DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Internal Revenue Service
26 CFR Parts 1 and 31
[REG–146097–09]
RIN 1545–BJ01
Guidance on Reporting Interest Paid to Nonresident Aliens; Correction
AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.
ACTION: Correction to a notice of proposed rulemaking and notice of public hearing.
SUMMARY: This document contains corrections to a notice of proposed rulemaking and notice of public hearing (REG–146097–09) that was published in the Federal Register on Friday, January 7, 2011 (76 FR 1105) providing guidance on the reporting requirements for interest on deposits maintained at U.S. offices of certain financial institutions and paid to nonresident alien individuals.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathryn Holman, (202) 622–3840 (not a toll-free number).
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Background
The correction notice that is the subject of this document is under sections 6049 and 3406 of the Internal Revenue Code.
Need for Correction
As published, the notice of proposed rulemaking and notice of public hearing (REG–146097–09) contain errors that may prove to be misleading and are in need of clarification.
Correction of Publication
Accordingly, the publication of the notice of proposed rulemaking and notice of public hearing (REG–146097–09), which was the subject of FR Doc. 2011–82, is corrected as follows:
1. On page 1107, column 2, in the preamble, under the caption DATES, fourth line, the language “public hearing scheduled for April 28,” is corrected to read “public hearing scheduled for April 27.”
2. On page 1107, column 2, in the preamble, under the paragraph heading “Comments and Public Hearing,” fourth paragraph of the column, second line, the language “for April 28, 2011, beginning at 10 a.m.” is corrected to read “for April 27, 2011, beginning at 10 a.m.”

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Internal Revenue Service
26 CFR Part 301
[REG–131151–10]
RIN 1545–BJ89
Rewards and Awards for Information Relating to Violations of Internal Revenue Laws
AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.
ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.
SUMMARY: This document contains a proposed regulation relating to the payment of rewards under section 7623 of the Internal Revenue Code and awards under section 7623(b). The guidance is necessary to clarify the definition of proceeds of amounts collected and collected proceeds under section 7623. This regulation provides needed guidance to the general public as well as officers and employees of the IRS who review claims under section 7623.
DATES: Written or electronic comments and requests for a public hearing must be received by April 18, 2011.
ADDRESSES: Send submissions to CC:PA:LPD:PR (REG–131151–10), Room 5203, Internal Revenue Service, P.O. Box 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044. Submissions may be hand-delivered Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to CC:PA:LPD:PR (REG–131151–10), Courier’s Desk, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, or sent electronically, via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov (IRS—REG–131151–10).
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Concerning the proposed regulation, Kirsten N. Witter, at (202) 927–0090; concerning submissions of comments and requests for a public hearing, Richard A. Hurst at Richard.A.Hurst@irs.counsel.treas.gov, or (202) 622–7180 (not toll-free numbers).
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Background and Explanation of Provision
Section 7623(a) provides the Secretary with the authority to pay such sums as he deems necessary from proceeds of amounts collected based on information provided to the Secretary when the information relates to the detection of underpayments of tax or the detection and bringing to trial and punishment persons guilty of violating the internal revenue laws or conniving at the same. Section 7623(b) provides the Secretary with the authority to pay awards to individuals if the Secretary proceeds with an administrative or judicial action described in section 7623(a) that results in collected proceeds based on information provided by the individuals. Section 301.7623–1(a) currently provides that proceeds of amounts (other than interest) collected by reason of the information provided include both amounts collected because of the information provided and amounts collected prior to receipt of the information if the information leads to the denial of a claim for refund that otherwise would have been paid. 63 FR 44777.
Section 301.7623–1(a) was promulgated prior to amendments of section 7623 as part of the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006, division A, section 406, Public Law 109–432, 120 Stat. 2958. The amendments designated the existing section 7623 as section 7623(a). As originally enacted, section 7623 provided that rewards shall be paid “from the proceeds of amounts (other than interest) collected by reason of the information provided 25 * * * ” The 2006 amendments to section 7623 struck the “other than interest” language. The amendments also added section 7623(b), which provides that in certain cases individuals shall receive an award of at least 15% but not more than 30% of the collected proceeds resulting from the action with which the Secretary proceeded based on information brought to the attention of the Secretary by the individual. The 2006 amendments to section 7623 also created the IRS Whistleblower Office, which is responsible for administering a whistleblower program within the IRS.
This regulation clarifies the definitions of proceeds of amounts collected and collected proceeds for purposes of section 7623 and that the provisions of Treas. Reg. § 301.7623–1(a) concerning refund prevention claims are applicable to claims under section 7623(a) and (b). In clarifying the definitions of proceeds of amounts collected and collected proceeds, this regulation provides that the reduction of an overpayment credit balance is also considered proceeds of amounts collected and collected proceeds under section 7623.

