you are moving from an "Alcoholic liquor" column as a subtraction for that column in the space between Lines 1 and 2, and
- write this same number as an addition to the "Cider 0.5% – 7% or Beer" column in the space between Lines 1 and 2.

#### **Questions?**

If you have questions or need more information, please call or write us. Our telephone numbers and address are printed at the bottom of this bulletin.

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