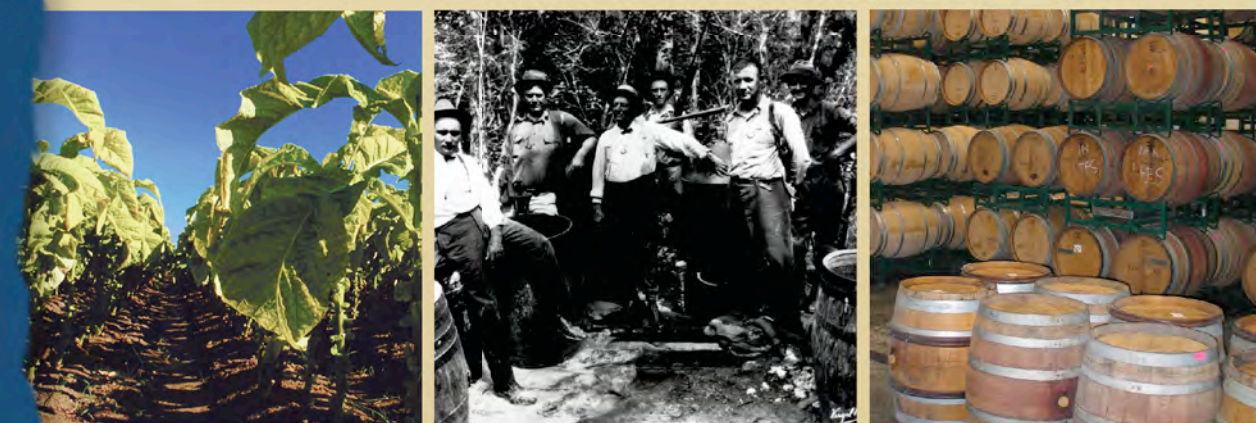




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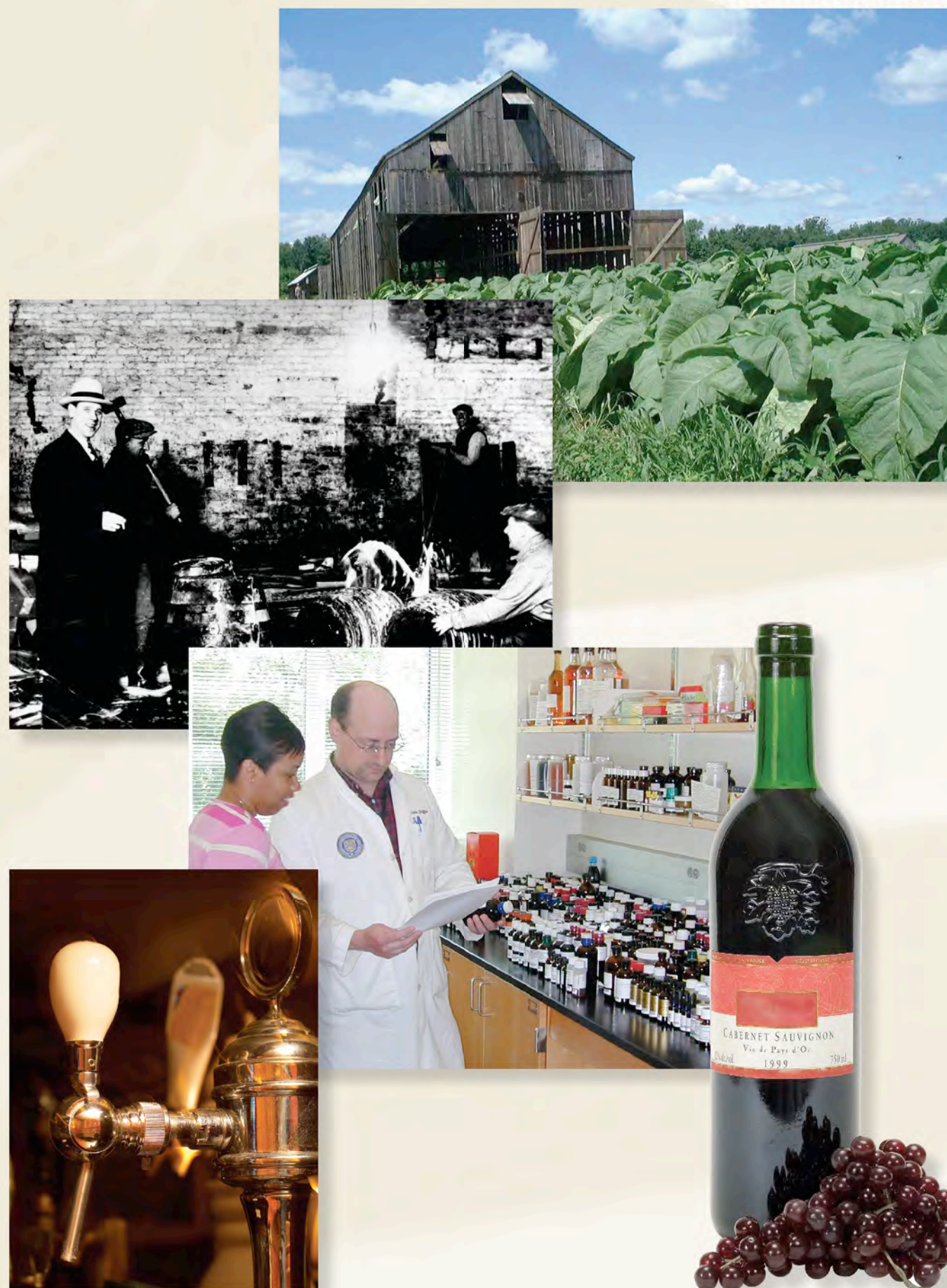
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ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO TAX AND TRADE BUREAU



A proud past...

