

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:

Recordkeeping—2 hr., 23 min.

Learning about the law or the form—2 hr., 21 min.

Preparing the form—3 hr., 26 min.

Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS—16 min.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.**Estimated Total Reporting/****Recordkeeping Burden:** 8,440 hours.**Clearance Officer:** Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20224.**OMB Reviewer:** Milo Sunderhauf (202) 395-7340, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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Departmental Reports Management Officer.

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Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service**AGENCY:** Departmental Offices, Treasury.**ACTION:** Renewal of Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service and solicitation of applications for committee membership.**SUMMARY:** It is the public interest to renew the Advisory Committee for another two-year term. This notice also establishes criteria and procedures for the selection of members.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dennis M. O'Connell, Director, Office of Tariff and Trade Affairs, Office of the Under Secretary (Enforcement), (202) 622-0220.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. I (1962), and section 95603(c) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 (Pub. L. 100-203), the Under Secretary (Enforcement) announces the renewal of the following advisory committee:

Title: The Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service.**Purpose:** The purpose of the Committee is to present advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Treasury regarding commercial operations of the U.S. Customs Service and to submit a report to Congress containing a summary of its operations and its views and recommendations.**Statement of Public Interest:** It is in the public interest to continue the existence of the Committee upon expiration, under the provisions of the

Advisory Committee Act, of its current two-year term. The Committee provides a critical forum for distinguished representatives of diverse industry sectors to present their views on major issues involving commercial operations of the Customs Service. These views are offered directly to senior Treasury and Customs officials on a regular basis in a candid atmosphere. There exists no other single body that serves a comparable function.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

In the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 (Pub. L. 100-203), Congress repealed the statutory mandate for a Customs User Fee Advisory Committee and directed the Secretary of the Treasury to create a new Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service. The original Committee consisted of 20 members drawn from industry sectors affected by Customs commercial operations. The Committee's charter was filed on October 17, 1988 and expired two years later. Charters were subsequently filed for second, third, and fourth two-year terms. The current charter will expire on October 15, 1996. The Treasury Department plans to file a new charter by that date renewing the Committee for a fifth two-year term.

Objective, Scope and Description of the Committee

The Committee's objectives are to advise the Secretary of the Treasury on issues relating to the commercial operations of the Customs Service. It is expected that, during its third two-year term, the Committee will consider such issues as implementation of the Customs Modernization Act, the North American Free Trade Agreement, administration of staff and resources for commercial operations, broker qualification and licensing, informed compliance and compliance assessment, the account system, automated systems, the impact of the Customs reorganization, and enforcement priorities.

The Committee will be chaired by the Under Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement. The Committee will function for a two-year period before renewal or abolishment and will meet approximately eight times (quarterly) during the period. An additional special meeting of the full Committee or a subcommittee thereof may be convened if necessary.

The meetings will generally be held in the Treasury Department, Washington, DC. However, typically one meeting per

year, but generally not more than two, may be held outside of Washington at a Customs port. In recent years, meetings have been held in Louisville, Baltimore, New Orleans, Oakland, Chicago, El Paso, Buffalo, and Miami, among other locations. The meetings are open to public observers, including the press, unless special procedures have been followed to close a meeting. During the first four terms of the Committee, only a portion of one meeting was closed.

The members shall be selected by the Secretary of the Treasury from representatives of the trade or transportation community serviced by Customs, the general public, or others who are directly affected by Customs commercial operations. In addition, members shall represent major regions of the country, and not more than ten members may be affiliated with the same political party. No person who is required to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act as an agent or representative of a foreign principal may serve on an advisory committee. Members shall not be paid compensation nor shall they be considered Federal Government employees for any purpose. No per diem, transportation, or other expenses are reimbursed for the cost of attending Committee meetings at any location.

Members who are serving on the Committee during its expiring two-year term are eligible to reapply for membership. A new application letter and updated resume are required. It is expected that approximately half of the current membership of the Committee will be replaced with new appointees.

Membership on the Committee is personal to the appointee. Under the Committee By-Laws, a member may not send an alternate to represent him at a Committee meeting. However, since Committee meetings are open to the public, another person from a member's organization may attend and observe the proceedings in a nonparticipating capacity. Regular attendance is essential; a member who is absent from two consecutive meetings or two meetings in a calendar year shall lose his seat on the Committee.

Application for Advisory Committee Appointment

Any interested person wishing to serve on the Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service must provide the following:

- Statement of interest and reasons for application;
- Complete professional biography or resume;

—Political affiliation, in order to ensure balanced representation. (Mandatory. If no party registration or allegiance, indicate "independent" or "unaffiliated").

