

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, REG-209373-81 (TD 8797), Election to Amortize Start-Up Expenditures for Active Trade or Business (§ 1.195-1).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 21, 2009 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to R. Joseph Durbala, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the regulation should be directed to Allan Hopkins, at (202) 622-6665, or at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet, at Allan.M.Hopkins@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Election to Amortize Start-Up Expenditures for Active Trade or Business.

OMB Number: 1545-1582.

Regulation Project Number: REG-209373-81.

Abstract: Section 1.195-1 of the regulation provides that start-up expenditures may, at the discretion of the taxpayer, be amortized over a period of not less than 60 months beginning with the month the active trade or business begins. Taxpayers may elect to amortize start-up expenditures by filing a statement with their tax return for the taxable year in which the trade or business begins.

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: 150,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 37,500.

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: October 13, 2009.

R. Joseph Durbala,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 6118

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 6118, Claim of Income Tax Return Preparer Penalties.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 21, 2009 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to R. Joseph Durbala, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 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 Allan Hopkins at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622-6665, or through the Internet at Allan.M.Hopkins@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Claim of Income Tax Return Preparer Penalties.

OMB Number: 1545-0240.

Form Number: 6118.

Abstract: Form 6118 is used by tax return preparers to file for a refund of penalties incorrectly charged. The information enables the IRS to process the claim and have the refund issued to the tax return preparer.

Current Actions: Although there were no significant changes being made to the form at this time, we recalculated the burden to more accurately reflect the structure of the form.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations and individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 1 hour, 8 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 11,400.

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: 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: October 9, 2009.

R. Joseph Durbala,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Comptroller of the Currency

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The OCC, 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 a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The OCC is soliciting comment concerning its information collection titled, "Risk-Based Capital Standards—Advanced Capital Adequacy Framework." The OCC also gives notice that it has sent the information collection to OMB for review.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 23, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You should direct your comments to: Communications Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Public Information Room, Mail Stop 2-3, Attention: 1557-0234, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by fax to (202) 874-5274, or by electronic mail to regs.comments@occ.treas.gov. You may personally inspect and photocopy comments at the OCC, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC. For security reasons, the OCC requires that visitors make an appointment to inspect comments. You may do so by calling

(202) 874-4700. Upon arrival, visitors will be required to present valid government-issued photo identification and submit to security screening in order to inspect and photocopy comments.

Additionally, you should send a copy of your comments to: OCC Desk Officer [1557-0234], by mail to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, U.S. Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You can request additional information or a copy of the collection from Mary H. Gottlieb, OCC Clearance Officer, (202) 874-5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20219.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OCC is proposing to extend without change approval of the following information collection:

Title: Risk-Based Capital Standards—Advanced Capital Adequacy Framework.

OMB Control No.: 1557-0234.

Frequency of Response: Annually and quarterly.

Affected Public: National banks and Federal branches and agencies of foreign banks.

Number of Respondents: 52.

Number of Responses per

Respondent: 24.

Total Number of Responses: 1,248.

Burden per Respondent: 15,570 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Burden:

809,640 hours.

General Description of Report: This information collection is mandatory: 12 U.S.C. 93a, 161, 3907-3909. The written implementation plan and prior approvals are given confidential treatment: 5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(8).

Abstract: On December 7, 2007, the Federal banking agencies¹ issued a joint final rule titled Risk-Based Capital Standards: Advanced Capital Adequacy Framework (final rule) implementing a new risk-based regulatory capital framework for institutions in the United States.² The final rule requires certain large or internationally active banks and bank holding companies to: (1) Adopt a written implementation plan; (2) update that plan for any mergers; (3) obtain prior written approvals for the use of certain approaches for determining risk-weighted assets; and (4) make certain public disclosures regarding their

capital ratios, their components, and information on implicit support provided to a securitization. The required reporting forms have been approved under OMB Control No. 1557-0239.

Request for Comment

The Federal banking agencies issued a 60-day notice for comment on July 17, 2009. 74 FR 34865. No comments were received. Comments continue to be invited on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has 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 on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

(e) Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: October 15, 2009.

Michele Meyer,

Assistant Director, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[REG-109481-99]

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, REG-109481-99 (TD 9076), Special Rules Under Section 417(a)(7) for Written

¹ Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and Office of Thrift Supervision.

² 72 FR 69288 (December 7, 2007).