

Issued on November 16, 2004.

**Mr. John E. Dewar,**

*Chief Operating Officer, California Division,  
Federal Highway Administration.*

[FR Doc. 04-25805 Filed 11-19-04; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-22-M

## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

[REG-118662-98]

#### 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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing final regulation, REG-118662-98 (TD 8873), New Technologies in Retirement Plans.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before January 21, 2005 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Joe Durbala, Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the for and instructions should be directed to Allan Hopkins, at (202) 622-6665, or at Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet, at [Allan.M.Hopkins@irs.gov](mailto:Allan.M.Hopkins@irs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* New Technologies in Retirement Plans.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1632.

*Regulation Project Number:* REG-118662-98.

*Abstract:* These regulations provide that certain notices and consents require in connection with distributions from retirement plans may be transmitted through electronic media. The regulations also modify the timing requirements for provision of certain distribution-related notices.

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

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

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 375,000.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 1 hr.

*Estimated Total Annual Hours:* 477,563.

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: November 15, 2004.

**Joe Durbala,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

[FR Doc. 04-25873 Filed 11-19-04; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4830-01-P

## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

[REG-106902-98]

#### 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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing final regulation, REG-106902-98 (TD 8833), Consolidated Returns-Consolidated Overall Foreign Losses and Separate Limitation Losses (§ 1.1502-9(c)(2)(iv)).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before January 21, 2005 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Joseph Durbala, Internal Revenue Service, room 6512, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the regulations should be directed to Larnice Mack at Internal Revenue Service, room 6512, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622-3179, or through the Internet at ([Larnice.Mack@irs.gov](mailto:Larnice.Mack@irs.gov)).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Consolidated Returns-Consolidated Overall Foreign Losses and Separate Limitation Losses.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1634. Regulation Project Number: REG-106902-98.

*Abstract:* The regulation provides guidance relating to the amount of overall foreign losses and separate limitation losses in the computation of the foreign tax credit. The regulations affect consolidated groups of corporations that compute the foreign tax credit limitation or that dispose of property used in a foreign trade or business.

*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:* 2,000.

*Estimated Average Time per Respondent:* 1 hr., 30 min.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 3,000.

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: November 15, 2004.

**Joseph Durbala,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

[FR Doc. 04-25874 Filed 11-19-04; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4810-01-P