

Conclusion

In determining the country of origin of textile and apparel products processed in a designated QIZ, Customs will exclusively apply the rules of origin for textile and apparel products set forth in 19 CFR 102.21. However, pursuant to the principles and policy set forth T.D. 96-58, Customs determines the origin of a textile or apparel product processed both in Israel (outside of a QIZ) and in the West Bank or Gaza Strip by first applying the rulings and administrative practices in effect prior to December 8, 1994. If that determination results in Israel not being the origin of the good, Customs applies the rules in section 102.21 to determine the country of origin, with no further consideration being given to the processing performed in Israel.

Finally, section 102.21 is not used to determine whether foreign materials have undergone a double substantial transformation so that their cost or value may be considered as part of the value of materials produced in the beneficiary country, territory or possession for purposes of the value-content requirements set forth in the above-specified tariff preference programs.

Dated: June 22, 1998.

Stuart P. Seidel,

Assistant Commissioner, Office of Regulations and Rulings.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8824

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 Form 8824, Like-Kind Exchanges.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 25, 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 form and instructions should be directed to Martha R. Brinson, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Like-Kind Exchanges

OMB Number: 1545-1190

Form Number: 8824

Abstract: Form 8824 is used by individuals, corporations, partnerships, and other entities to report the exchange of business or investment property, and the deferral of gains from such transactions under Internal Revenue Code section 1031. It is also used to report the deferral of gain under Code section 1043 from conflict-of-interest sales by certain members of the executive branch of the Federal government.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

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: 200,000

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1 hr., 46 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 353,884

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: June 16, 1998.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[INTL-939-86]

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, INTL-939-86, Insurance Income of a Controlled Foreign Corporation for Taxable Years Beginning After December 31, 1986 (§§ 1.953-2(e)(3)(iii), 1.953-4(b), 1.953-5(a), 1.953-6(a), 1.953-7(c)(8), and 1.6046-1).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 25, 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: Insurance Income of a Controlled Foreign Corporation for Taxable Years Beginning After December 31, 1986.

OMB Number: 1545-1142.

Regulation Project Number: INTL-939-86.

Abstract: This regulation relates to the definition and computation of the insurance income of a controlled foreign corporation, and it also contains rules applicable to certain captive insurance companies. The information collection is required by the IRS in order for taxpayers to elect to locate risks with respect to moveable property by reference to the location of the property in a prior period; to allocate investment income to a particular category of insurance income; to allocate deductions to a particular category of insurance income; to determine the amount of those items, such as reserves, which are computed with reference to an insurance company's annual statement; to elect to have related person insurance income treated as income effectively connected with the conduct of a United States trade or business; and to collect the information required by Code section 6046 relating to controlled foreign corporations as defined in Code section 953(c).

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/Recordkeepers: 500.

Estimated Time Per Respondent/Recordkeeper: 28 hr., 12 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 14,100.

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: June 16, 1998.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Wage Committee, Meetings

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in accordance with Pub. L. 92-463, gives notice that meetings of the VA Wage Committee will be held on: Wednesday, July 15, 1998, at 2 p.m. Wednesday, August 12, 1998, at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, August 26, 1998, at 2 p.m. Wednesday, September 9, 1998, at 2 p.m.

The meetings will be held in Room 246, Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420.

The Committee's purpose is to advise the Under Secretary for Health on the development and authorization of wage schedules for Federal Wage System (blue-collar) employees.

At these meetings the Committee will consider wage survey specifications, wage survey data, local committee reports and recommendations, statistical analyses, and proposed wage schedules.

All portions of the meetings will be closed to the public because the matters considered are related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of the Department of Veterans Affairs and because the wage survey data considered by the Committee have been obtained from officials of private business establishments with a guarantee that the data will be held in confidence. Closure of the meetings is in accordance with subsection 10(d) of Pub. L. 92-463, as amended by Pub. L. 94-409, and as cited in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2) and (4).

However, members of the public are invited to submit material in writing to the Chairperson for the Committee's attention.

Additional information concerning these meetings may be obtained from the Chairperson, VA Wage Committee (05), 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420.

Dated: June 16, 1998.

By direction of the Secretary.

Heyward Bannister,

Committee Management Officer.

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