

copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5242, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Foreign Earned Income Exclusion.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1326.

*Form Number:* 2555-EZ.

*Abstract:* U.S. citizens and resident aliens who qualify may use Form 2555-EZ instead of Form 2555, Foreign Earned Income, to exclude a limited amount of their foreign earned income. Form 2555-EZ is a simpler form that can be used by taxpayers whose foreign earned income is \$76,000 or less and who satisfy certain other conditions. The information on the form is used by the IRS to determine if a taxpayer qualifies for, and has properly computed, the foreign earned income exclusion.

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

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

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 43,478.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 2 hours, 5 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 90,434.

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: May 9, 2000.

**Garrick R. Shear,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Bureau of the Public Debt**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the 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 Bureau of the Public Debt within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Special Form of Request For Payment of United States Savings and Retirement Securities Where Use of a Detached Request is Authorized.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before July 17, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Bureau of the Public Debt, Vicki S. Thorpe, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Vicki S. Thorpe, Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328, (304) 480-6553.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Special Form of Request for Payment of United States Savings and Retirement Securities Where Use of A Detached Request is Authorized.

*OMB Number:* 1535-0004.

*Form Number:* PD F 1522.

*Abstract:* The information is requested to establish ownership and request for payment of United States Savings Bonds/Retirement Securities.

*Current Actions:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* Individuals.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 56,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 14,000.

*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.

Dated: May 9, 2000.

**Vicki S. Thorpe,**

*Manager, Graphics, Printing and Records Branch.*

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**Bureau of the Public Debt**

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

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