

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8840, Closer Connection Exception Statement for Aliens.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before August 23, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Martha R. Brinson, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Closer Connection Exception Statement for Aliens.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1410.

*Form Number:* Form 8840.

*Abstract:* Form 8840 is used by an alien individual, who otherwise meets the substantial presence test, to explain the basis of the individual's claim that he or she is a nonresident of the United States by reason of the closer connection exception described in Reg. sec. 301.7701(b)-2.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to this form at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 350,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 2hrs. 10 min.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 756,000.

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS:** Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation,

maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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Garrick R. Shear,

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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**Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 1099-A**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 1099-A, Acquisition or Abandonment of Secured Property.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before August 23, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Martha R. Brinson, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Acquisition or Abandonment of Secured Property.

*OMB Number:* 1545-0877

*Form Number:* Form 1099-A

*Abstract:* Form 1099-A is used by persons who lend money in connection with a trade or business, and who acquire an interest in the property that is security for the loan or who have reason to know that the property has been abandoned, to report the acquisition or abandonment.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to this form at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 15,800.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 3 hrs. 39 min.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 57,600.

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS:** Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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**Bureau of the Public Debt**

**Privacy Act of 1974; Computer Matching Program**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of computer matching program between the Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, and the United States Postal Service.

**SUMMARY:** Subsection (o) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-503) requires agencies to publish advance notice of computer matching programs as a means of informing the public of plans to conduct computer matches.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 24, 1996. Unless comments are received that result in a contrary determination, the matching program covered by this notice will begin no sooner than 40 days after this notice, report, and a copy of the matching agreement, as approved by the Data Integrity Boards of both agencies have been sent to the Congress and the Office of Management and Budget (or later if there are objections to the agreement), or 30 days after publication