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Garrick R. Shear,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[INTL-29-91]

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 final regulation, INTL-29-91 (TD 8556), Computation and Characterization of Income and Earnings and Profits Under the Dollar Approximate Separate Transactions Method of Accounting (DASTM) (§ 1.985-3).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before July 13, 1998 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 regulation should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Computation and Characterization of Income and Earnings and Profits Under the Dollar Approximate Separate Transactions Method of Accounting (DASTM).

OMB Number: 1545-1051.

Regulation Project Number: INTL-29-91.

Abstract: This regulation provides that taxpayers operating in hyperinflationary currencies must use the United States dollar as their functional currency and compute income using the dollar approximate separate transactions method (DASTM). Small taxpayers may elect an alternate method by which to compute income or loss. For prior taxable years in which income was computed using the profit and loss method, taxpayers may elect to recompute their income using DASTM.

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: 700.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1 hour, 26 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Notice of Meeting With Current and Prospective Tax Software Developers for Electronic Filing of Form 1065, U.S. Partnership Return of Income

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

SUMMARY: This announcement serves as notice that the Internal Revenue Service will hold a meeting of current and prospective tax software developers to share the thinking about the strategic direction for mandating electronic filing for partnerships with more than 100 partners and to get initial reactions from the software developers to these strategies. In addition to discussing partnership returns, information will be provided on other electronic business returns and a session will be held to address questions from the March 3 and 4, 1998 software developers meeting.

DATES: The tentative agenda is as follows: June 16 from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm will be for the issues from the March 3-4, 1998 software developers meeting; June 17 from 9:30 am to 4 pm, discussion on the Form 1065 electronic filing strategy; and on June 18 from 9 am to 11:30 am, information on electronically filed business returns will be discussed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the New Carrollton Federal Building, 5000 Ellin Road, B1-303, Lanham, MD 20706 Room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions or concerns should be directed to Lee Lawrence at IRS, Electronic Tax Administration, T:ETA:O, 5000 Ellin Road C4-237, Lanham, MD 20706 or by telephone at (202) 283-0445 (not a toll-free number). To register for this meeting, please call Carol Jakes at (202) 283-0559. A registration form will be mailed or faxed which must be completed and returned to the IRS by June 8, 1998. If you have any questions or issues which you would like to have addressed during the meeting, you may submit them

beforehand by faxing them to: Lee
Lawrence ETA (202) 283-4786.

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