

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,400.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* One.

*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: February 20, 2004.

**William H. Foster,**

*Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**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 Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, within the Department of the Treasury, is soliciting comments concerning "Recordkeeping for Tobacco Products Removed in Bond from Manufacturers Premises for Experimental Purposes—27 CFR 270.232(d)."

**DATES:** We must receive written comments on or before May 10, 2004 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Sandra L. Turner, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, 1310 G Street, NW., Room 200-E, Washington, DC 20220.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed Sandra L. Turner, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, 1310 G Street, NW., Room 200-E, Washington, DC 20220, telephone (202) 927-2400.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Recordkeeping for Tobacco Products Removed in Bond from Manufacturers Premises for Experimental Purposes—27 CFR 270.232(d).

*OMB Number:* 1513-0110.

*Recordkeeping Requirement ID Number:* N/A.

*Abstract:* The prescribed records apply to manufacturers who ship tobacco products in bond for experimental purposes. TTB can examine these records to determine that the proprietor has complied with law and regulations that allow such tobacco products to be shipped in bond for experimental purposes without payment of the excise tax.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes to this information collection and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 165.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* One.

*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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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

[PS-103-90]

#### 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, PS-103-90 (TD 8578), Election Out of Subchapter K for Producers of Natural Gas (§ 1.761-2).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before May 10, 2004, 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 regulations should be directed to Larnice Mack at Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622-3179, or through the Internet at ([Larnice.Mack@irs.gov](mailto:Larnice.Mack@irs.gov)).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Election Out of Subchapter K for Producers of Natural Gas.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1338.

*Regulation Project Number:* PS-103-90.

*Abstract:* This regulation contains certain requirements that must be met by co-producers of natural gas subject to a joint operating agreement in order to elect out of subchapter K of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code. Under regulation § 1.761-2(d)(5)(i), gas producers subject to gas balancing agreements must file Form 3115 and certain additional information to obtain the Commissioner's consent to a change