

Passenger Information System (APIS) program; set forth the eligibility requirements for participation in the test, the information transmission and baggage processing procedures required under the test, and the test application process; and requested comments on all aspects of the test.

On April 3, 2000, Customs published a general notice in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 17550) to announce an extension of the time period for applying to participate in the test. The application period was extended to May 26, 2000. On June 16, 2000, Customs published a notice in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 37828) to announce a modification of the test program based on a review of the comments received and a reevaluation of the test. That June 16, 2000, notice also provided for a new application period, to July 31, 2000, and stated that the modified program test would commence no earlier than August 15, 2000, and would run for approximately one year.

Customs has determined that the test as it is currently being conducted should be extended for an additional year and that the time for applying to participate in the test should be reopened for a new six-month period. Extending the test period and reopening the application process will enable Customs to more fully evaluate the results of the test and formulate proposals to amend the Customs Regulations, as may be appropriate, to adopt the procedures under the test on a more permanent basis.

Accordingly, the testing period is extended to August 16, 2002, and applications to participate in the test will be accepted by Customs through February 15, 2002. Customs notes that both the notice published on February 23, 2000, and the notice published on June 16, 2000, should be consulted for a fuller understanding of the various aspects of the program test, as the latter notice did not modify all aspects of the test. In addition, as the application process was modified in the notice of June 16, 2000, that notice should be consulted on how to apply for participation in the test.

Dated: August 21, 2001.

**Bonni G. Tischler,**

*Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Fiscal Service

#### Financial Management Service; Senior Executive Service; Financial Management Service Performance Review Board

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the appointment of members to the Financial Management Service Performance Review Board.

**DATES:** This notice is effective on August 27, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kenneth R. Papaj, Deputy Commissioner, Financial Management Service, 401 14th Street, SW., Room 546, Washington, DC 20227; telephone: (202) 874-7000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), notice is given of the appointment of individuals to serve as members of the Financial Management Service (FMS) Performance Review Board (PRB). The FMS PRB reviews the performance appraisals of career senior executives below the Assistant Commissioner level and makes recommendations regarding ratings, bonuses, and other personnel actions. Four voting members constitute a quorum. The names and titles of the FMS PRB members are as follows:

*Primary Members*

Kenneth R. Papaj, Deputy Commissioner  
Constance E. Craig, Assistant  
Commissioner, Information Resources  
(Chief Information Officer)

Nancy C. Fleetwood, Assistant  
Commissioner, Debt Management  
Service

Betty H. Lane, Assistant Commissioner,  
Federal Finance

John D. Newell, Assistant  
Commissioner, Regional Operations

*Alternate Members*

Scott H. Johnson, Assistant  
Commissioner, Management (Chief  
Financial Officer)

Judith R. Tillman, Assistant  
Commissioner, Financial Operations

Dated: August 22, 2001.

**Richard L. Gregg,**

*Commissioner.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

[REG-209830-96]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

**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 an existing final regulation, REG-209830-96 (TD 8779), Estate and Gift Tax Marital Deduction.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before October 26, 2001, 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 regulation should be directed to Martha Brinson (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Estate and Gift Tax Marital Deduction.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1612.

*Regulation Project Number:* REG-209830-96.

*Abstract:* The information requested in regulation section 20.2056(b)-7(d)(3)(ii) is necessary to provide a method for estates of decedents whose estate tax returns were due on or before February 18, 1997, to obtain an extension of time to make the qualified terminable interest property (QTIP) election under section 2056(b)(7)(B)(v).

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

*Type of Review:* Extension of OMB approval.

*Affected Public:* Individual or households.

The estimated reporting burden in this regulation is reflected in the burden of Form 843, Claim for Refund and Request for Abatement, and Forms 706 and 706-NA, United States Estate (and

Generation-Skipping Transfer) Tax Return.

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: August 21, 2001.

**Garrick R. Shear,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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