

Estimated Number of Respondents: 120.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: One (1).

Title: Drawback of Tax on Tobacco Products and Cigarette Papers and Tubes-Export Shipment.

OMB Number: 1513-0102.

TTB Recordkeeping Requirement Number: 5210/2.

Abstract: Tobacco products have historically been a major source of excise tax revenue for the Federal government. In order to safeguard these taxes, tobacco products manufacturers are required to maintain a system of records designed to establish accountability over the tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes.

Exporters of tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes on which they have paid tax may claim drawback of tax by complying with the requirements of laws and regulations. The records retention period is 3 years.

Current Actions: There are not changes to this information collection and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: One (1).

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5.

Dated: February 16, 2005.

Marjorie D. Ruhf,

Acting Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[IA-62-91]

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 and temporary regulations, IA-62-91 (TD 8482), Capitalization and Inclusion in Inventory of Certain Costs (§§ 1.263A-2 and 1.263A-3).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 29, 2005, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6512, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the regulations should be directed to Larnice Mack at Internal Revenue Service, room 6512, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 622-3179, or through the Internet at Larnice.Mack@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Capitalization and Inclusion in Inventory of Certain Costs.

OMB Number: 1545-0987.

Regulation Project Number: IA-62-91.

Abstract: The requirements are necessary to determine whether taxpayers comply with the cost allocation rules of Internal Revenue Code section 263A and with the requirements for changing their methods of accounting. The information will be used to verify taxpayers' changes in method of accounting.

Current Actions: There is no change to this existing regulation.

Type of Review: Extension of OMB approval.

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

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20,000.

Estimated Average Time Per Respondent: The estimated annual reporting and recordkeeping burden per respondent varies from 1 hour to 9 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 100,000.

The following paragraph applies to all 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: February 16, 2005.

Glenn Kirkland,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Request for Nominations to the Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee (ETAAC), was established to provide continued input into the development and implementation of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) strategy for electronic tax administration. The ETAAC provides an organized public forum for discussion of electronic tax administration issues in support of the overriding goal that paperless filing should be the preferred and most convenient method of filing tax and information returns. ETAAC members convey the public's perception of IRS electronic tax administration activities, offer constructive observations about current or proposed policies, programs, and procedures, and suggest improvements. This document seeks nominations of individuals to be considered for selection as Committee members.

The Director, Electronic Tax Administration (ETA) will assure that the size and organizational representation of the ETAAC obtains balanced membership and includes

representatives from various groups including: (1) Tax practitioners and preparers, (2) transmitters of electronic returns, (3) tax software developers, (4) large and small businesses, (5) employers and payroll service providers, (6) individual taxpayers, (7) financial industry (payers, payment options and best practices), (8) system integrators (technology providers), (9) academic (marketing, sales or technical perspectives), (10) trusts and estates, (11) tax exempt organizations, and (12) state and local governments. We are soliciting nominations from professional and public interest groups, IRS officials, the Department of the Treasury, and Congress. Members serve a three-year term on the ETAAC to allow a change in membership. The change of members on the Committee ensures that different perspectives are represented. All travel expenses within government guidelines will be reimbursed.

DATES: Written nominations must be received on or before April 29, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Kim Logan, Electronic Tax Administration, OS:CIO:I:ET:S:RM, 5000 Ellin Road (C4-226), Lanham, Maryland 20706 or by e-mail to: etaac@irs.gov. Please submit applications to the address above or via fax to 202-283-4829. However, if submitted via a facsimile or e-mail, the original application must be received by mail because the Electronic Tax Administration cannot consider an applicant nor process his/her application prior to receipt of an original signature. Application packages can be obtained by sending an e-mail to etaac@irs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Logan, (202) 283-1947 or send an e-mail to etaac@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ETAAC will provide continued input into the development and implementation of the IRS strategy for electronic tax administration. The ETAAC members will convey the public's observations about current or proposed policies, programs, and procedures, and suggest improvements. The ETAAC will also provide an annual report to Congress on IRS progress in meeting the Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 goals for electronic filing of tax returns. This activity is based on the authority to administer the Internal Revenue laws conferred upon the

Secretary of the Treasury by section 7802 of the Internal Revenue Code and delegated to the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue. The ETAAC will research, analyze, consider, and make recommendations on a wide range of electronic tax administration issues and will provide input into the development of the strategic plan for electronic tax administration.

Nominations should describe and document the proposed member's qualifications for membership to the Committee. Equal opportunity practices will be followed in all appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership will include, to the extent practicable, individuals, with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Approved: February 23, 2005.

Jo Ann N. Bass,

Director, Strategic Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Area 4 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (Including the States of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin)

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Area 4 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted (via teleconference). The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comment, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at 11 a.m., Eastern Time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Ann Delzer at 1-888-912-1227, or (414) 297-1604.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that a meeting of the Area 4 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Tuesday,

March 22, 2005, at 11 a.m., Eastern time via a telephone conference call. You can submit written comments to the panel by faxing the comments to (414) 297-1623, or by mail to Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, Stop 1006MIL, 310 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203-2221, or you can contact us at <http://www.improveirs.org>. This meeting is not required to be open to the public, but because we are always interested in community input, we will accept public comments. Please contact Mary Ann Delzer at 1-888-912-1227 or (414) 297-1604 for dial-in information.

The agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues.

Dated: February 22, 2005.

Bernard Coston,

Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Special Medical Advisory Group; Notice of Availability of Annual Report

Under Section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act), notice is hereby given that the Annual Report of the Department of Veterans Affairs Special Medical Advisory Group for Fiscal Year 2004 has been issued.

The report summarizes activities of the Group relative to the care and treatment of disabled veterans and other matters pertinent to the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration. It is available for public inspection at two locations: Federal Advisory Committee Desk, Library of Congress, Anglo-American Acquisition Division, Government Documents Section, Room LM-B42, 101 Independence Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20540; and Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of the Under Secretary for Health, VA Central Office, Suite 800, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420.

Dated: January 19, 2005.

By direction of the Secretary.

E. Phillip Riggan,

Committee Management Officer.

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