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Request for Comments

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Approved: June 10, 1998.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[INTL-952-86]

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 and temporary regulation, INTL-952-86 (TD 8228), Allocation and Apportionment of Interest Expense and Certain Other Expenses (§§ 1.861-9T, and 1.861-12T).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 17, 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 regulations should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Allocation and Apportionment of Interest Expense and Certain Other Expenses.

OMB Number: 1545-1072.

Regulation Project Number: INTL-952-86.

Abstract: Section 864(e) of the Internal Revenue Code provides rules concerning the allocation and apportionment of interest and certain other expenses to foreign source income for purposes of computing the foreign tax credit limitation. These regulations provide for the affirmative election of either the gross income method or the asset method of apportionment in the case of a controlled foreign corporation.

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

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

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

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 15,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent/Recordkeeper: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Reporting/Recordkeeping Hours: 3,750.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

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Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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Internal Revenue Service

[Regulation Section 1.6001-1]

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DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 17, 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 section should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Records.

OMB Number: 1545-1156.

Regulation Project Number: Regulation section 1.6001-1.

Abstract: Internal Revenue Code section 6001 requires, in part, that every person liable for tax, or for the collection of that tax, keep such records and comply with such rules and regulations as the Secretary (of the Treasury) may from time to time prescribe. It also allows the Secretary, in his or her judgement, to require any person to keep such records that are sufficient to show whether or not that person is liable for tax. Under regulation section 1.6001-1, in general, any person subject to tax, or any person required to file an information return, must keep permanent books of account or records, including inventories, that are sufficient to establish the amount of gross income, deductions, credits or other matters required to be shown by such person in any tax return or information return. Books and records are to be kept available for inspection by authorized internal revenue officers or employees and are to be retained so long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law.

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

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, farms, and Federal, state, local or tribal governments.

The recordkeeping burden in this regulation is already reflected in the burden of all the tax forms.

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Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Scientific Review and Evaluation Board for Health Services Research and Development Service, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration, gives notice under Pub. L. 92-463, that a meeting of the Scientific Review and Evaluation Board for Health Services Research and Development Service will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 1250 22nd Street, NW, Washington, DC, from June 23 through June 26, 1998. On June 23, the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on June 24 through June 26, 1998, from 7:30 a.m.

until 5:00 p.m. each day. The purpose of the meeting is to review research and development applications concerned with the measurement and evaluation of health care systems and with testing new methods of health care delivery and management. Applications are reviewed for scientific and technical merit. Recommendations regarding their funding are prepared for the Chief Research and Development Officer (12).

This meeting will be open to the public at the start of the June 23 session for approximately one-half hour to cover administrative matters and to discuss the general status of the program. The closed portion of the meeting involves discussion, examination, reference to, and oral review of staff and consultant critiques of research protocols and similar documents. During this portion of the meeting, discussion and recommendations will deal with the qualifications of the personnel conducting the studies (the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy), as well as research information (the premature disclosure of which would be likely to frustrate significantly implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research projects. As provided by the subsection 10(d) of Pub. L. 92-463, as amended by Pub. L. 94-409, closing portions of these meetings is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B).

Those who plan to attend the open session should contact Mr. E. William Judy, MSHA, Review Program Manager (124F), Health Services Research and Development Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, at least five days before the meeting. For further information, he can be reached at (202) 273-8254.

Dated: June 9, 1998.

By Direction of the Secretary:

Heyward Bannister,

Committee Management Officer.

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