

4. Other agency requirements;
5. Port(s) of arrival;
6. Designated examination site(s) located nearest the final destination(s);
7. Monthly entry volume anticipated;
8. Electronic Invoicing Program status and starting date;
9. Electronic Payment (ACH) status and starting date;
10. Main contact person and telephone number of filer.

Basis for Participant Selection

The basis for applications approved by Customs Headquarters will be EIP operational experience, electronic abilities, available electronic interfaces with other agency's import requirements, and operational limitations. The basis for applications being approved or denied by the Port Director(s) will involve issues such as impact on available resources, commodity requirements and if the port has been trained in EIP/RLF.

For brokers applying on their own behalf, the Port Director has 10 working days after the receipt of the second step in the application process to approve or deny the application. Written approval or denial of the second step of the broker application process will be sent to the applicant from the Port Director. If the Port Director denies the second step of the broker application, that denial is effective for 10 working days. After that, a new request may be submitted to the Port Director at the Port of Arrival and the Designated Examination Site. If the applicant does not receive a reply from the Port Director within 10 working days from the date of submission, the application should be considered denied. Those applicants not selected for participation by U.S. Customs Headquarters will be sent a letter of denial. They will, however, be invited to comment on the design, conduct, and evaluation of this prototype.

Current Remote Prototype One participants who wish to apply are required to submit a letter requesting the continuation of their participation under Prototype Two. Participants selected will be notified by means of the Customs Electronic Bulletin Board, the Customs Administrative Message System and in writing.

Dismissal from Prototype Two

If a filer attempts to submit data relating to restricted merchandise or merchandise subject to quota, anti-dumping duties, countervailing duties, or other non-eligible data through the Electronic Invoice Program, the filer may be expelled from the program, prevented from participation in future

RLF prototypes, and may be subject to penalties under section 592, Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1592).

III. Test evaluation criteria

Once participants are selected, Customs and the participants will meet publicly or in an electronic forum to review comments received concerning the methodology of the test program or procedures, complete procedures in light of those comments, and establish baseline measures and evaluation methods and criteria. Evaluations of the prototype will be conducted and the final results will be published in the Federal Register as required by § 101.9(b), Customs Regulations.

The following evaluation methods and criteria have been identified.

1. Baseline measurements will be established through data queries and questionnaires.
2. Reports will be run through use of data query throughout the prototype.
3. Questionnaires will be distributed during and after the prototype period. Participants are required to complete the questionnaires in full and return them within 30 days of receipt.

Customs may evaluate any or all of the following items:

- Workload impact (workload shifts, volume, etc.);
- Policy and procedural accommodation;
- Trade compliance impact;
- Alternate exam site issues (workload shift, coordination/communication, etc.);
- Problem solving;
- System efficiency;
- The collection of statistics.

The trade will be responsible for evaluating the following items:

- Service in cargo clearance;
- Problem resolution;
- Cost benefits;
- System efficiency;
- Operational efficiency;
- Other items identified by the participant group.

In conclusion, it is emphasized that if a company is interested in filing remotely, it must first be operational with the Electronic Invoicing Program (EIP). For information on the Electronic Invoicing Program (EIP), please contact your ABI Client Representative.

Dated: November 25, 1996.

Robert S. Trotter,
Acting Assistant Commissioner Office of Field Operations.

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Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 2290

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

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 2290, Heavy Vehicle Use Tax Return.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 28, 1997 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, T:FP, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Heavy Vehicle Use Tax Return.
OMB Number: 1545-0143.
Form Number: Form 2290.

Abstract: Form 2290 is used to compute and report the tax imposed by Internal Revenue Code section 4481 on the highway use of certain motor vehicles. The information is used to determine whether the taxpayer has paid the correct amount of tax.

Current Actions: Form 2290 is revised annually to reflect the taxable period which begins July 1 and ends June 30 of the following year. Question B on page 1 of Form 2290 is deleted because the information is no longer needed by the IRS. The over-the-counter Form 2290-V, Payment Voucher, has a new entry for the tax period, box 4. Instructions are given on page 8 to complete this entry. Also, instructions for box 2 (the name control) have been expanded to assist taxpayers in making the correct entry.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500,625.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 36 hr., 7 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 18,084,763.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

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.

Approved: November 20, 1996.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Revenue Procedure 96-53

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 Revenue Procedure 96-53, Allocations Between Related Parties.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 28, 1997 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 information collection should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Allocations Between Related Parties.

OMB Number: 1545-1503.

Revenue Procedure Number: Revenue Procedure 96-53.

Abstract: The information requested is required to enable the Internal Revenue Service to give advice on filing Advance Pricing Agreement applications, to process such applications and negotiate agreements, and to verify compliance with agreements and whether agreements require modification.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the revenue procedure at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 160.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 32 hours, 49 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,250.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

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.

Approved: November 21, 1996.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determination

Notice is hereby given of the following determination: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978 (43 FR 13359, March 29, 1978), and Delegation Order No. 85-5 of June 27, 1985 (50 FR 27393, July 2, 1985), I hereby determine that the objects in the exhibit "The Legacy of Peter the Great: St. Petersburg: A Cultural Celebration" (See list ¹) imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with foreign lenders. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the listed exhibit objects at New York City's World Financial Center, from on or about January 14, 1997, through on or about March 9, 1997 is in the national interest. Public Notice of this determination is ordered to be published in the Federal Register.

Dated: November 25, 1996.

Les Jin,

General Counsel.

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¹ A copy of this list may be obtained by contacting Jacqueline Caldwell, Assistant General Counsel, at 202/619-6982; the address is Room 700, U.S. Information Agency, 301-4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547.