DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

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 continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning information collect requirements related to the treatment of distributions to foreign persons under sections 367(e)(1) and 367(e)(2).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Dr. Philippe Thomas, Internal Revenue Service, room 6529, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Kerry Dennis, at (202) 317-5751 or Internal Revenue Service, Room 6529, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington DC 20224, or through the internet, at Kerry.Dennis@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: Treatment of Distributions to Foreign Persons Under Sections 367(e)(1) and 367(e)(2).

OMB Number: 1545-1487.

Form Number: Regulation Project Number: REG-209827-96 and REG-111672-99.

Abstract: Section 367(e)(1) provides that, to the extent provided in regulations, a domestic corporation must recognize gain on a section 355 distribution of stock or securities to a foreign person. Section 367(e)(2) provides that section 337(a) and (b)(1) does not apply to a section 332 distribution by a domestic corporation to a foreign parent corporation that owns 80 percent of the domestic liquidating corporation (as described in section 337(c)). Section 6038B(a) requires a U.S. person who transfers property to a foreign corporation in an exchange described in sections 332 or 355, among other sections, to furnish to the Secretary of the Treasury certain information with respect to the transfer, as provided in regulations.

The final regulations under section 367(e)(1) require gain recognition only for distributions of the stock or securities of foreign corporations to foreign persons. The final regulations under section 367(e)(2) generally require gain recognition when a domestic corporation liquidates into its foreign parent corporation; the regulations generally do not require gain recognition when a foreign corporation liquidates into its foreign parent corporation.

Document (TD 9704) contains final and temporary regulations relating to the consequences to U.S. and foreign persons for failing to
satisfy reporting obligations associated with certain transfers of
property to foreign corporations in nonrecognition exchanges. TD 9704
permits transferors to remedy “not willful” failures to file, and “not
willful” failures to comply with the terms of, liquidation documents
required under section 367(e)(2). In addition, it modifies the
reporting obligations under section 6038B associated with transfers
that are subject to section 367(e)(2). Further, TD 9704 provides
similar rules for certain transfers that are subject to section 367(a).
The regulations are necessary to update the rules that apply when a
U.S. or foreign person fails to file required documents or statements
or satisfy reporting obligations. The regulations affect U.S. and
foreign persons that transfer property to foreign corporations in
certain non-recognition exchanges.

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

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 414.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 5 hours, 58 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,471 hours.

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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