



**TTB** Alcohol and Tobacco  
Tax and Trade Bureau  
U.S. Department of the Treasury

# A Proud Past... A Focused Future

## Our Mission



### Collect

the taxes on alcohol, tobacco,  
firearms, and ammunition



### Protect

the consumer by ensuring the  
integrity of alcohol products



### Ensure

only qualified businesses enter the  
alcohol and tobacco industries



### Prevent

unfair and unlawful market activity  
for alcohol and tobacco products

Since 1789, the United States Treasury Department and its Bureaus have played an integral role as the steward of the U.S. economic and financial systems, and as an influential participant in the world economy. Today, supporting the Nation's economic vitality is at the core of the work performed by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB).

TTB was formed in 2003 by the Homeland Security Act of 2002, which divided the functions of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms into two new entities. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives retained predominately firearms and explosive related functions within the Department of Justice and TTB retained the tax collection, trade facilitation, and consumer protection functions within the U.S. Department of Treasury.

TTB is staffed with approximately 500 employees, most of whom report to either the headquarters office in Washington, D.C., or the National Revenue Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. To effectively operate in the field, TTB maintains 10 offices in cities across the United States and Puerto Rico. These small, strategically located offices place the Bureau in close proximity to centers of trade and industry activity, and provide effective launch points for TTB's investigative teams. Additionally, the Bureau has a laboratory facility in Beltsville, Maryland.

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## ATF

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms  
and Explosives retained predominantly  
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within the Department of Justice



