

Estimated Total Recordkeeping Burden: 393,667 hours.

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Lois K. Holland,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission to OMB for Review; Comment Request

November 13, 1997.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20220.

Correction

This is a correction to FR Doc. 97-29313, Filed 11-05-97; 8:45 a.m., for a Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service information collection. The corrected information is as follows:

OMB Number: 1545-0946.

Form Number: IRS Form 8554.

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Application for Renewal of Enrollment to Practice Before the Internal Revenue Service.

The OMB Number was incorrectly typed as 1545-0794.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 14, 1997.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed.

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Special Request

In order to conduct the survey described below in December 1997 timeframe, the Department of the Treasury is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review and approve this information collection by November 26, 1997. To obtain a copy of this study, please contact the Internal Revenue Service Clearance Officer at the address listed below.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1432.

Project Number: M:SP:V 97-028-G.

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Atlanta District Office Research and Analysis (DORA) Automated Collection Branch (ACS)—Conflict Management Initiative (CMI) Telephone Survey.

Description: The goal is to use this strategy to help IRS meet its business objectives and improve the quality of work life for its employees.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,280.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Response: 3 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Other (one time only).

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 64 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

Modification of National Customs Automation Program Test Regarding Reconciliation

AGENCY: Customs Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of additional comment period.

SUMMARY: A notice published in the **Federal Register** on September 30, 1997, announced changes to Customs prototype test of Reconciliation. Public comments were requested by November 14, 1997. This document sets an additional comment period for submitting comments on that notice.

DATES: Written comments regarding the notice of September 30, 1997, are now being accepted through December 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Ms. Shari McCann, Reconciliation Team, U.S. Customs Service, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Mailstop 5.2A, Washington, D.C. 20229-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Shari McCann at (202) 927-1106 or Mr. Don Luther at (202) 927-0915.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

A document published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 51181) on September 30, 1997, notified the trade community of changes to the prototype National Customs Automation Program test of reconciliation, set forth the policy which makes the NCAP prototype the exclusive means to reconcile entries pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1484(b) and announced that the prototype will henceforth be referred to as the Automated Commercial System (ACS) Reconciliation Prototype. That notice invited public comments concerning any aspect of the planned test, informed interested members of the public of the requirements for voluntary participation, and established the process for developing evaluation criteria.

Public comments were requested by November 14, 1997. Due to a public meeting (see notice published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 58769) published on October 30, 1997) which included discussions of the Prototype, an additional comment period is being granted to allow persons to comment with these discussions in mind. Comments are now being requested by December 15, 1997.

Dated: November 17, 1997.

John Durant,

Director, Mod Act Task Force.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Notice 97-64

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 Notice 97-64, Temporary regulations to be issued under section 1(h) of the Internal Revenue Code (applying section 1(h) to capital gain dividends of RICs and REITs).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 20, 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 information collection should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Temporary regulations to be issued under section 1(h) of the Internal Revenue Code (applying section 1(h) to capital gain dividends of RICs and REITs).

OMB Number: 1545-1565.

Notice Number: Notice 97-64.

Abstract: Notice 97-64 provides notice of forthcoming temporary regulations that will permit Regulated Investment Companies (RICs) and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) to distribute multiple classes of capital gain dividends.

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

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

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

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 1,500.

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: November 13, 1997.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Edmund S. Muskie and Freedom Support Act Graduate Fellowship Programs

ACTION: Request for proposals.

SUMMARY: Subject to the availability of funds, the Office of Academic Programs, Academic Exchange Programs Division,

European Programs Branch of the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an assistance award. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501(c) may apply to administer the recruitment, selection, placement, monitoring, evaluation, and follow-on activities for the FY 1999 Edmund S. Muskie and Freedom Support Act Graduate Fellowship Programs. Organizations with less than four years of experience in conducting international exchange programs are not eligible for this competition.

The Edmund S. Muskie and Freedom Support Act Graduate Fellowship Programs (herein to be referred to as the Muskie/FSA Programs) select outstanding citizens of the New Independent States (NIS) and the Baltics to receive scholarships for Master's level study and professional development in the United States in the fields of business administration, economics, education administration, law with a new subfocus in law pedagogy, library and information science, mass communication/journalism, public administration with specialized programs in public health and environmental management, and public policy. Fellowships are awarded to qualified young and mid-career individuals who are citizens of Armenia, Azerbaijan,* Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, or Uzbekistan. Edmund S. Muskie fellows enroll in graduate degree, certificate, and non-degree programs lasting one-to-two academic years. It is estimated that approximately 245-255 Fellows will participate in the 1999 program. Interested organizations should read the complete **Federal Register** announcement and request a Solicitation Package from the USIA prior to preparing a proposal.

*** Please note:** Programs with Azerbaijan are subject to restrictions of Section 907 of the Freedom Support Act: Employees of the Government of Azerbaijan or any of its instrumentalities are excluded from participation, and no U.S. participant overseas may work for the Government of Azerbaijan or any of its instrumentalities. In addition, the Government of Azerbaijan or any of its instrumentalities will have no control in the actual selection of participants.

Overall grant making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Pub. L. 87-256, as amended, also known as the Fulbright-Hays Act. The purpose of the Act is "to enable the