

The provisions of this proposed AD would have little or no impact on trade for U.S. firms doing business in foreign countries and foreign firms doing business in the United States.

Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (the Act), enacted as Pub. L. 104-4 on March 22, 1995, requires each Federal agency, to the extent permitted by law, to prepare a written assessment of the effects of any Federal mandate in a proposed or final agency rule that may result in the expenditure by State, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100 million or more (adjusted annually for inflation) in any one year. Section 204(a) of the Act, 2 U.S.C. 1534(a), requires the Federal agency to develop an effective process to permit timely input by elected officers (or their designees) of State, local, and tribal governments on a proposed "significant intergovernmental mandate." A "significant intergovernmental mandate" under the Act is any provision in a Federal agency regulation that would impose an enforceable duty upon State, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, of \$100 million (adjusted annually for inflation) in any one year. Section 203 of the Act, 2 U.S.C. 1533, which supplements section 204(a), provides that before establishing any regulatory requirements that might significantly or uniquely affect small governments, the agency shall have developed a plan that, among other things, provides for notice to potentially affected small governments, if any, and for a meaningful and timely opportunity to provide input in the development of regulatory proposals.

This proposed AD does not contain any Federal intergovernmental or private sector mandate. Therefore, the requirements of Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 do not apply.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

2. Section 39.13 is amended by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

McDonnell Douglas: Docket 99-NM-161-AD.

Applicability: Model DC-9-81 (MD-81), DC-9-82 (MD-82), DC-9-83 (MD-83), DC-9-87 (MD-87) series airplanes; Model MD-90-30 series airplanes; and MD-88 airplanes; manufacturer's fuselage numbers 1011 through 2241 inclusive; certificated in any category.

Note 1: This AD applies to each airplane identified in the preceding applicability provision, regardless of whether it has been modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For airplanes that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (e) of this AD. The request should include an assessment of the effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD; and, if the unsafe condition has not been eliminated, the request should include specific proposed actions to address it.

Compliance: Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To ensure that insulation blankets constructed of metallized polyethyleneterephthalate (MPET) are removed from the fuselage, accomplish the following:

Inspection

(a) Within 4 years after the effective date of this AD, determine whether, and at what locations, insulation blankets constructed of MPET are installed. This determination shall be made in a manner approved by the Manager, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate.

Note 2: Insulation blankets that are stamped with "DMS 2072, Type 2, Class 1, Grade A" or "DMS 1996, Type 1" are constructed of MPET.

Corrective Actions

(b) For insulation blankets that are determined not to be constructed of MPET, no further action is required by this AD.

(c) For insulation blankets that are determined to be constructed of MPET, within 4 years after the effective date of this AD, replace the MPET insulation blankets with new insulation blankets. The replacement procedures shall be done in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of McDonnell Douglas Service Bulletin MD-90-25-015, Revision 01, dated November 5, 1997 (for Model MD-90-30 series airplanes); or McDonnell Douglas Service Bulletin MD80-25-355, Revision 01, dated November 5, 1997 (for Model DC-9-80 series airplanes and Model MD-88 airplanes); as applicable. The replacement insulation blankets must be constructed of materials tested in accordance with Standard Test Method American Society for Testing

and Materials (ASTM) E648 and approved by the Manager, Los Angeles ACO.

Note 3: Although this paragraph allows up to 4 years for the required replacement, the FAA anticipates that operators will comply at the earliest practicable maintenance opportunity.

Note 4: Only one of the two metallized Tedlar covers specified in the service bulletins has been shown to have successfully passed the testing of the ASTM flammability standard and is considered acceptable for compliance with the requirements of paragraph (c) of this AD.

Spares

(d) As of the effective date of this AD, no person shall install an MPET insulation blanket on any airplane.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(e) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Los Angeles ACO. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Los Angeles ACO.

Note 5: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Los Angeles ACO.

Special Flight Permits

(f) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on August 9, 1999.

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Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Part 1

[REG-105237-99]

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Furnishing Identifying Number of Income Tax Return Preparer

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking by cross-reference to temporary regulations.

