

[INTL-15-91]

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 notice of proposed rulemaking, INTL-15-91, Taxation of Gain or Loss from Certain Nonfunctional Currency Transactions (Section 988 Transactions) (§ 1.988-5).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 14, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 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 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Taxation of Gain or Loss from Certain Nonfunctional Currency Transactions (Section 988 Transactions).

OMB Number: 1545-1312.

Regulation Project Number: INTL-15-91.

Abstract: This regulation provides that if a taxpayer identifies a hedge and a dividend, rent, or royalty payment as a hedged qualified payment, then the taxpayer may integrate such transactions. The regulation also allows taxpayers to elect a mark to market method of accounting for foreign currency gains and losses.

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

Type of Review: Extension of OMB approval.

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

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,500.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 40 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,000.

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: February 5, 1997.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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[LR-27-83; LR-54-85]

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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 existing temporary regulations, LR-27-83 (TD 7882), Floor Stocks Credits or Refunds and Consumer Credits or Refunds With Respect to Certain Tax-Repealed Articles; Excise Tax on Heavy Trucks (§ 145.4051-1) and LR-54-85 (TD 8050), Excise Tax on Heavy Trucks, Truck Trailers and Semitrailers, and Tractors; Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements (§ 145.4052-1).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 14, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 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 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: (LR-27-83) Floor Stocks Credits or Refunds and Consumer Credits or Refunds With Respect to Certain Tax-Repealed Articles; Excise Tax on Heavy Trucks, and (LR-54-85) Excise Tax on Heavy Trucks, Truck Trailers and Semitrailers, and Tractors; Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements.

OMB Number: 1545-0745.

Regulation Project Number: LR-27-83; LR-54-85.

Abstract: LR-27-83 requires sellers of trucks, trailers and semitrailers, and tractors to maintain records of the gross vehicle weights of articles sold to verify taxability. LR-54-85 requires that if the sale is to be treated as exempt, the seller and the purchaser must be registered and the purchaser must give the seller a resale certificate.

Current Actions: There is no change to these existing regulations.

Type of Review: Extension of OMB approval.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,100.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1 hour, 1 minute.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,140.

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: February 5, 1997.
Garrick R. Shear,
IRS Reports Clearance Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on the Readjustment of Veterans, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Readjustment of Veterans will be held February 20 and 21, 1997. This is a regularly scheduled meeting for the purpose of reviewing VA and other relevant services for veterans, to review Committee work in progress and to formulate Committee recommendations and objectives. The meeting on both days will be held at The American Legion, Washington Office, 1608 K Street, NW, Washington, DC. The agenda on both days will commence at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

The agenda for February 20 will begin with a review of Committee special projects and pending reports. The

agenda will also cover a review of the Readjustment Counseling Service Vet Centers, a discussion of VA special emphasis programs in relation to managed health care principles and a review of Persian Gulf veterans' health care problems.

On February 21, the Committee will review the programs and activities of VA's Center for Women Veterans, review available data regarding the level of post-traumatic stress disorder in Persian Gulf and Somalia veterans, and discuss access to care problems for Canadian and Mexican National veterans of the U.S. military. The agenda will also consist of a planning meeting to formulate specific objectives for the remainder of the year.

The meeting will be open to the public. Those who plan to attend or who have questions concerning the meeting should contact Alfonso R. Batres, Ph.D., M.S.S.W., Director, Readjustment Counseling Service, Department of Veterans Affairs (telephone number: 202-273-8967).

Dated: February 4, 1997.

By Direction of the Secretary:
Heyward Bannister,

Committee Management Officer.
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