

regulated under 7 CFR part 340. Plans for that engagement are underway and will begin with a series of webinars that will provide the stakeholder community an opportunity to provide initial feedback. Information on these webinars will be announced in the coming month and will be available on the APHIS Web site.³ For those interested in additional information in advance of the webinars, this will be one of many topics at an upcoming U.S. Department of Agriculture workshop⁴ on coexistence that is being held on March 12–13, 2015, and will be made widely available via webcast.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 7701–7772 and 7781–7786; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Done in Washington, DC, this 27th day of February 2015.

Kevin Shea,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

10 CFR Part 429

[Docket No. EERE–2013–BT–NOC–0005]

Appliance Standards and Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee: Notice of Open Meeting and Webinar

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting and webinar.

SUMMARY: This document announces a meeting of the Appliance Standards and

³ Information on upcoming webinars will be available at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal/aphis/ourfocus/biotechnology/!ut/p/a1/04_Sj9CPyKssy0xPLMnMz0vMAjGjzOK9_D2MDJ0MjDzd3V2dDDz93HwCzL29jAyMTIEKIVe08DYITr-zu6OHibmPgYGBiYWRgaeLk4eLuuWvgYGnGXH6DXAARwNC-sP1o_AqAfjArAcjE8EK8LiHIDc0NMIg0xMA5AbGNw!!/?1dmy&urile=wcm%3apath%3a%2Faphis_content_library%2Fsa_our_focus%2Fsa_biotechnology%2Fsa_news%2Fct_news.

⁴ Call-in and Webcast information is available at the agricultural coexistence workshop Web page at: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal/aphis/newsroom/stakeholder-info/!ut/p/a1/nVFNU4MwEP0tHjxmEkgk4Ug7foBKD9W25MjkyixFChEx_57gem1aN3bzr739u1bLPEgywq-7Ds4W1dQDr0MchYL36fEj8ULFYQj8zBZxCtC6E0PyHoAOVMRGfnj4sH3Zj3_fhnekjhd3T2LJ04ZwFeY4mlqlzjCpxBU9guV3XITOXy0m5ballowbar;XpIMctvWny8f52HcOdqaoS23ablBolNU4CxljRocAyP6iCnOkdAAiAPVEBiuJQcnxxOWfr14dDyhhPATYCKUrPfAzysjAry88KjkD3-yH4eDjPq0h3yHd78M-5m_7oX9lh2b2mKZhb1A2VTHxo!/?1dmy&urile=wcm%3apath%3a%2Faphis_content_library%2Fsa_about_aphis%2Fsa_stakeholders%2Fct_coexistence_meeting. A notice announcing the workshop was published on February 3, 2015 (80 FR 5729–5731, Docket No. APHIS–2013–0047).

Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee (ASRAC).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 8E–089, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585. For individuals that wish to attend by webinar, please register at—<https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/9166475973377623554>. After registering you will receive an email with the appropriate link to join the meeting and the necessary call-in information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Cymbalsky, ASRAC Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, 950 L’Enfant Plaza SW., Washington, DC, 20024. Email: asrac@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, 86 Stat. 770, requires that agencies publish notice of an advisory committee meeting in the **Federal Register**.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations to the Energy Department on the development of standards and test procedures for residential appliances and commercial equipment.

Tentative Agenda: (Subject to change; final agenda will be posted at <http://www.appliancestandards.energy.gov>):

- Discussion of formation of working groups to negotiate proposed rules for commercial and industrial fans and miscellaneous refrigeration products.
- Discussion of other topics where ASRAC can assist the Appliance and Equipment Standards Program
- Discussion of public engagement under DOE’s retrospective regulatory review plan

Public Participation: Members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the meeting and, if time allows, may make oral statements during the specified period for public comment. To attend the meeting and/or to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, email asrac@ee.doe.gov. In the email, please indicate your name, organization (if appropriate), citizenship, and contact information. Please note that foreign nationals participating in the public meeting are subject to advance security screening procedures which require advance notice prior to attendance at the public meeting. If a foreign national wishes to participate in the public meeting, please inform DOE as soon as possible by contacting Ms. Regina Washington at

(202) 586–1214 or by email: Regina.Washington@ee.doe.gov so that the necessary procedures can be completed. Anyone attending the meeting will be required to present a government photo identification, such as a passport, driver’s license, or government identification. Due to the required security screening upon entry, individuals attending should arrive early to allow for the extra time needed.

Due to the REAL ID Act implemented by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) recent changes regarding ID requirements for individuals wishing to enter Federal buildings from specific states and U.S. territories. Driver’s licenses from the following states or territory will not be accepted for building entry and one of the alternate forms of ID listed below will be required.

DHS has determined that regular driver’s licenses (and ID cards) from the following jurisdictions are not acceptable for entry into DOE facilities: Alaska, Louisiana, New York, American Samoa, Maine, Oklahoma, Arizona, Massachusetts, Washington, and Minnesota.

Acceptable alternate forms of Photo-ID include: U. S. Passport or Passport Card; An Enhanced Driver’s License or Enhanced ID-Card issued by the states of Minnesota, New York or Washington (Enhanced licenses issued by these states are clearly marked Enhanced or Enhanced Driver’s License); A military ID or other Federal government issued Photo-ID card.

Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up for the Public Comment Period. Time allotted per speaker will depend on the number of individuals who wish to speak but will not exceed five minutes. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The co-chairs of the Committee will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties and to facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Participation in the meeting is not a prerequisite for submission of written comments. ASRAC invites written comments from all interested parties. Any comments submitted must identify the ASRAC, and provide docket number EERE–2013–BT–NOC–0005. Comments may be submitted using any of the following methods:

1. **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

2. **Email:** ASRAC@ee.doe.gov. Include docket number EERE–2013–BT–NOC–0005 in the subject line of the message.

3. *Mail*: Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, Mailstop EE-5B, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. If possible, please submit all items on a compact disc (CD), in which case it is not necessary to include printed copies.

4. *Hand Delivery/Courier*: Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, 950 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20024. Telephone: (202) 586-2945. If possible, please submit all items on a CD, in which case it is not necessary to include printed copies.

No telefacsimilies (faxes) will be accepted.

Docket: The docket is available for review at www.regulations.gov, including **Federal Register** notices, public meeting attendee lists and transcripts, comments, and other supporting documents/materials. All documents in the docket are listed in the www.regulations.gov index. However, not all documents listed in the index may be publicly available, such as information that is exempt from public disclosure.

The Secretary of Energy has approved publication of this notice of proposed rulemaking.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 25, 2015.

Kathleen B. Hogan,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Parts 1 and 31

[REG-132253-11]

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Information Returns; Winnings From Bingo, Keno, and Slot Machines

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking and notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: This document contains proposed regulations under section 6041 regarding the filing of information returns to report winnings from bingo, keno, and slot machine play. The proposed regulations affect persons who pay winnings of \$1,200 or more from bingo and slot machine play, \$1,500 or

more from keno, and recipients of such payments. This document also provides a notice of a public hearing on these proposed regulations.

DATES: Written or electronic comments must be received by June 2, 2015. Outlines of topics to be discussed at the public hearing scheduled for June 17, 2015 at 10 a.m. must be received by June 2, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Send submissions to: CC:PA:LPD:PR (REG-132253-11), Room 5205, Internal Revenue Service, P.O. Box 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044. Submissions may be hand-delivered Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to CC:PA:LPD:PR (REG-132253-11), Courier's Desk, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC, or sent electronically, via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> (IRS REG-132253-11). The public hearing will be held in the IRS Auditorium, Internal Revenue Building, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Concerning the proposed regulations, David Bergman, (202) 317-6844; concerning submissions of comments, the hearing, or to be placed on the building access list to attend the hearing, Oluwafunmilayo P. Taylor (202) 317-6901 (not toll-free numbers).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This document contains proposed regulations to Title 26 of the Code of Federal Regulations under section 6041 of the Internal Revenue Code. The proposed regulations would update and simplify the existing information reporting requirements under § 7.6041-1 of the Temporary Income Tax Regulations under the Tax Reform Act of 1976 for persons who make reportable payments of bingo, keno, or slot machine winnings. The updated requirements are proposed to be set forth in a new § 1.6041-10 of the regulations. Accordingly, when § 1.6041-10 of the proposed regulations becomes final, the regulations under § 7.6041-1 will be removed.

Section 6041 generally requires information reporting by every person engaged in a trade or business who, in the course of such trade or business, makes payments of gross income of \$600 or more in any taxable year. The current regulatory reporting thresholds for winnings from bingo, keno, and slot machines deviate from this general rule. Prior to the adoption of the current thresholds in 1977, reporting from bingo, keno, and slot machines was

based a sliding scale threshold tied to the amount of the wager and required the wager odds to be at least 300 to 1. On January 7, 1977, temporary regulation § 7.6041-1 was published establishing reporting thresholds for payments of winnings from bingo, keno, and slot machine play in the amount of \$600. In Announcement 77-63, 1977-8 IRB 25, the IRS announced that it would not assert penalties for failure to file information returns before May 1, 1977, to allow the casino industry to submit, and the IRS to consider, information regarding the industry's problems in complying with the reporting requirements. After considering the evidence presented by the casino industry, the IRS announced in a press release that effective May 1, 1977, information reporting to the IRS would be required on payments of winnings of \$1,200 or more from a bingo game or a slot machine play, and \$1,500 or more from a keno game net of the wager. On June 30, 1977, § 7.6041-1 was amended to raise the reporting thresholds for winnings from a bingo game and slot machine play to \$1,200, and the reporting threshold for winnings from a keno game to \$1,500.

Section 7.6041-1(c) provides that bingo, keno, and slot machine winnings are reported on the Form W-2G, "Certain Gambling Winnings." The payor must provide a copy of the Form W-2G to the payee by January 31 of the year following the year in which the reportable payment is made, and the payor must file the Form W-2G with the IRS by February 28 of the year following the year in which the reportable payment is made. The Form W-2G must include, among other things, the name, address, and taxpayer identification number of the payee and a general description of the two forms of identification used to verify this information.

Explanation of Provisions

The current regulations governing information reporting of winnings from bingo, keno, and slot machine play were published in 1977. There have been significant changes in gaming industry technology since that time. For instance, today many gaming establishments employ electronic slot machines and other mechanisms, such as player's cards, that permit electronic tracking of wagers and/or winnings. In addition, there have been many changes in the tax information reporting regime since the late 1970s, such as the enactment of backup withholding and requirements for electronic filing of information returns, including the Form W-2G. Current regulations under § 7.6041-1 of