

terminal operator that dyes by means of nonconforming dyeing. This information is required by the IRS to monitor manual dyeing at terminals and to ensure the collection of the proper amount of tax imposed by Code section 4081.

Current Actions: There is no change to this existing regulation.

Type of Review: Extension of OMB approval.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 200.

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: October 8, 1998.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Request for Information on Impact to Discontinue the Form 1040PC Program for Tax Years 1999 and Beyond

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This announcement is requesting that software developers, tax practitioners, or taxpayers send to the Internal Revenue Service their comments on the impact of discontinuing the Form 1040PC program for Tax Year 1999.

ADDRESSES: Questions or concerns should be directed to Lee Lawrence at the IRS, Electronic Tax Administration, Electronic Program Operations Office, OP:ETA:O, New Carrollton Federal Building, 5000 Ellin Road, C4-300 Lanham, MD ATTN: Lee Lawrence or via E-mail at lee.x.lawrence@ccmail.irs.gov or faxed to (202) 293-4786 ATTN: Lee Lawrence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1991, the Service piloted the Form 1040PC return format which was promoted as an alternative way of filing a computer generated return for those taxpayers who cannot file electronically. The primary objective of the Form 1040PC was to provide a standard for a condensed plain paper return which would reduce the paper volume to one or two sheets of paper for the majority of filing. In addition, the Service anticipated that by reducing the amount of paper input, the Form 1040PC processing would be simplified.

Since 1992, the Form 1040PC volume has fluctuated considerably from year to year and productivity gains have not been realized due to the variable format content. Additionally for the upcoming 1999 filing season, there are plans for a pilot which will provide a paperless filing experience for those filers who are eligible to participate. The pilot will target current on-line filers, Form 1040PC and computer generated paper 1040/1040A filers who have prepared their own returns and will encourage those taxpayers to file electronically. Based on these factors, the Service is planning to discontinue the 1040PC program effective for Tax Year 1999. Please submit your comments in writing to Lee Lawrence by December 14, 1998, on the impact of discontinuing the 1040PC program.

Approved: September 28, 1998.

Terry Lutes,

National Director, Electronic Program Operations Office, Electronic Tax Administration.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Treasures of Russia" From Peterhof—Summer Palaces of the Czars

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 F.R. 133359, March 29, 1978), and Delegation Order No. 85-5 of June 27, 1985 (50 F.R. 27393, July 2, 1985). I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibit, "Treasures of Russia" from Peterhof—Summer Palaces of the Czars, imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lender. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the listed exhibit objects at Rio Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada, from on or about November 5, 1998, through on or about April 15, 1999, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori Nierenberg, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, 202/619-6084, and the address is Room 700, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20547-0001.

Dated: October 8, 1998.

Les Jin,

General Counsel.

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