Special Analysis

It has been determined that this notice of proposed rulemaking is not a significant regulatory action as defined in Executive Order 12866. Therefore, a regulatory assessment is not required. It also has been determined that section 553(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 5) does not apply to these regulations, and, because the regulations do not impose a collection of information on small entities, the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 6) does not apply. Pursuant to section 7805(f) of the Code, these regulations have been submitted to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration for comment on its impact on small businesses.

Comments and Requests for a Public Hearing

Before this proposed regulation is adopted as a final regulation, consideration will be given to any electronic or written comments (a signed original and eight (8) copies) that are submitted timely to the IRS. The Treasury Department and the IRS request comments on the clarity of the proposed rule and how it may be made easier to understand. All comments will be available for public inspection and copying. A public hearing may be scheduled if requested in writing by a person that timely submits written comments. If a public hearing is scheduled, notice of the date, time, and place of the hearing will be published in the Federal Register.

Drafting Information

The principal author of this regulation is Kirsten N. Witter, Office of the Associate Chief Counsel (General Legal Services).

List of Subjects in 26 CFR Part 301

Employment taxes, Estate taxes, Excise taxes, Gift taxes, Income taxes, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Proposed Amendment to the Regulations

Accordingly, 26 CFR part 301 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 301—PROCEDURE AND ADMINISTRATION

Paragraph 1. The authority citation for part 301 is amended by adding an entry in numerical order to read as follows:

Authority: 26 U.S.C. 7805 * * * Section 301.7623–1 also issued under 26 U.S.C. 7623.

Par. 2. Section 301.7623–1 is amended by revising the section heading, and paragraphs (a) and (g), to read as follows:

§301.7623–1 Rewards and awards for information relating to violations of internal revenue laws.

(a) In general—(1) Rewards and awards. When information that has been provided to the Internal Revenue Service results in the detection of underpayments of tax or the detection and bringing to trial and punishment persons guilty of violating the internal revenue laws or conniving at the same, the IRS may approve a reward under section 7623(a) in a suitable amount from the proceeds of amounts collected in cases when rewards are not otherwise provided by law, or shall determine an award under section 7623(b) from collected proceeds.

(2) Proceeds of amounts collected and collected proceeds. For purposes of section 7623 and this section, both proceeds of amounts collected and collected proceeds include: tax, penalties, interest, additions to tax, and additional amounts collected by reason of the information provided; amounts collected prior to receipt of the information if the information provided results in the denial of a claim for refund that otherwise would have been paid; and a reduction of an overpayment credit balance used to satisfy a tax liability incurred because of the information provided.

(g) Effective/applicability date. This section is applicable with respect to rewards paid after January 29, 1997, except the rules of paragraph (a) of this section apply with respect to rewards and awards paid after these regulations are published as final regulations in the Federal Register.

Heather C. Maloy, (Acting) Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52


Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Infrastructure State Implementation Plan Requirement To Address Interstate Transport for the 2006 24-Hour PM2.5 NAAQS

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA is proposing to approve and, in the alternative, proposing to disapprove a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) on September 16, 2009, as supplemented with a technical analysis submitted for parallel-processing by DNREC on December 9, 2010, to address significant contribution to nonattainment or interference with maintenance in another State with respect to the 2006 fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). EPA's rationale for proposing approval and, in the alternative, proposing disapproval of Delaware's September 16, 2009 SIP revision and its associated December 9, 2010 supplement is described in this proposal. Please note that today's proposed rulemaking action addresses only those portions of Delaware's September 16, 2009 submittal which pertain to significant contribution to nonattainment or interference with maintenance in another State requirements pursuant to the 2006 PM_{2.5} NAAQS. EPA is not taking action at this time on any other portion of Delaware's September 16, 2009 supplement. This action is being taken under the Clean Air Act (CAA).

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before February 17, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID Number EPA–R03–OAR–2010–1027 by one of the following methods:


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