

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 124,184.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 55 hrs., 38 min.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 6,909,598.

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#### 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 25, 2002.

**Glenn Kirkland,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 1099-C

**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 1099-C, Cancellation of Debt.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before September 6, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Glenn Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 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 Allan Hopkins, (202) 622-6665, or through the internet (*Allan.M.Hopkins@irs.gov*), Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Cancellation of Debt.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1424.

*Form Number:* 1099-C.

*Abstract:* Form 1099-C is used by Federal government agencies, financial institutions, and credit unions to report the cancellation or forgiveness of a debt of \$600 or more, as required by section 6050P of the Internal Revenue Code. The IRS uses the form to verify compliance with the reporting rules and to verify that the debtor has included the proper amount of canceled debt in income on his or her income tax return.

*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:* Business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, and the Federal government.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 647,993.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 10 min.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 110,159.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

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#### 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 24, 2002.

**Glenn Kirkland,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

[REG-121063-97]

#### 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-121063-97 (TD 8972), Averaging of Farm Income (§ 1.1301-1).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before September 6, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or

copies of regulations should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, or through the internet (*CAROL.A.SAVAGE@irs.gov.*), Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Averaging of Farm Income.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1662.

*Regulation Project Numbers:* REG-121063-97.

*Abstract:* Code section 1301 allows an individual engaged in a farming business to elect to reduce his or her regular tax liability by treating all or a portion of the current year's farming income as if it had been earned in equal proportions over the prior three years. The regulation provides that the election for averaging farm income is made by filing Schedule J of Form 1040, which is also used to record and total the amount of tax for each year of the four year calculation.

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

*Type of review:* Extension of OMB approval.

*Affected Public:* Farms and individuals or households.

The burden for this requirement is reflected in the burden estimate for Schedule J of Form 1040.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

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**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: July 1, 2002.

**Carol Savage,**

*Program Analyst.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Internal Revenue Service**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Notice 210**

**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 Notice 210, Preparation Instructions for Media Labels.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before September 6, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of Notice 210 should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, or through the internet (*CAROL.A.SAVAGE@irs.gov.*), Internal Revenue Service, Room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Preparation Instructions for Media Labels.

*OMB Number:* 1545-0295.

*Form Number:* Notice 210.

*Abstract:* Section 6011(e)(2)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code requires certain filers of information returns to report on magnetic media. Notice 210 instructs the filers on how to prepare a pressure sensitive label that is affixed to the

media informing the IRS as to what type of information is contained on the media being submitted. This label must be attached to each and every piece of media to identify items needed so that the media can be processed by the Internal Revenue Service.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to Notice 210 at this time.

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

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations and not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 150,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 5 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 12,765.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

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**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: July 1, 2002.

**Carol Savage,**

*Program Analyst.*

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