

agency or instrumentality referred to in paragraph (c) of this section, may also provide for any additional safeguards to protect the confidentiality of employer identification numbers, provided these safeguards are consistent with safeguards determined by the Secretary of the Treasury to be necessary or appropriate.

(e) *Confidentiality and disclosure of employer identification numbers.* Employer identification numbers obtained pursuant to paragraph (a) or paragraph (c) of this section are confidential. No officer or employee of the United States who has or had access to any such employer identification number may disclose that number in any manner to an individual not described in paragraph (d) of this section. For purposes of this paragraph (e), *officer or employee* includes a former officer or employee.

(f) *Sanctions—(1) Unauthorized, willful disclosure of employer identification numbers.* Sections 7213(a)(1), (2), and (3) apply with respect to the unauthorized, willful disclosure to any person of employer identification numbers that are maintained pursuant to this section by the Secretary of Agriculture, or any other agency or instrumentality with which information is shared pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section, in the same manner and to the same extent as sections 7213(a)(1), (2), and (3) apply with respect to unauthorized disclosures of returns and return information described in those sections.

(2) *Willful solicitation of employer identification numbers.* Section 7213(a)(4) applies with respect to the willful offer of any item of material value in exchange for any employer identification number maintained pursuant to this section by the Secretary of Agriculture, or any other agency or instrumentality with which information is shared pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section, in the same manner and to the same extent as section 7213(a)(4) applies with respect to offers (in exchange for any return or return information) described in that section.

(g) *Delegation.* All references in this section to the Secretary of Agriculture are references to the Secretary of Agriculture or his or her delegate.

(h) *Effective date.* Except as provided in the following sentence, this section is effective on February 1, 1992. Any provisions relating to the sharing of information by the Secretary of Agriculture with any other agency or

instrumentality of the United States are effective on August 15, 1994.

Margaret Milner Richardson,

Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Part 301

[Notice 95-14]

Simplification of Entity Classification Rules; Hearing

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing on regulations.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice of a public hearing on simplifying the classification regulations (26 CFR part 301) to allow taxpayers to treat domestic unincorporated business organizations as partnerships or as associations on an elective basis.

DATES: The public hearing will be held on Thursday, July 20, 1995, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Requests to speak and outlines of oral comments must be received by Thursday, July 6, 1995.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held in the Internal Revenue Service Auditorium, Seventh Floor, 7400 Corridor, Internal Revenue Building, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Requests to speak and outlines of oral comments should be submitted to the Internal Revenue Service, P.O. Box 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Attn: CC:DOM:CORP:T:R [Notice 95-14], room 5228, Washington, DC 20044.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Slaughter of the Regulations Unit, Assistant Chief Counsel (Corporate), (202) 622-7190, (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject of the public hearing pertain to section 7701(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code which defines a partnership to include a syndicate, group, pool, joint venture, or other unincorporated organization, through or by means of which any business, financial operation, or venture is carried on, and which is not a trust or estate or a corporation. This notice appeared in the Internal Revenue Bulletin for Monday, April 3, 1995, I.R.S. Notice 95-14, 1995-14 I.R.B. 7. This document is made available by the Superintendent of

Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

The rules of § 601.601 (a)(3) of the "Statement of Procedural Rules" (26 CFR part 601) shall apply with respect to the public hearing. Persons who have submitted written comments within the time prescribed in the notice and who also desire to present oral comments at the hearing on the regulations should submit not later than Thursday, July 6, 1995, an outline of the oral comments/testimony to be presented at the hearing and the time they wish to devote to each subject.

Each speaker (or group of speakers representing a single entity) will be limited to 10 minutes for an oral presentation exclusive of the time consumed by the questions from the panel for the government and answers to these questions.

Because of controlled access restrictions, attendees cannot be admitted beyond the lobby of the Internal Revenue Building until 9:45 a.m.

An agenda showing the scheduling of the speakers will be made after outlines are received from the persons testifying. Copies of the agenda will be available free of charge at the hearing.

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Chief, Regulations Unit, Assistant Chief Counsel (Corporate).

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[KY-84-6856; FRL-5205-2]

Control Strategy: Ozone (O₃); Kentucky

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve an exemption from the oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) reasonably available control technology (RACT) and the general conformity requirements of the Clean Air Act as amended in 1990 (CAA) for the Kentucky portion of the Cincinnati moderate ozone (O₃) nonattainment area. The request for a NO_x RACT exemption was submitted on November 11, 1994, by the Commonwealth of Kentucky through the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet (Cabinet). The NO_x RACT exemption request is based upon the most recent