

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the 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. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning information reporting for requesting a determination of the status of a worker under the common law rules for purposes of federal employment taxes and income tax withholding.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before September 30, 2019 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Laurie Brimmer, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224. Requests for additional information or copies of the regulations should be directed to R. Joseph Durbala, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20224, or through the internet, at RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Request for Determination of Worker Status for Purposes of Federal Employment Taxes and Income Tax Withholding.

OMB Number: 1545-0004.

Form Project Number: Forms SS-8 and SS-8(PR).

Abstract: Firms and workers file Form SS-8 to request a determination of the status of a worker under the common law rules for purposes of federal employment taxes and income tax withholding.

Current Actions: There is no change to the burden previously approved by OMB.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals, not-for-profit institutions, Federal government, farms, and state, local or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,705.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 31 Hours 34 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 148,621.

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 if 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.

Desired Focus of Comments: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, by permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the ICR for OMB approval of the extension of the information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Approved: July 23, 2019.

R. Joseph Durbala,

IRS Tax Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service, 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 continuing

information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before September 30, 2019 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Laurie Brimmer, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224. Please send separate comments for each specific information collection listed below. You must reference the information collection's title, form number, reporting or record-keeping requirement number, and OMB number (if any) in your comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information, or copies of the information collection and instructions, or copies of any comments received, contact Elaine Christophe, at (202) 317-5745, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet, at Elaine.H.Christophe@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in our request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the relevant information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record. Please do not include any confidential or inappropriate material in your comments. We invite comments on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the agency's functions, including whether the information has 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 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 the requested information.

The IRS is seeking comments concerning the following forms, and reporting and record-keeping requirements:

1. *Title:* U.S. Departing Alien Income Tax Statement.

OMB Number: 1545-0138.

Form Number: 2063.

Abstract: Form 2063 is used by a departing resident alien against whom a termination assessment has not been made, or a departing nonresident alien who has no taxable income from United States sources, to certify that they have

satisfied all U.S. income tax obligations. The data is used by the IRS to certify that departing aliens have complied with U.S. income tax laws.

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: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Responses: 20,540.

Estimated Time per Response: 50 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 17,049.

2. *Title:* Amortization of Reforestation Expenditures.

OMB Number: 1545-0735.

Regulation: TD 7927.

Abstract: Internal Revenue Code section 194 allows taxpayers to elect to amortize certain reforestation expenditures over a 7-year period if the expenditures meet certain requirements. The regulations implement this election provision and allow the IRS to determine if the election is proper and allowable.

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

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business, or other for-profit organizations, and farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 12,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,001.

3. *Title:* Creditability of Foreign Taxes.

OMB Number: 1545-0746.

Regulation Project Number: LR-100-78.

Abstract: Section 1.901-2A of the regulation contains special rules that apply to taxpayers engaging in business transactions with a foreign government that is also taxing them. In general, such taxpayers must establish what portion of a payment made pursuant to a foreign levy is actually tax and not compensation for an economic benefit received from the foreign government. One way a taxpayer can do this is by electing to apply the safe harbor formula of section 1.901-2A by filing a statement with the IRS.

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

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, and business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 120.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 41.

4. *Title:* Limitation on Reduction in Income Tax Liability Incurred to the Virgin Islands.

OMB Number: 1545-0782.

Regulation Project Number: TD 6629.

Abstract: Internal Revenue Code section 934(a)(1954 code) provides that the tax liability incurred to the Virgin Islands shall not be reduced except to the extent provided in Code section 934(b) and (c). Taxpayers applying for tax rebates or subsidies under section 934 of the 1954 Code must provide certain information in order to obtain these benefits.

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

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households and business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Time per Respondent/Reporting: 12 minutes.

Estimated Time per Respondent/Record-Keeping: 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Reporting Burden Hours: 100.

Estimated Total Annual Record-keeping Burden Hours: 85.

5. *Title:* Interest Charge on DISC-Related Deferred Tax Liability.

OMB Number: 1545-0939.

Form Number: 8404.

Abstract: Shareholders of Interest Charge Domestic International Sales Corporations (IC-DISCs) use Form 8404 to figure and report an interest charge on their DISC-related deferred tax liability. The interest charge is required by Internal Revenue Code section 995(f). IRS uses Form 8404 to determine whether the shareholder has correctly figured and paid the interest charge on a timely basis.

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: Businesses or other for-profit organizations and individuals.

