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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

[LR-58-83]

#### 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 Related Group Election With Respect to Qualified Investments in Foreign Base Company Shipping Operations.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before January 28, 2013 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to R. Joseph Durbala, 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 Martha R. Brinson at Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202)622-3869, or through the Internet at [Martha.R.Brinson@irs.gov](mailto:Martha.R.Brinson@irs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Related Group Election With Respect to Qualified Investments in Foreign Base Company Shipping Operations.

**OMB Number:** 1545-0755.

**Regulation Project Number:** LR-58-83 (TD 7959-Final).

**Abstract:** The election described in the attached justification converted an annual election to an election effective until revoked. The computational information required is necessary to assure that the U.S. shareholder correctly reports any shipping income of its controlled foreign corporations which is taxable to that shareholder.

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

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

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

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 100.

**Estimated Time per Respondent:** 2 hours, 3 minutes.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden**

**Hours:** 205

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.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Information Reporting Requirements for Certain Payments Made on Behalf of Another Person, Payments to Joint Payees, and Payments of Gross Proceeds From Sales Involving Investment Advisers

**OMB Number:** 1545-1705.

**Regulation Project Number:** TD 9010.

**Abstract:** This regulation under section 6041 clarifies who is the payee for information reporting purposes if a check or other instrument is made payable to joint payees, provides information reporting requirements for escrow agents and other persons making payments on behalf of another person, and clarifies that the amount to be reported as paid is the gross amount of the payment. The regulation also removes investment advisers from the list of exempt recipients for information reporting purposes under section 6045.

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

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

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

The estimate of the reporting burden in § 1.6041-1 is reflected in the burden of Form 1099-MISC. The estimate of the reporting burden in § 1.6045-1 is