

b. To what extent are the safeguards described above required under existing law, such as the GLBA (*see, e.g.*, 12 CFR 30, Appendix B)?

c. Do existing statutory and regulatory requirements protect information adequately? Please explain why or why not.

d. What, if any, new or revised statutory or regulatory protections would be useful? Please explain.

3. The potential risks for customer privacy of such sharing of information:

a. What, if any, potential privacy risks does a customer face when a financial institution shares the customer's information with an affiliate?

b. What, if any, potential privacy risks does a customer face when a financial institution shares the customer's information with a nonaffiliated third party?

c. What, if any, potential risk to privacy does a customer face when an affiliate shares information obtained from another affiliate with a nonaffiliated third party?

4. The potential benefits for financial institutions and affiliates of such sharing of information (specific examples, means of assessment, or evidence of benefits would be useful):

a. In what ways do financial institutions benefit from sharing information with affiliates?

b. In what ways do financial institutions benefit from sharing information with nonaffiliated third parties?

c. In what ways do affiliates benefit when financial institutions share information with them?

d. In what ways do affiliates benefit from sharing information that they obtain from other affiliates with nonaffiliated third parties?

e. What effects would further limitations on such sharing of information have on financial institutions and affiliates?

5. The potential benefits for customers of such sharing of information (specific examples, means of assessment, or evidence of benefits would be useful):

a. In what ways does a customer benefit from the sharing of such information by a financial institution with its affiliates?

b. In what ways does a customer benefit from the sharing of such information by a financial institution with nonaffiliated third parties?

c. In what ways does a customer benefit when affiliates share information they obtained from other affiliates with nonaffiliated third parties?

d. What, if any, alternatives are there to achieve the same or similar benefits for customers without such sharing of such information?

e. What effects, positive or negative, would further limitations on the sharing of such information have on customers?

6. The adequacy of existing laws to protect customer privacy:

a. Do existing privacy laws, such as GLBA privacy regulations and the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), adequately protect the privacy of a customer's information? Please explain why or why not.

b. What, if any, new or revised statutory or regulatory protections would be useful to protect customer privacy? Please explain.

7. The adequacy of financial institution privacy policy and privacy rights disclosure under existing law:

a. Have financial institution privacy notices been adequate in light of existing requirements? Please explain why or why not.

b. What, if any, new or revised requirements would improve how financial institutions describe their privacy policies and practices and inform customers about their privacy rights? Please explain how any of these new or revised requirements would improve financial institutions' notices.

8. The feasibility of different approaches, including opt-out and opt-in, to permit customers to direct that such information not be shared with affiliates and nonaffiliated third parties:

a. Is it feasible to require financial institutions to obtain customers' consent (opt in) before sharing information with affiliates in some or all circumstances? With nonaffiliated third parties? Please explain what effects, both positive and negative, such a requirement would have on financial institutions and on consumers.

b. Under what circumstances would it be appropriate to permit, but not require, financial institutions to obtain customers' consent (opt in) before sharing information with affiliates as an alternative to a required opt out in some or all circumstances? With nonaffiliated third parties? What effects, both positive and negative, would such a voluntary opt in have on customers and on financial institutions? (Please describe any experience of this approach that you may have had, including consumer acceptance.)

c. Is it feasible to require financial institutions to permit customers to opt out generally of having their information shared with affiliates?¹⁰ Please explain what effects, both positive and negative, such a

¹⁰ This question seeks views on a general opt out for sharing of information with affiliates and represents a broadening of opt-out provisions for affiliate sharing under the FCRA.

requirement would have on consumers and on financial institutions.

d. What, if any, other methods would permit customers to direct that information not be shared with affiliates or nonaffiliated third parties? Please explain their benefits and drawbacks for customers and for financial institutions of each method identified.

9. The feasibility of restricting sharing of such information for specific uses or of permitting customers to direct the uses for which such information may be shared:

a. Describe the circumstances under which or the extent to which customers may be able to restrict the sharing of information by financial institutions for specific uses or to direct the uses for which such information may be shared?

b. What effects, both positive and negative, would such a policy have on financial institutions and on consumers?

c. Please describe any experience you may have had of this approach.

Dated: February 4, 2002.

Sheila C. Bair,

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[REG-209106-89]

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 notice of proposed rulemaking, REG-209106-89, Changes With Respect to Prizes and Awards and Employee Achievement Awards (§ 1.74-1(c)). **DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before April 16, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to George Freeland, Internal Revenue Service, room 5575, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of regulation should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, or through the internet (CAROL.A.SAVAGE@irs.gov.), Internal Revenue Service, room 5242, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Changes With Respect to Prizes and Awards and Employee Achievement Awards.

OMB Number: 1545-1100.

Regulation Project Number: REG-209106-89 (formerly EE-84-89).

Abstract: This regulation requires recipients of prizes and awards to maintain records to determine whether a qualifying designation has been made in accordance with section 74(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The affected public are prize and award recipients who seek to exclude the cost of a qualifying prize or award.

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

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,100.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,275.

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: February 7, 2002.

George Freeland,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Internal Revenue Service****Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8842**

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 8842, Election To Use Different Annualization Periods for Corporate Estimated Tax.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 16, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to George Freeland, 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, or through the internet (Larnice.Mack@irs.gov.), Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Election To Use Different Annualization Periods for Corporate Estimated Tax.

OMB Number: 1545-1409.

Form Number: 8842.

Abstract: Form 8842 is used by corporations, tax-exempt organizations subject to the unrelated business income tax, and private foundations to annually

elect the use of an annualization period under Internal Revenue Code section 6655(e)(2)(C)(i) or (ii) for purposes of figuring the corporation's estimated tax payments under the annualized income installment method.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the Form 8842 at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a current OMB approval.

Affected Public: Business, or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1700.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 3 hrs., 33 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4335.

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.

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