A focused future



TTB hires talented and imaginative people to sustain and deploy a skilled, knowledgeable, diverse, and high-performing workforce to meet current and emerging needs of the Federal government and its citizens. Our goal is to meet a standard of excellence in attaining outcomes that are important to the Nation. TTB employs people with various skills nation-wide including chemists, investigators, special agents, alcohol and tobacco tax specialists, auditors, attorneys, and labeling specialists and analysts. To view the latest job opportunities at TTB go to www.ttb.gov/jobs/careers.htm.

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WEB SITE CONTACT INFORMATION:

Frequently Asked Questions:	http://www.ttb.gov/faqs/index.shtml
Advertising, Labeling and Formulation Division:	http://www.ttb.gov/about/about_alfd.shtml
Online Certificates of Label Approval:	https://www.ttbonline.gov/colasonline/
Field Offices:	http://www.ttb.gov/about/contact.shtml#regional
National Revenue Center:	http://ttb.gov/nrc/index.shtml
Scientific Services Division:	http://ttb.gov/about/about_ssd.shtml
Regulations and Rulings Division:	http://www.ttb.gov/rrd/index.shtml
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PROTECT THE PUBLIC . . .

TTB takes tremendous pride in its strategy to protect the public, which assures the integrity of products in the marketplace, ensures industry members' compliance with laws and regulations, and provides information to the public as a means of preventing consumer deception.

TTB reviews more than 100,000 alcohol product labels, as well as advertisements, each year to ensure that they provide adequate information to the consumer concerning the identity and quality of the product and to ensure that they do not mislead the consumer. TTB investigators conduct product integrity field investigations to ensure that industry members are following all Federal safety and production standards for alcohol beverages. These investigations often include a comprehensive chemical analysis conducted at one of our two state-of-the-art laboratories.

Today, TTB's mission is to collect alcohol, tobacco, firearms, and ammunitions excise taxes, and to ensure that alcohol beverages are labeled, advertised, and marketed in accordance with the law. The Bureau is committed to administer the laws and regulations in a manner that protects the revenue, protects the consumer, and promotes voluntary compliance.



MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Since the founding of our great Nation, revenue from alcohol and tobacco products has helped sustain our economy and fund the Federal government. We must continue to help maintain the economic stability of the country.

Our number-one goal is to provide excellent service to the American public. Since we became a separate United States Treasury Bureau in January 2003, employees of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) have been dedicated to reducing the overall regulatory burden on industry members, while also striving to protect consumers from fraudulent or mislabeled products and collecting excise taxes due the Federal government.

We continue to forge a path to ensure that our mission, vision, programs, and people are clearly and purposefully working toward increased safety, efficiency, value, and service.

Please contact us directly by using the information in this brochure or visit our Web site at www.ttb.gov. We want to provide you with answers to your questions on the laws and regulations TTB enforces.

—John J. Manfreda, Administrator

A PROUD PAST...



Washington Reviewing the Western Army at Fort Cumberland, Maryland, after 1795, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Gift of Edgar William and Bernice Chrysler Garbisch, 1963 (63.201.2)
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The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) was established in 2003 as a Bureau of the Treasury. TTB traces its roots to the earliest days of the Republic when the first Continental Congress imposed a tax on imported spirits to offset the Revolutionary War debt assumed by the States. Five years later, after the tax had been expanded to domestic production, President George Washington called in more than 13,000 troops to put down a violent uprising against the spirits tax. This became known as the Whiskey Rebellion.

The era of Prohibition, which resulted from the ratification of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution in 1919, created a criminal element of entrepreneurs who became more and more violent in protecting their illegal enterprises. The newly formed Prohibition Bureau created special squads of agents to perfect better criminal cases against bootleggers. One of the best known of these special squads was a group operating in Chicago, known as the "Untouchables." Under the direction of Eliot Ness, this group of Treasury agents wreaked havoc with Al Capone's criminal empire, and successfully apprehended many of Chicago's more notorious bootleggers.

Although Prohibition officially ended in 1933, the era's lingering effects continued to shape Federal policies for decades. From the 1940s to the 1960s, Federal alcohol enforcement duties were carried out by the Alcohol and Tax Division, Bureau of Internal Revenue, which latter became the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that we know today. The tumultuous events of the 1960s led to the Alcohol and Tobacco Division gaining additional duties in the areas of firearms and explosives enforcement.



In 1972, the Treasury Department transferred from IRS those functions, powers, and duties related to alcohol, tobacco, firearms, and explosives to a new agency, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). The taxation and regulatory control of the alcohol and tobacco industries remained a part of ATF until January 2003, when these functions were transferred to the newly created Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau.

A FOCUSED FUTURE ...

American adults who enjoy an occasional alcoholic beverage of their choice may do so without fear that the product they are consuming might not be labeled properly. Why don't they need to worry? Because a small Government agency takes pride in assuring that not only are the alcoholic beverage products sold in the United States properly described on the container, but the Federal Government is collecting the taxes levied by Congress on these products.

TTB'S MISSION ... COLLECT THE REVENUE ...

The collection of alcohol, tobacco, firearms, and ammunition excise taxes generates nearly \$22 billion in taxes annually, making TTB one of the largest tax collection agencies in the United States Government.

TTB's highly trained teams of investigators and auditors combat illegal activities in the regulated alcohol and tobacco industries and ensure that all rightfully due excise taxes are collected. A concerted effort is placed on identifying any gaps in tax payments and in applying a balanced approach to audits and investigations to ensure that regulated industry members comply with Federal laws and regulations.

