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## TTB and NCDOR Postpone Filing and Payment Dates

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) has postponed several filing and payment due dates for 90 days from which the original due date falls on or after March 1, 2020, through July 1, 2020<sup>1</sup>. For quarterly filings and payments of excise taxes where the original due date falls on April 15, companies now have until July 14, 2020, to file and pay without incurring any penalties or interest.

Semi-monthly filings and payment due dates have also been deferred for 90 days<sup>2</sup>. The most relevant deferrals for the craft beverage industry include the following:

1. Postponing tax payment due dates for wine, beer and distilled spirits.
2. Postponing filing due dates for excise tax returns.
3. Postponing filing due dates for submission of operational reports.

In addition, the North Carolina Department of Revenue (NCDOR) provided updated guidance on March 31 to confirm that no penalties will be assessed for failure to obtain a license, failure to file a return, or failure to pay a tax that would generally be due on March 15, 2020, through July 15, 2020. In short, filings and tax payments related to North Carolina excise tax, sales and use tax, payroll withholding tax, income tax, and franchise tax are all eligible for deferral

penalty-free if the filing and payment is completed by July 15, 2020<sup>3</sup>. There is one caveat in that the late payment interest, which is currently at five percent per year, would still accrue and apply to any unpaid tax accruing from the original due date and until the tax is paid.

Taxpayers are not required to request a penalty waiver to qualify for this relief. However, if a taxpayer receives a proposed assessment of a penalty covered by the relief granted in the aforementioned notice from the NCDOR, the taxpayer would need to contact the NCDOR by phone at (919)-707-7500 or toll free at (877)308-9092 or by mail at NCDOR, Customer Service, PO Box 1168, Raleigh, NC 27602.

DHG is prepared to assist our craft beverage industry clients during these uncertain times. For questions or more information, please reach out to us at [tax@dhg.com](mailto:tax@dhg.com).

<sup>1</sup> [Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, www.ttb.gov](http://www.ttb.gov).

<sup>2</sup> [Postponed 2020 Due Dates for Paying Excise Taxes and Filing Returns with TTB Due to COVID-19, www.ttb.gov](http://www.ttb.gov).

<sup>3</sup> ["North Carolina Department of Revenue Offers Expanded Penalty Relief for Taxpayers." March 31, 2020.](http://www.ncdor.gov)