In addition, applicants must state in their applications that they agree to submit to reappointment security and tax checks. There is no prescribed format for the application. Applicants may send a cover letter describing their interest and qualifications and enclosing a resume.

The application period for interested candidates will extend to July 19, 1996. Applications should be submitted in sufficient time to be received by the close of business on the closing date by Dennis M. O'Connell, Director, Office of Tariff and Trade Affairs, Office of the Under Secretary (Enforcement), Room 4004, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220, ATTN.: COAC 1996.

Dated: June 3, 1996.

John P. Simpson,
Deputy Assistant Secretary (Regulatory, Tariff
and Trade Enforcement).

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Internal Revenue Service

Privacy Act of 1974; Computer Matching Program

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service, Treasury Department.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidelines on the Conduct of Matching Programs, notice is hereby given of the conduct of an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) program of computer matches.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This notice will be effective July 8, 1996, unless comments dictate otherwise.

ADDRESS: Comments or inquiries may be mailed to: Chief Inspector, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Jacqueline Greening, Internal Auditor, Quality Assurance and Oversight Section, Office of Planning and Management, Office of Assistant Chief Inspector (Internal Audit), Internal Revenue Service, (202) 622-5911.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: IRS management is responsible for discouraging the perpetration of irregular or illegal acts and limiting any

exposure if an integrity breach occurs. To accomplish its mission, the Inspection Service assists management in achieving this objective by enhancing its conventional audit and investigative activities with a program designed to deter and detect such acts and to search for indicators of fraud sufficient to warrant investigation.

The Inspection Service's Integrity Program includes Integrity Projects, Integrity Tests, and national or other projects, including joint Internal Audit/Internal Security activities, designed to detect indicators of fraud and which focus specifically on the deterrence and detection of integrity breaches.

Integrity Projects are reviews or probes of specific high risk areas or transactions by the Inspection Service to detect material fraud and to assess the extent of integrity breaches that may have occurred.

One IRS organizational strategy is to ensure public confidence in the integrity of the IRS by a dedication to the highest ethical standards. One of the ways that the Inspection Service supports this objective is to provide IRS management an assessment of the organization's ethical environment through the Inspection Service Integrity Program.

Computer matching is the most feasible method of performing comprehensive analysis of employee, taxpayer, and tax administration data because of the large number of employees (seasonally varying to over 110,000), the geographic dispersion (nationwide) of IRS offices and employees, and the tremendous volume of computerized data that is available for analysis.

This program of computer matches may be conducted in part or in its entirety by any or all of the Inspection Service's offices.

Name of Source Agency:

Internal Revenue Service.

Name of Recipient Agency:

Internal Revenue Service

Beginning and Completion Dates:

This program of computer matches is targeted to commence in June, 1996 unless comments dictate otherwise. The program of computer matches will conclude at the end of the eighteenth month after the beginning date (December, 1997).

Purpose:

The purpose of this program of computer matches is to detect and deter fraud, waste, and abuse in IRS programs and operations by identifying

employees who are violating laws, rules, or regulations related to the performance of their duties.

Authority:

The Office of Chief Inspector was established and provided the authority to perform character and conduct investigations of IRS employees pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 321(b); sections 7801(a), 7802, and 7803 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; 26 U.S.C. 7804 and Reorganization Plan Number 1 of 1952.

Commissioner's reorganization Order #Hdq-1 (July 29, 1952), IR-Mimeograph Number 236 (December 7, 1953), and the current provisions of the Internal Revenue Manual (IRM) give authority to conduct personnel investigations to the Chief Inspector.

Internal Revenue Manual 1161 charges the Chief Inspector with carrying out a program for assisting management to maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity among its employees.

The United States General Accounting Office field work standards for both performance and financial audits require auditors to design an audit to provide reasonable assurance of detecting abuse of illegal acts that could significantly affect the financial statements, audit objectives, or audit results.

Categories of Individuals Covered:

Current and former employees of the IRS.

Categories of Records Covered:

1. Personnel and payroll actions and determinations on current and former employees of the IRS. (General Personnel and Payroll records (Treasury/IRS 36.003).)

2. Information on travel and moving expenses incurred by IRS employees in conjunction with official business. (Travel Expense Records (Treasury/IRS 32.001)).

Information other than that specifically on IRS employees will be used to determine the actions or the effect of actions of employees or to corroborate declarations or statements by employees.

3. Specific computer inquiries and entries to IRS information systems made by employees. (Integrated Data Retrieval System (IDRS) Security Files (Treasury/IRS 34.018).)

4. Information on the individuals who owe and the amounts owed to Federal or state agencies. (Debtor Master File (Treasury/IRS 24.070).)

5. Information regarding taxpayers, tax returns, and tax return information.