Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 1 hour, 30 minutes. Frequency of Response: On occasion. Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 3,000 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545–1640. *Regulation Project Number:* REG– 104924–98 NPRM.

Type of Review: Extension.

*Title:* Mark-to-Market Accounting for Dealers in Commodities and Traders in Securities or Commodities.

Description: The collection of information in this proposed regulation by the Internal Revenue Service to determine whether an exemption from market-to-market treatment is properly claimed. This information will be used to make that determination upon audit of taxpayers' books and records. The likely recordkeepers are business or other-for-profit institution.

Respondents: Business or other forprofit, Individuals or households. Estimated Number of Respondents/

Recordkeepers: 1,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper: 1 hour. Frequency of Response: Other (once). Estimated Total Reporting Recordkeeping Burden: 1,000 hour.

Clearance Officer: George Freeland, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5577, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395–7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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# **DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

#### Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Revenue Procedure 2002– 10

**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 Revenue Procedure 2002–10, Procedures for IRAs, SEPs, and SIMPLES IRA Plans.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before March 15, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to George Freeland, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the revenue procedure should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622–3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5242, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Procedures for IRAs, SEPs, and SIMPLEs IRA Plans.

*OMB Number:* 1545–1769. *Revenue Procedure Number:* Revenue Procedure 2002–10.

Abstract: The Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 made numerous changes affecting IRAs, SEPs, and simples IRA plans. These changes are effective beginning January 1, 2002, and to take advantage off the new law, these retirement plans must be amended and participants notified of the amendments. Revenue Procedure 2002–10 provides guidance on this process and provides an extended period for making the amendments.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the revenue procedure at this time.

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

Affected Public: Business or other forprofit organizations, individuals or households, not-for-profit institutions and farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 378,000.

Estimated Average Time Per Respondent: 20 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 7,371,000.

The following paragraph applies to all of 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: January 4, 2002.

#### George Freeland,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer. [FR Doc. 02–895 Filed 1–11–02; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4830–01–P

# **DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

#### **Internal Revenue Service**

[Regulation Section 601.201]

# 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 regulation, 26 CFR 601.201, Instructions for Requesting Rulings and Determination Letters.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before March 15, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to George Freeland, Internal Revenue

Service, room 5577, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622–3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Instructions for Requesting Rulings and Determination Letters.

OMB Number: 1545–0819.

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Regulation Project Number: 26 CFR 601.201.

Abstract: The IRS issues rulings letters and determination letters to taxpayers interpreting and applying the tax laws to a specific set of facts. The procedural regulations set forth the instructions for requesting ruling and determination letters.

Current Actions: There is no change to the collection of information in this existing regulation.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: All taxpayers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 271.914.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: The estimated annual burden per respondent various from 15 minutes to 1 hour, depending on individual circumstances, with an estimated of 55 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 248.496.

The following paragraph applies to all of 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: January 4, 2002.

# George Freeland,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.
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