Estimated Number of Responses: 200.

Estimated Time per Response: 7 hrs., 47 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,558.

6. *Title:* Chemicals That Deplete the Ozone Layer.

OMB Number: 1545-1361.

Regulation Project Number: TD 8662.

Abstract: These regulations impose reporting and recordkeeping requirements necessary to implement

Internal Revenue Code sections 4681 and 4682 relating to the tax on chemicals that deplete the ozone layer and on products containing such chemicals. The regulation affects manufacturers and importers of ozone-depleting chemicals, manufacturers of rigid foam insulation, and importers of products containing or manufactured with ozone-depleting chemicals manufacture, import, export, sell, or use ODCs. In addition, the regulation affects persons, other than manufacturers and importers of ozone-depleting chemicals, holding such chemicals for sale or for use in further manufacture on January 1, 1990, and on subsequent tax-increase dates. This regulation provides reporting and recordkeeping rules relating to taxes imposed on exports of ozone-depleting chemicals (ODCs), taxes imposed on ODCs used as medical sterilant or propellants in metered-dose inhalers, and floor stocks taxes on ODCs. The rules affect persons, other than manufacturers and importers of ozone-depleting chemicals, holding such chemicals for sale or for use in further manufacture on January 1, 1990, and on subsequent tax-increase dates.

This regulation provides reporting and recordkeeping rules relating to taxes imposed on exports of ozone-depleting chemicals (ODCs), taxes imposed on ODCs used as medical sterilants or propellants in metered-dose inhalers, and floor stocks taxes on ODCs. The rules affect persons who

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

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

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: 150,350.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Reporting Burden Hours: 75,265.

7. *Title:* Stock Transfer Rules: Carryover of Earnings and Taxes.

OMB Number: 1545-1711.

Regulation Project Number: REG-116050-99.

Abstract: This document contains final regulations addressing the carryover of certain tax attributes, such as earnings and profits and foreign income tax accounts, when two corporations combine in a corporate reorganization or liquidation that is described in both section 367(b) and section 381 of the Internal Revenue Code (Code). The final regulations relate

to the carryover of certain tax attributes, such as earnings and profits and foreign income tax accounts, when two corporations combine in a section 367(b) transaction.

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: 600.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 3 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,800.

8. *Title:* Tip Rate Determination Agreement (TRDA) for industries other than the food and beverage industry and the gaming industry.

OMB Number: 1545–1717.

Form Number: N/A.

Abstract: Announcement 2000–20, 2000–19 I.R.B. 977, and Announcement 2001–1, #2001–2 I.R.B. p.277 contain information required by the Internal Revenue Service in its tax compliance efforts to assist employers and their employees in understanding and complying with Internal Revenue Code section 6053(a), which requires employees to report all their tips monthly to their employers. The Internal Revenue Service is expanding its Tip Rate Determination/Education Program (TRD/EP), which is designed to enhance tax compliance among tipped employees through taxpayer education and voluntary advance agreements instead of traditional audit techniques.

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.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 18 hours, 58 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,897.

9. *Title:* Employment Tax Adjustments; and Rules Relating to Additional Medicare Tax.

OMB Number: 1545–2097.

Regulation: REG–111583–07 [T.D. 9405(final)] and REG–130074–11.

Abstract: This document contains final regulations relating to employment tax adjustments and employment tax refund claims. These regulations modify the process for making interest-free adjustments for both underpayments and overpayments of Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) and Railroad Retirement Tax Act (RRTA) taxes and federal income tax withholding (ITW)

under sections 6205(a) and 6413(a), respectively, of the Internal Revenue Code (Code).

Current Actions: There is no in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB. This form is being submitted for renewal purposes only.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,400,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 4 hours and 58 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 16,900,000.

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Approved: July 24, 2019.

Laurie Brimmer,

Senior Tax Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 706–A

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS), 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 information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning United States Additional Estate Tax Return.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before September 30, 2019 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Laurie Brimmer, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 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 Martha R. Brinson, at (202) 317–5753, or at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at Martha.R.Brinson@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: United States Additional Estate Tax Return.

OMB Number: 1545–0016.

Form Number: 706–A.

Abstract: Form 706–A is used by individuals to compute and pay the additional estate taxes due under Code section 2032A(c). IRS uses the information to determine that the taxes have been properly computed. The form is also used for the basis election of section 1016(c)(1).

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: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 180.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 9 hours, 19 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,678.

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