

(4) *Coordination with the trade in completing ITDS design report and transition planning.* The ITDS Board is committed to coordinating with the trade to receive and consider feedback in shaping the final design report recommendations, and working with other agencies and organizations and their ongoing activities in doing so. The potential of the ITDS initiative will most likely be realized through assistance from the trade in designing the system and developing plans for transition to the new environment in the future. What recommendations would you make as to the best means for the trade to coordinate with the government in moving to the new ITDS environment? What suggestions would you make as to strategies the government should pursue to minimize the costs and facilitate the changes required to make this transition?

Dated: September 25, 1998.

**John P. Simpson,**

*Chairman, International Trade Data System Board of Directors.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Discontinuance of the Cumulative Bulletin; Comment Request

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The Internal Revenue Bulletin (IRB), the weekly official publication of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, contains revenue rulings, revenue procedures, notices, announcements, and other tax matters. The contents of the weekly bulletins are consolidated semiannually and reissued in the Cumulative Bulletins. The IRS proposes to discontinue production of the Cumulative Bulletins after volume 1997-2 (July-December 1997). They duplicate information already available in the Internal Revenue Bulletins, including the cumulative listings which appear semiannually. The IRBs can also be obtained electronically with Internet access. A commercial distributor also produces a cumulative product similar to the Cumulative Bulletin. The IRS invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the proposed discontinuance of the Cumulative Bulletins.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before November 2, 1998 to be assured consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Rene Mondesir, Jr., Internal Revenue Service, OP:FS:FP:P:1, room 5617, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224. You may e-mail Mr. Mondesir at Rene@publish.no.irs.gov or send him a fax at (202) 622-5004.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with section 3506(d)(3) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, the IRS is soliciting comments from the public on the discontinuance of the Cumulative Bulletins.

#### Cumulative Bulletins

The Cumulative Bulletins are semiannual publications consolidating Internal Revenue Bulletins. They span 6-month periods covering January through June and July through December of each year. The Cumulative Bulletins are divided into four parts as follows:

Part I—1986 Code, includes rulings and decisions based on provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

Part II—Treaties and Tax Legislation, includes revenue rulings under tax conventions, tax legislation, and related committee reports;

Part III—Administrative, Procedural, and Miscellaneous, includes revenue procedures, notices, and other miscellaneous material; and

Part IV—Items of General Interest, includes notices of proposed rulemaking, and the disbarment and suspension list.

The IRS proposes to discontinue the Cumulative Bulletins for the following reasons:

1. They are compilations of the weekly Internal Revenue Bulletins. Information in the Cumulative Bulletins is already available to customers in the Internal Revenue Bulletins. Cumulative listings of actions relating to court decisions and declaratory judgement proceedings, as well as an index of items published in the bulletins, appear in the first weekly issue of the Internal Revenue Bulletins for January and July of each year.

2. The Internal Revenue Bulletins can be accessed electronically; therefore, the electronic on-line research option makes a cumulative format unnecessary.

3. A document comparable to the IRS-produced Cumulative Bulletin is available commercially for those customers still desiring a cumulative format.

Approved:

**Sheldon D. Schwartz,**

*National Director, Tax Forms and Publications Division.*

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## UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

### Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "French Prints From the Age of the Musketeers."

**AGENCY:** United States Information Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: 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 to be included in the exhibit, "French Prints from the Age of the Musketeers" (see list), 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 objects at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Massachusetts from on or about October 21, 1998 to on or about January 10, 1999 is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Manning, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, 202/619-5997, and the address is Room 700, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: September 30, 1998.

**Les Jin,**

*General Counsel.*

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## UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

### Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C.