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Polyvinylpyrrolidone As A Clarifying Agent In Wine Production

Proprietors of bonded wine cellars
and others concerned:

An ATF Ruling regarding the use of polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP) as a clarifying agent in the production of wine will appear in the first issue of the ATF Bulletin which is scheduled for publication in the near future. The ruling will read as follows:

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms has been asked whether polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP) may be used as a clarifying agent in the production of wine.

The use of PVP as a clarifying agent in the production of wine is considered as being consistent with good commercial practice within the provisions of 26 CFR 240.524. The use of such material shall be limited so that the residual level of PVP in the finished wine will not exceed 60 ppm.

Winemakers desiring to use polyvinylpyrrolidone in the treatment of wine may obtain approval of the Regional Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms by filing a notice pursuant to the provisions of 26 CFR 240.1052.

At the time Part 240 is next amended, 26 CFR 240.1051 will be revised to reflect the addition of polyvinylpyrrolidone to the list of materials authorized for the treatment of wine.

Inquiries concerning this circular should refer to its number and be addressed to your Regional Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

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