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ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO STRATEGIC GOAL

Prevent illegal domestic and international trafficking of alcohol and tobacco products.

Organized criminal groups, including those with ties to terrorist organizations, have increasingly been engaged in illegal trafficking in alcohol and tobacco products, particularly counterfeit and lawfully manufactured cigarettes. The proliferation of large-volume trafficking across international borders and in interstate commerce, without payment of tax, provides funding and material support to terrorist organizations and more traditional criminal enterprises. State, local, and foreign economies are harmed because needed revenue is lost. To correct these problems, ATF will conduct focused criminal and financial investigations; collaborate with Federal, State, local, and international law enforcement entities; and effectively make use of intelligence resources. ATF will also work to divest these criminal groups of assets by using the seizure and forfeiture provisions of Federal statutes. Other Federal, State, local, and foreign law enforcement entities will be able to increase their proficiency in investigating these criminal activities after receiving assistance and training from ATF.

Objective 3.1.—Enforce laws that prohibit the diversion of alcohol and tobacco products from legitimate commerce.

Tactics:

- 3.1.1.** Investigate and lead to successful prosecution those who engage in illegal trafficking of alcohol and tobacco products.
- 3.1.2.** Deny traffickers profits through seizure and forfeiture of assets resulting from criminal activity.



Objective 3.2.—Provide Federal, State, local and foreign agencies with the tools needed to identify trafficking schemes.

Tactics:

- 3.2.1.** Partner with other law enforcement agencies to collect, analyze, and disseminate intelligence involving alcohol and tobacco trafficking schemes and ties to terrorist organizations and activities.

- 3.2.2.** Train law enforcement agencies and other partners to identify and investigate alcohol and tobacco trafficking activities.

