

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau****Proposed Information Collections; Comment Request**

AGENCY: Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we invite comments on the proposed or continuing information collections listed below in this notice.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before January 28, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments to Mary A. Wood, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, at any of these addresses:

- P.O. Box 14412, Washington, DC 20044-4412;
- 202-453-2686 (facsimile); or
- formcomments@ttb.gov (e-mail).

Please send separate comments for each specific information collection listed below. You must reference the information collection's title, form or recordkeeping requirement number, and OMB number (if any) in your comment. If you submit your comment via facsimile, send no more than five 8.5 x 11 inch pages in order to ensure electronic access to our equipment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain additional information, copies of the information collection and its instructions, or copies of any comments received, contact Mary A. Wood, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, P.O. Box 14412, Washington, DC 20044-4412; or telephone 202-453-2265.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Request for Comments**

The Department of the Treasury and its Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB), as part of their continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed or continuing information collections listed below in this notice, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be included or summarized in our request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the relevant information

collection. All comments are part of the public record and subject to disclosure. Please not do include any confidential or inappropriate material in your comments.

We invite comments on: (a) Whether this information collection 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 information collection's burden; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (d) ways to minimize the information collection's burden 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 the requested information.

Information Collections Open for Comment

Currently, we are seeking comments on the following forms and recordkeeping requirements:

Title: Notice of Change in Status of Plant.

OMB Control Number: 1513-0044.

TTB Form Numbers: 5110.34.

Abstract: TTB F 5110.34 is necessary to show the use of the distilled spirits plant (DSP) premises for other activities or by alternating proprietors. It describes proprietor's use of plant premises and other information to show that the change in plant status is in conformity with law and regulations. It also shows what bond covers the activities of the DSP at a given time.

Current Actions: We are submitting this information collection for extension purposes only. The information collection, estimated number of respondents, and estimated total annual burden hours remain unchanged.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,000.

Title: Tax Deferral Bond—Distilled Spirits (Puerto Rico).

OMB Control Number: 1513-0050.

TTB Form Number: 5110.50.

Abstract: TTB F 5110.50 is the bond to secure payment of excise taxes on distilled spirits shipped from Puerto Rico to the U.S. on deferral of the tax. The form identifies the principal, the surety, purpose of bond, and allocation of the penal sum among the principal's locations.

Current Actions: We are submitting this information collection for extension purposes only. The information collection, estimated number of respondents, and estimated total annual burden hours remain unchanged.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 10.

Title: Tobacco Products Manufacturers—Supporting Records for Removal for the Use of the United States.

OMB Number: 1513-0069.

TTB Recordkeeping Requirement Number: 5210/6.

Abstract: Tobacco products have historically been a major source of excise tax revenues for the Federal Government. In order to safeguard these taxes, tobacco products manufacturers are required to maintain a system of records designed to establish accountability over the tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes produced. However, these items can be removed without the payment of tax if they are for the use of the United States. Records must be retained by the manufacturer for 3 years following the close of the year covered therein and must be made available for inspection by any TTB officer upon his/her request.

Current Actions: We are submitting this information collection for extension purposes only. The information collection, estimated number of respondents, and estimated total annual burden hours remain unchanged.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 101.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 505.

Titles: Statement of Ultimate Vendor. Exemption Certificate (Use on Certain Vessels or Aircraft).

Exemption Certificate (Use by State or local Governments).

Statement of Manufacturer's Vendee (For Export).

Statement of Manufacturer's Vendee (Use in Further Manufacture).

OMB Control Number: 1513-0128.

TTB Form Numbers: 5600.33, 5600.34, 5600.35, 5600.36, 5600.37, respectively.

Abstract: Title 27, CFR, part 53 requires that, in some cases, persons who sell firearms or ammunition tax-free use specific exemption certificates

or statements to support the tax-free sales. In addition, 27 CFR part 53 requires a specific statement from the ultimate vendor to support claims for certain tax refunds or credits. Although the regulations require firearms and ammunition excise taxpayers to design and reproduce these certificates or statements as specified in the regulations, in order to promote uniformity among excise taxpayers and compliance with regulations, these certificates and statements are needed.

Current Actions: We are submitting this information collection request for extension purposes only. The information collection, estimated number of respondents, and estimated total annual burden hours remain unchanged.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; individuals or households; State or Local Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 52,500.

Dated: November 19, 2010.

Gerald Isenberg,

Director, Regulations and Rulings Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Art Advisory Panel—Closed Meeting

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of Closed Meeting of Art Advisory Panel for Decorative Art.

SUMMARY: A closed meeting of the Art Advisory Panel will be held in Washington, DC.

DATES: The meeting will be held December 8, 2010.

ADDRESSES: The closed meeting of the Art Advisory Panel for Decorative Art will be held on December 8, 2010, in the Appeals Media Center beginning at 9:30 a.m., Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph E. Bothwell, C:AP:PV:ART, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005. Telephone (202) 435-5611 (not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., that a closed meeting of the Art Advisory

Panel for Decorative Art will be held on December 8, 2010, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in room 4112, Appeals Large Conference Room, Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

The agenda will consist of the review and evaluation of the acceptability of fair market value appraisals of works of art involved in Federal income, estate, or gift tax returns. This will involve the discussion of material in individual tax returns made confidential by the provisions of 26 U.S.C. 6103.

A determination as required by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act has been made that this meeting is concerned with matters listed in section 552b(c)(3), (4), (6), and (7), and that the meeting will not be open to the public.

Diane S. Ryan,
Chief, Appeals.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Publication of the Tier 2 Tax Rates

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Publication of the tier 2 tax rates for calendar year 2011 as required by section 3241(d) of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. section 3241). Tier 2 taxes on railroad employees, employers, and employee representatives are one source of funding for benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act.

DATES: The tier 2 tax rates for calendar year 2011 apply to compensation paid in calendar year 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Edmondson, CC:TEGE:EOEG:ET1, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, Telephone Number (202) 622-0047 (not a toll-free number).

TIER 2 TAX RATES: The tier 2 tax rate for 2011 under section 3201(b) on employees is 3.9 percent of compensation. The tier 2 tax rate for 2011 under section 3221(b) on employers is 12.1 percent of compensation. The tier 2 tax rate for 2011 under section 3211(b) on employee representatives is 12.1 percent of compensation.

Dated: November 17, 2010.

Nancy Marks,

Division Counsel/Associate Chief Counsel (Tax Exempt and Government Entities).

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0060]

Agency Information Collection (Claim for One Sum Payment (Government Life Insurance)) Activities under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 29, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through <http://www.Regulations.gov>; or to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0060" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-7485, fax (202) 273-0443 or e-mail denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0060."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles:

a. Claim for One Sum Payment (Government Life Insurance), VA Form 29-4125.

b. Claim for Monthly Payments (National Service Life Insurance), VA Form 29-4125a.

c. Claim for Monthly Payments (United States Government Life Insurance, (USGLI)), VA Form 29-4125k.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0060.