DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Surface Transportation Board
Release of Waybill Data

The Surface Transportation Board has received a request from Covington & Burling on behalf of Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) for permission to use certain data from the Board’s 2009 Carload Waybill Sample. A copy of the request may be obtained from the Office of Economics.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to these requests, they should file their objections with the Director of the Board’s Office of Economics within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice.

The rules for release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.9.

Contact: Ralph Terry, at Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224; or at (202)622–8144, or through the Internet at Ralph.M.Terry@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Request for Regulation Project
OMB Number: 1545–1945
Regulation Project Number: TD 9328

Abstract: This document sets forth an elective safe harbor that permits dealers in securities and dealers in commodities to elect to use the values of positions reported on certain financial statements as the fair market values of those positions for purposes of section 475 of the Internal Revenue Code (Code). This safe harbor is intended to reduce the compliance burden on taxpayers and to improve the administrability of the valuation requirement of section 475 for the IRS.

Current Actions: There is no change to this existing regulation.
Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.
Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 12,308.
Estimated Average Time Per Respondent: 4 hours.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 49,232.

The following paragraph applies to all 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: March 4, 2011.
Yvette Lawrence,
IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Internal Revenue Service
[TD 8096]
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, TD 8096, Product Liability Losses and Accumulations for Product Liability Losses (Section 1.172–13).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 10, 2011 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Yvette Lawrence, Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the regulations should be directed to Ralph Terry, at Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202)622–8144, or through the Internet at Ralph.M.Terry@irs.gov.

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