

formal scoping meeting is planned at this time.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments and questions on this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning, and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Commissioner's Advisory Group: Public Meeting

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting of Commissioner's Advisory Group.

SUMMARY: Public meeting of the Commissioner's Advisory Group will be held in Washington, D.C. This meeting is being scheduled due to the cancellation of the previously announced November 16, 1995, CAG meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held January 30, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Washburn, C:I, 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 7046 IR, Washington, D.C. 20224. Telephone No. (202) 622-5026 (not a toll-free number).

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the Commissioner's Advisory Group previously scheduled for November 16, 1995, beginning at 10:00 am in Room 3313, main Internal Revenue Service building, 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20224, was cancelled due to the Federal government shutdown.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988), that a public meeting of the Commissioner's Advisory Group will be held on January 30, 1996, beginning at 10:00 am in Room 3313, main Internal

Revenue Service building, 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20224.

The agenda will include the following topics:

Filing Season Readiness

Improving Services to Customers
Small Business Issues and Initiatives
Compliance Issues
Corporate Education Issues

Note: Last minute changes to the agenda or order of topic discussion are possible and could prevent effective advance notice.

The meeting will be in a room that accommodates approximately 50 people, including members of the Commissioner's Advisory Group and IRS officials. Due to the limited conference space, notification of intent to attend the meeting must be made with Lorenza Wilds, no later than January 23, 1996. Ms. Wilds can be reached on (202) 622-5026 (not toll-free).

If you would like to have the Committee consider a written statement, please call or write: Patricia Washburn, Office of Public Liaison, C:I, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 7046 IR, Washington, D.C. 20224.

Margaret Milner Richardson,
Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Tax on Certain Imported Substances (Butyl Benzyl Phthalate); Filing of Petition

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the acceptance, under Notice 89-61, of a petition requesting that butyl benzyl phthalate be added to the list of taxable substances in section 4672(a)(3). Publication of this notice is in compliance with Notice 89-61. This is not a determination that the list of taxable substances should be modified. **DATES:** Submissions must be received by February 12, 1996. Any modification of the list of taxable substances based upon this petition would be effective April 1, 1991.

ADDRESSES: Send submissions to: CC:DOM:CORP:R (Petition), room 5228, Internal Revenue Service, POB 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC

20044. In the alternative, submissions may be hand delivered between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to: CC:DOM:CORP:T:R (Petition), Courier's Desk, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth Hoffman, Office of Assistant Chief Counsel (Passthroughs and Special Industries), (202) 622-3130 (not a toll-free number).

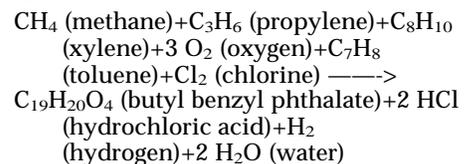
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The petition was received on June 25, 1990. The petitioner is Monsanto Company, a manufacturer and exporter of this substance. The following is a summary of the information contained in the petition. The complete petition is available in the Internal Revenue Service Freedom of Information Reading Room.

HTS number: 2917.39.2000

CAS number: 85-68-7

Butyl benzyl phthalate is derived from the taxable chemicals methane, propylene, xylene, toluene, and chlorine and is a liquid produced predominantly by the reaction of n-butanol and phthalic anhydride, followed by a reaction with benzyl chloride in the presence of a catalyst. n-butanol is manufactured by the hydrogenation of n-butyraldehyde, which is derived from propylene and synthesis gas (hydrogen and synthesis gas are derived from natural gas). Benzyl chloride is produced by direct photochemical chlorination of toluene. Phthalic anhydride is produced by the reaction of o-xylene with air in the presence of a catalyst.

The stoichiometric material consumption formula for this substance is:



According to the petition, taxable chemicals constitute 77.25 percent by weight of the materials used to produce this substance. The rate of tax for this substance would be \$5.54 per ton. This is based upon a conversion factor for methane of 0.05, a conversion factor for propylene of 0.17, a conversion factor for xylene of 0.47, a conversion factor for toluene of 0.32, and a conversion factor for chlorine of 0.26.

Comments and Requests for a Public Hearing

Before a determination is made, consideration will be given to any written comments (a signed original and

eight (8) copies) that are submitted timely to the IRS. All comments will be available for public inspection and copying. A public hearing may be scheduled if requested in writing by a person that timely submits written comments. If a public hearing is scheduled, notice of the date, time, and place for the hearing will be published in the Federal Register.

