

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Office of the Comptroller of the Currency****Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The OCC, 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 a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The OCC may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. Currently, the OCC is soliciting comments concerning an extension, without change, of an information collection titled Investment Securities—12 CFR 1. The OCC also gives notice that it has sent the information collection to OMB for review.

DATES: You should submit your written comments to both OCC and the OMB Reviewer by August 4, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You should send your written comments to the Communications Division, Attention: 1557-0205, Third Floor, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. In addition, you can send comments by facsimile transmission to (202) 874-5274, or by electronic mail to regs.comments@occ.treas.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may request additional information, a copy of the collection, or a copy of the supporting documentation submitted to OMB by contacting Jessie Dunaway or Camille Dixon, (202) 874-5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division (1557-0200), Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OCC is proposing to extend OMB approval of the following information collection:

Title: Investment Securities—12 CFR 1.

OMB Number: 1557-0205.

Form Number: None.

Abstract: This submission covers an existing regulation and involves no

change to the regulation or to the information collections embodied in the regulation. The OCC requests only that OMB renew its approval of the information collections in the current regulation.

National banks need these collections of information to ensure that they conduct their operations in a safe and sound manner and in accordance with applicable federal banking statutes and regulations. The collections of information provide needed information for examiners and provide protections for national banks. The collections of information are necessary for regulatory and examination purposes and for national banks to ensure their compliance with federal law and regulations.

The information requirements in 12 CFR part 1 are located as follows:

12 CFR 1.3(h)(2): A national bank may request an OCC determination that it may invest in an entity that is exempt from registration under section 3(c)(1) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the '40 Act) if the portfolio of the entity consists exclusively of assets that a national bank may purchase and sell for its own account. The OCC needs the information to determine if circumstances exist where the bank's investment in a certain exempt investment fund would be acceptable under the '40 Act and does not pose unacceptable risk for the bank.

12 CFR 1.7(b): A national bank may request OCC approval to extend the five-year holding period of securities held in satisfaction of debts previously contracted for up to an additional five years. The OCC uses the information in the request to determine, on a case-by-case basis, that the bank wants to hold the debt for a nonspeculative purpose, whether the bank's reasons for requesting the extension are adequate, and to evaluate the risks to the bank of extending the holding period, including potential effects on bank safety and soundness.

Type of Review: Extension, without change, of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit; individuals.

Number of Respondents: 25.

Total Annual Responses: 25.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 460 burden hours.

OCC Contact: Jessie Dunaway or Camille Dixon, (202) 874-5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, OMB No. 1557-0205, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20219.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander Hunt, (202) 395-7340, Paperwork Reduction Project 1557-0205, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments:

Your comment will become a matter of public record. You are invited to comment on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility;

(b) Whether the OCC's burden estimate is accurate;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

(e) Whether the OCC's estimates of the capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information are accurate.

Dated: June 28, 2000.

Mark J. Tenhundfeld,

Assistant Director, Legislative & Regulatory Activities Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Fiscal Service****Treasury Tax and Loan Program Enhancements**

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice: announcement of delay.

SUMMARY: This announces a delay in the availability of new applications in the Treasury Tax and Loan Program.

DATES: We will announce the new implementation date once established.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Walt Henderson, Senior Financial Program Specialist on (202) 874-6705 or walt.henderson@fms.treas.gov; Mary Bailey, Financial Program Specialist, at (202) 874-6749 or mary.bailey@fms.treas.gov; Adam Martin, Financial Program Specialist, at (202) 874-6881 or adam.martin@fms.treas.gov; Cynthia L. Johnson, Director, Cash Management Policy and Planning Division, at (202) 874-6590 or cindy.johnson@fms.treas.gov; or Ellen

Neubauer, Senior Attorney, (202) 874-6680 or ellen.neubauer@fms.treas.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

On May 24, 2000, the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) announced two new applications in the Treasury Tax and Loan (TT&L) program. These applications—the Treasury Investment Program (TIP) and the Paper Tax System (PATAX)—were scheduled to be available on July 10, 2000. This announcement was published to coincide with the publication of new regulations pertaining to daylight overdrafts by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve (Federal Reserve).

B. Reasons for Delaying the Implementation of the New TT&L Applications

Since the publication date of the notice of the new TT&L applications, the Treasury and the Federal Reserve determined the availability date for these applications, July 10, 2000, must be revised. The Treasury and the Federal Reserve made a joint decision to delay implementation of the TIP and PATAX applications to allow for further testing of an internal cash forecasting application that interfaces with TIP. We will announce the new implementation date once established. Until the new implementation date, all TT&L processes will operate as they currently do. While TIP and PATAX have been thoroughly tested and stand ready for implementation, the extra time will allow the Treasury and the Federal Reserve to ensure that interfaces between these systems and other systems are functioning properly.

Additional Information

For more information on the new TT&L applications and the revised implementation date, please visit www.frbservices.org. Financial institutions may also visit www.fm.treas.gov/regs.html for regulations and guidance pertaining to TT&L, EFTPS, and collateral. Financial institutions with questions on the new TT&L applications should contact the TT&L National Customer Service Area on 1-888-568-7343.

Dated: June 28, 2000.

Betsy H. Lane,

Assistant Commission, Federal Finance, Financial Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form W-4S

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 Form W-4S, Request for Federal Income Tax Withholding From Sick Pay.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before September 5, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Larnice Mack, (202) 622-3179, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Request for Federal Income Tax withholding From Sick Pay.

OMB Number: 1545-0717.

Form Number: W-4S.

Abstract: Section 3402(o) of the Internal Revenue Code allows income tax withholding on sick pay payments made by third parties upon request of the payee. The information is used by payers to determine how much to withhold from each sick pay payment.

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 Respondents: 500,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1 hr., 23 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 690,000.

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: June 23, 2000.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 5227

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 Form 5227, Split-Interest Trust Information Return.