

**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Customs Service****Quarterly IRS Interest Rates Used in Calculating Interest on Overdue Accounts and Refunds on Customs Duties****AGENCY:** Customs Service, Treasury.**ACTION:** General notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public of the quarterly Internal Revenue Service interest rates used to calculate interest on overdue accounts (underpayments) and refunds (overpayments) of Customs duties. For the quarter beginning July 1, 2000, the interest rates for overpayments will be 8 percent for corporations and 9 percent for non-corporations, and the interest rate for underpayments will be 9 percent. This notice is published for the convenience of the importing public and Customs personnel.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ronald Wyman, Accounting Services Division, Accounts Receivable Group, 6026 Lakeside Boulevard, Indianapolis,

Indiana 46278, (317) 298-1200, extension 1349.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

Pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1505 and Treasury Decision 85-93, published in the **Federal Register** on May 29, 1985 (50 FR 21832), the interest rate paid on applicable overpayments or underpayments of Customs duties shall be in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code rate established under 26 U.S.C. 6621 and 6622. Section 6621 was amended (at paragraph (a)(1)(B) by the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998, Pub.L. 105-206, 112 Stat. 685) to provide different interest rates applicable to overpayments: one for corporations and one for non-corporations. The interest rate applicable to underpayments is not so bifurcated.

The interest rates are based on the short-term Federal rate and determined by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on behalf of the Secretary of the Treasury on a quarterly basis. The rates effective for a quarter are determined during the first-month period of the previous quarter.

In Revenue Ruling 2000-30 (*see*, 2000-25 IRB 1262, dated June 19, 2000), the IRS determined the rates of interest for the fourth quarter of fiscal year (FY) 2000 (the period of July 1-September 30, 2000). The interest rate paid to the Treasury for underpayments will be the short-term Federal rate (6%) plus three percentage points (3%) for a total of nine percent (9%). For corporate overpayments, the rate is the Federal short-term rate (6%) plus two percentage points (2%) for a total of eight percent (8%). For overpayments made by non-corporations, the rate is the Federal short-term rate (6%) plus three percentage points (3%) for a total of nine percent (9%). These interest rates are subject to change the first quarter of FY-2001 (the period of October 1-December 31, 2000).

For the convenience of the importing public and Customs personnel the following list of IRS interest rates used, covering the period from before July of 1974 to date, to calculate interest on overdue accounts and refunds of Customs duties, is published in summary format.

Beginning date	Ending date	Underpay- ments (percent)	Overpay- ments (percent)	Corporate over- payments (Eff. 1-1-99 (percent))
Prior to:				
070174 .....	063075	6	6	.....
070175 .....	013176	9	9	.....
020176 .....	013178	7	7	.....
020178 .....	013180	6	6	.....
020180 .....	013182	12	12	.....
020182 .....	123182	20	20	.....
010183 .....	063083	16	16	.....
070183 .....	123184	11	11	.....
010185 .....	063085	13	13	.....
070185 .....	123185	11	11	.....
010186 .....	063086	10	10	.....
070186 .....	123186	9	9	.....
010187 .....	093087	9	8	.....
100187 .....	123187	10	9	.....
010188 .....	033188	11	10	.....
040188 .....	093088	10	9	.....
100188 .....	033189	11	10	.....
040189 .....	093089	12	11	.....
100189 .....	033191	11	10	.....
040191 .....	123191	10	9	.....
010192 .....	033192	9	8	.....
040192 .....	093092	8	7	.....
100192 .....	063094	7	6	.....
070194 .....	093094	8	7	.....
100194 .....	033195	9	8	.....
040195 .....	063095	10	9	.....
070195 .....	033196	9	8	.....
040196 .....	063096	8	7	.....
070196 .....	033198	9	8	.....

Beginning date	Ending date	Underpay- ments (percent)	Overpay- ments (percent)	Corporate over- payments (Eff. 1-1-99 (percent)
040198 .....	123198	8	7	.....
010199 .....	033199	7	7	6
040199 .....	033100	8	8	7
040100 .....	093000	9	9	8

Dated: July 27, 2000.

**Raymond W. Kelly,**

*Commissioner of Customs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Revenue Procedure 97-33

**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 Revenue Procedure 97-33, Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before October 2, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the revenue procedure should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5242, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS).

*OMB Number:* 1545-1546.

*Revenue Procedure Number:* Revenue Procedure 97-33.

**Abstract:** The Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS) is an electronic remittance processing system for making federal tax deposits (FTDs) and federal tax payments (FTP). Revenue Procedure 97-33 provides taxpayers with information and procedures that will help them to electronically make FTDs and tax payments through EFTPS.

**Current Actions:** There are no changes being made to the revenue procedure at this time.

**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.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 557,243.

**Estimated Time Per Respondent:** 30 minutes.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 278,622.

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: July 26, 2000.

**Garrick R. Shear,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Approved Motor Fuel Distribution Terminals

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service, (IRS), Treasury

**ACTION:** Notice of Issuance of Terminal Control Numbers for Approved Motor Fuel Terminals

**SUMMARY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS) developed and is publishing in this issue of the Federal Register, Terminal Control Numbers (TCN) to clearly communicate to the motor fuel industry and other interested parties such as state excise taxing authorities, the motor fuel terminal facilities that meet the definitions of Internal Revenue Code Section 4081 and the regulations thereunder. The IRS intends to use the terminal numbers to coordinate dyed fuel compliance activities and excise fuel information reporting systems. IRS encourages states to adopt and use the numbers for motor fuel information reporting where appropriate. This list is published under the authority of Internal Revenue Code Section 6103(k)(7).