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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Forms 8288 and 8288-A

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Internal Revenue Service, 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. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8288, U.S. Withholding Tax Return for Disposition by Foreign Persons of U.S. Real Property Interests, and Form 8288-A, Statement of Withholding on Dispositions by Foreign Persons of U.S. Real Property Interests.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before December 9, 2019 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Dr. Philippe Thomas, Internal Revenue Service, room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to LaNita Van Dyke, at (202) 317-6009, at Internal Revenue Service, room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet, at [Lanita.Vandyke@irs.gov](mailto:Lanita.Vandyke@irs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** U.S. Withholding Tax Return for Disposition by Foreign Persons of U.S. Real Property Interests (Form 8288) and Statement of Withholding on Dispositions by Foreign Persons of U.S. Real Property Interests (Form 8288-A).

**OMB Number:** 1545-0902

**Form Number:** 8288 and 8288-A

**Abstract:** Internal Revenue Code section 1445 requires transferees to withhold tax on the amount realized

from sales or other dispositions by foreign persons of U.S. real property interests. Form 8288 is used to report and transmit the amount withheld to the IRS. Form 8288-A is used by the IRS to validate the withholding, and a copy is returned to the transferor for his or her use in filing a tax return.

**Current Actions:** There are no changes being made to these forms at this time. The burden estimates below do not include estimates for business or individual filers. These estimates are for all other filers only as business estimates are reported under 1545-0123 and individual estimates are reported under 1545-0074.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

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

**Form 8288:**

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 10,000.

**Estimated Time Per Respondent:** 17 hr., 21 min.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 174,900.

**Form 8288A:**

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 17,500.

**Estimated Time Per Respondent:** 3 hr., 56 min.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 68,775.

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.

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#### [Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 14693]

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Internal Revenue Service, 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. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 14693, Application for Reduced Rate of Withholding on Whistleblower Award Payment.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before December 9, 2019 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Dr. Philippe Thomas, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224. Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to LaNita Van Dyke, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at [Lanita.VanDyke@irs.gov](mailto:Lanita.VanDyke@irs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Application for Reduced Rate of Withholding on Whistleblower Award Payment.

**OMB Number:** 1545-2273.

**Form Number:** Form 14693.

**Abstract:** The Application for Reduced Rate of Withholding on Whistleblower Award Payment will be used by the whistleblower to apply for a reduction in withholding to minimize the likelihood of the IRS over withholding tax from award payments providing whistleblowers with a