

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Joseph Ananka, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, Office of Audit, 1125 15th Street, NW., Suite 700A, Washington, DC 20005, or e-mail Joseph.Ananka@tigta.treas.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the letter should be directed to Joseph Ananka (202-622-5964), Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, Office of Audit, 1125 15th Street, NW., Suite 700A, Washington, DC 20005, or e-mail at Joseph.Ananka@tigta.treas.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Taxpayer Delinquency Investigation (TDI) Confirmation Letter.

OMB Number: 1591-NEW.

Abstract: The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA), Office of Audit is performing a confirmation program for delinquent return accounts to see if the taxpayer agrees that tax return(s) have not yet been filed. TIGTA will use the information collected to determine the accuracy of Internal Revenue Service records.

Type of Review: New collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 24.

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.

Dated: April 10, 2006.

Preston B. Benoit,

Director, Office of Management and Policy, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, Office of Audit.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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 Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Taxpayer Delinquent Account (TDA) Confirmation Letter.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 13, 2006 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Joseph Ananka, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, Office of Audit, 1125 15th Street, NW., Suite 700A, Washington, DC 20005, or e-mail Joseph.Ananka@tigta.treas.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Taxpayer Delinquent Account (TDA) Confirmation Letter.

OMB Number: 1591-NEW.

Abstract: The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA), Office of Audit is performing a confirmation program of balance due accounts owed the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to see if the taxpayer agrees with with balance due owed. TIGTA will use the information collected to determine the accuracy of IRS records.

Type of Review: New collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 24.

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.

Dated: April 10, 2006.

Preston B. Benoit,

Director, Office of Management and Policy, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, Office of Audit.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs; Survey of Foreign Ownership of U.S. Securities

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of reporting requirements.

SUMMARY: By this Notice, the Department of the Treasury is informing the public that it is conducting a mandatory survey of foreign ownership of U.S. securities as of June 30, 2006. This Notice constitutes legal notification to all United States persons (defined below) who meet the reporting requirements set forth in this Notice that they must respond to, and comply with, this survey. Additional copies of the reporting forms SHLA (2006) and instructions may be printed from the Internet at: <http://www.treas.gov/tic/forms-sh.html>.

Definition: A U.S. person is any individual, branch, partnership, associated group, association, estate, trust, corporation, or other organization (whether or not organized under the laws of any State), and any government (including a foreign government, the United States Government, a state, provincial, or local government, and any agency, corporation, financial institution, or other entity or instrumentality thereof, including a government-sponsored agency), who

resides in the United States or is subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

Who Must Report: The panel for this survey is based upon the level of foreign holdings of U.S. securities reported on the June 2004 benchmark survey of foreign holdings of U.S. securities, and will consist mostly of the largest reporters on that survey. Entities required to report will be contacted individually by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Entities not contacted by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York have no reporting responsibilities.

What to Report: This report will collect information on foreign resident holdings of U.S. securities, including equities, short-term debt securities (including selected money market instruments), and long-term debt securities.

How to Report: Copies of the survey forms and instructions, which contain complete information on reporting procedures and definitions, can be obtained by contacting the survey staff of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at (212) 720-6300, e-mail: SHLA.help@ny.frb.org. The mailing address is: Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Statistics Function, 4th Floor, 33 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10045-0001. Inquiries can also be made to Mr. William L. Grier, Federal Reserve Board of Governors, at (202) 452-2924, e-mail: william.l.grier@frb.gov; or to Dwight Wolkow at (202) 622-1276, e-mail: wolkowd@do.treas.gov.

When to Report: Data should be submitted to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, acting as fiscal agent for the Department of the Treasury, by August 31, 2006.

Paperwork Reduction Act Notice: This data collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act and assigned control number 1505-0123. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid control number assigned by OMB. The estimated average annual burden associated with this collection of information is 486 hours per report for the largest custodians of securities, and 110 hours per report for the largest issuers of securities that have data to report and are not custodians. Comments concerning the accuracy of this burden estimate and suggestions for reducing this burden should be directed to the Department of the Treasury, Office of International Affairs, Attention Administrator, International Portfolio Investment Data Reporting Systems,

Room 5422, Washington, DC 20220, and to OMB, Attention Desk Officer for the Department of the Treasury, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503.

Dwight Wolkow,

Administrator, International Portfolio Investment Data Reporting Systems.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for TD 9178

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 TD 9178, Testimony or Production of Records in a Court or Other Proceeding.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 19, 2006, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 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 R. Joseph Durbala, (202) 622-3634, at Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet at RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Testimony or Production of Records in a Court or Other Proceeding.
OMB Number: 1545-1850.

Form Number: TD 9178.

Abstract: These final regulations replace the existing regulation that establishes the procedures to be followed by IRS officers and employees upon receipt of a request or demand for disclosure of IRS records or information. The purpose of the final regulations is to provide specific instructions and to clarify the circumstances under which

more specific procedures take precedence. The final regulations extend the application of the regulation to former IRS officers and employees as well as to persons who are or were under contract to the IRS. The final regulations affect current and former IRS officers, employees and contractors, and persons who make requests or demands for disclosure.

Current Actions: There is no change 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, Individuals and households, Not-for-Profit institutions, and Farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,400.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,400.

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

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