SUMMARY: The IRS is proposing regulations that allow income tax return preparers to elect an alternative to their social security number (SSN) for

purposes of identifying themselves on returns they prepare. The text of the temporary regulations published in the Rules and Regulations section of this issue of the **Federal Register** also serves as the text of these proposed regulations. The regulations affect individual preparers who elect to identify themselves using a number other than their SSN.

DATES: Written or electronically generated comments and requests for a public hearing must be received by November 9, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send submissions to: CC:DOM:CORP:R (REG-105237-99), room 5226, Internal Revenue Service, POB 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044. Submissions may be hand delivered Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to: CC:DOM:CORP:R (REG-105237-99), Courier's Desk, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Alternatively, taxpayers may submit comments electronically via the Internet by selecting the "Tax Regs" option on the IRS Home Page, or by submitting comments directly to the IRS Internet site at <http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/tax-regs/reglist.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Concerning the regulations, Andrew J. Keyso, (202) 622-4910; concerning submissions, Michael Slaughter, (202) 622-7180 (not toll-free numbers).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Temporary regulations in the Rules and Regulations section of this issue of the **Federal Register** amend the Income Tax Regulations (26 CFR part 1) relating to section 6109. The temporary regulations provide that an income tax return preparer who is an individual may furnish either a social security number or an alternative identifying number to satisfy the requirements of section 6109(a)(4). The text of those regulations also serves as the text of these proposed regulations. The preamble to the temporary regulations explains the temporary regulations and these proposed regulations.

Special Analyses

It has been determined that this notice of proposed rulemaking is not a significant regulatory action as defined in Executive Order 12866. Therefore, a regulatory assessment is not required. It also has been determined that section 553(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 5) does not apply to these regulations, and because these regulations do not impose a collection

of information on small entities, the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 6) does not apply. Pursuant to section 7805(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, this notice of proposed rulemaking will be submitted to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration for comment on its impact on small business.

Comments and Requests for a Public Hearing

Before these proposed regulations are adopted as final regulations, consideration will be given to written comments (a signed original and eight (8) copies) and electronic comments that are submitted timely to the IRS. The IRS and Treasury Department specifically request comments on the clarity of the proposed regulations and how they can be made easier to understand. All comments will be available for public inspection and copying. A public hearing may be scheduled if requested by any person who timely submits comments. If a public hearing is scheduled, notice of the date, time, and place for the hearing will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Drafting Information

The principal author of these regulations is Andrew J. Keyso, Office of Assistant Chief Counsel (Income Tax & Accounting). However, other personnel from the IRS and Treasury Department participated in their development.

List of Subjects in 26 CFR Part 1

Income taxes, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Proposed Amendments to the Regulations

Accordingly, 26 CFR part 1 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 1—INCOME TAXES

Paragraph 1. The authority citation for part 1 continues to read in part as follows:

Authority: 26 U.S.C. 7805 * * *

Par. 2. Section 1.6109-2 is amended by revising paragraphs (a) and (d) to read as follows:

§ 1.6109-2 Furnishing identifying number of income tax return preparer.

(a) [The text of proposed paragraph (a) is the same as the text of § 1.6109-2T(a) published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**].

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(d) [The text of proposed paragraph (d) is the same as the text of § 1.6109-

2T(d) published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**].

Robert E. Wenzel,

Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 300

[FRL-6417-3]

National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of intent to delete the Anchor Chemicals Superfund Site from the National Priorities List; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 2, announces its intent to delete the Anchor Chemicals Superfund Site (Site) from the National Priorities List (NPL) and requests public comment on this action. The NPL constitutes appendix B of 40 CFR part 300 which is the National Oil & Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), which EPA promulgated pursuant to section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended. EPA and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) have determined that all appropriate response actions have been completed and no further action by the responsible parties is appropriate under CERCLA. In addition, EPA and NYSDEC have determined that response activities conducted to date at the Site have been protective of public health, welfare, and the environment.

DATES: Comments concerning the deletion of the Site from the NPL may be submitted on or before September 13, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to: Thomas Taccone, Remedial Project Manager, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2, 290 Broadway, 20th Floor, New York, New York 10007-1866.

Comprehensive information on the Site is contained at: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2, Superfund Records Center 290 Broadway, Room 1828, New York, New York 10007-1866,