Dale D. Goode,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, Assistant Chief Counsel (Corporate).

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Privacy Act of 1974; Report of Matching Programs

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

ACTION: Notice of renewal—VA/IRS Match Program.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Health Administration (VHA), intends to renew the computer matching program comparing Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Social Security Administration (SSA) income records with VA patient income data which is contained in the patient medical records.

The goal of these matches is to compare income, social security number, and employment status as reported to VHA with income records maintained by IRS and SSA. For the information of all concerned, a summary report of the VHA matching program describing the computer matches follows. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(2), copies of the computer matching report are being sent to both houses of Congress. These matches are expected to commence on or about January 1, 1996, but start no sooner than 30 days after publication of this notice in the Federal Register or 40 days after copies of this notice and the agreement are submitted to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget whichever is later. These matches may be extended by the involved Data Integrity Boards for a twelve month period provided all agencies involved certify to the Data Integrity Boards, within three months of the termination date of the original match, that the matching program will be conducted without change and the matching programs have been conducted in compliance with the original matching agreements. The

matches will not continue past the legislative authorized date to obtain this information. However, expiration of this agreement is June 30, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested individuals may comment on the matches by writing to the Chief Administrative Officer (161D), Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janice E. Wheeler (202) 273-6276, Program Analyst, Income Verification Match Policy Service.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Further information regarding the matching program is provided below. This information is required by Title 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(12), the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended. A copy of this notice has been provided to both houses of Congress and the Office of Management and Budget.

Approved: December 4, 1995.

Jesse Brown,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Report of Matching Program

Department of Veterans Affairs Patient Medical Records With Income Records Maintained by the Internal Revenue Service and the Social Security Administration

a. *Authority:* Title 38 U.S.C. 5106 and 5317; Pub. L. 101-508 as amended by Pub. L. 102-568.

b. *Program Description:*

(1) *Purpose:* (a) The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Health Administration (VHA) plans to match the household income information contained in the medical records of certain nonservice-connected veterans, with the income records for those persons maintained by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Social Security Administration (SSA). Those nonservice-connected veterans subject to income verification matching are those veterans who are receiving VA medical care in a mandatory eligibility category due to a finding of low income subsequent to means testing.

(b) Currently, information about a veterans household income (i.e., veterans and spouses receipt of wage, self-employment and other income as well as employment status, health insurance coverage and number of dependents) is obtained when the veteran makes application for medical care at a VA medical care facility. The household income and dependent data is evaluated in a "means test" which takes into account deductions of certain income not counted as such for Veterans Health Administration eligibility

purposes. Once a net income for the veteran is established, it is applied against means test thresholds, or levels of income establishing mandatory or discretionary eligibility for medical care. If the veterans net income falls below the applicable means test threshold, he or she is eligible for mandatory care (i.e., no-cost care); however, if the net income falls over the applicable threshold, the veteran is given a discretionary eligibility. Veterans who are eligible for discretionary care are provided care if the VA medical facility has the resources to treat discretionary veterans, and if the veteran agrees to make a co-payment for such care. The proposed matching programs will enable VA to verify the accuracy of reported income and employment status and therefore more accurately determine eligibility for medical care.

(2) *Procedures:* VA's Veterans Health Administration has established an Income Verification Match (IVM) Center. The IVM Center will electronically extra demographic and income data from each VA medical care facility's database on nonservice-connected veterans found eligible for mandatory care based solely on low income. The VHA IVM extract file will be matched against IRS and SSA income records. If a VHA record and SSA or IRS record match on social security number and name, the IVM Center will begin an extensive case development and verification process. This process will assure the validity of the matched cases by verifying the IRS/SSA reported income amount with the payer(s) and recipients of the income. Each veteran and/or spouse identified by the match will be contacted in order to notify the veteran and/or spouse of any income discrepancy identified by the match, to verify the discrepancy, and to advise him or her of potential changes to the veterans' medical care eligibility at the VA medical center, and the potential billing action for co-payments. Before any adverse action is taken, the individual(s) identified by the match will be given the opportunity to contest the findings. Where there are reasonable grounds to believe that there has been a violation of criminal laws, the matter will be referred for prosecution consideration in accordance with existing VA policies.

c. *Records to be Matched.* The VA records involved in the match are patient medical records maintained in the "Patient Medical Record-VA (24VA136)" published at 40 FR 38095 (8/26/75) and amended at 40 FR 52125 (11/7/75), 41 FR 2881 (1/20/76), 41 FR 11631 (3/19/76), 42 FR 30557 (6/15/72),