

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 500.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 5 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 42.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

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*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: January 25, 2005.

**Paul Finger,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

[REG-136193-01]

#### 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 existing final regulation, REG-136193-01, Notice of Significant Reduction in the Rate of Future Benefit Accrual.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before April 1, 2005 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Paul Finger, 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](mailto:Larnice.Mack@irs.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Notice of Significant Reduction in the Rate of Future Benefit Accrual.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1780.

*Regulation Project Number:* REG-136193-01.

*Abstract:* In order to protect the rights of participants in qualified pension plans, plan administrators must provide notice to plan participants and other parties, if the plan is amended in a particular manner. No government agency receives this information.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to this existing regulation.

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

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 4,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 10 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 40,000.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

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*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: January 24, 2005.

**Paul Finger,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

[REG-142299-01 & REG-209135-88]

#### 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 existing final regulations, REG-142299-01 and REG-209135-88, Certain Transfers of Property to Regulated Investment Companies (RICs) and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before April 1, 2005 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Paul Finger, 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:* Certain Transfers of Property to Regulated Investment Companies (RICs) and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs).

*OMB Number:* 1545-1672. Regulation Project Number: REG-142299-01 and REG-209135-88.

*Abstract:* The regulation applies with respect to the net built-in gain of C corporation property that becomes property of a Regulated Investment Company (RIC) or Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) by the qualification of a C corporation as a RIC or REIT or by the transfer of property of a C corporation to a RIC or REIT in certain tax-free transactions. Depending on the date of the transfer of property or qualification as a RIC or REIT, the regulation provides that either (1) the C corporation will recognize gain as if it had sold the property at fair market value unless the RIC or REIT elects section 1374 treatment or (2) the RIC or REIT will be subject to section 1374 treatment with respect to the net recognized built-in-gain, unless the C corporation elects deemed sale treatment. The regulation provides that a section 1374 election is made by filing a statement, signed by an official authorized to sign the income tax return of the RIC or REIT and attached to the RIC's or REIT's Federal income tax return for the taxable year in which the property of the C corporation becomes the property of the RIC or REIT. The regulation provides that a deemed sale election is made by filing a statement, signed by an official authorized to sign the income tax return of the C corporation and attached to the C corporation's Federal income tax return for the taxable year in which the deemed sale occurs.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to this existing regulation.

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

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 140.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 70.

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: January 21, 2005.

**Paul Finger,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Internal Revenue Service****Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8849**

**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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8849, Claim for Refund of Excise Taxes.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before April 1, 2005 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Paul Finger, Internal Revenue Service, room 65165, 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 Allan Hopkins, at (202) 622-6665, or at Internal Revenue Service, room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet, at *Allan.M.Hopkins@irs.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Claim for Refund of Excise Taxes.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1420.

*Form Number:* 8849.

*Abstract:* Sections 6402, 6404, sections 301.6402-2, 301.6404-1, and 301.6404-3 of the regulations allow for refunds of taxes (except income taxes) or refund, abatement, or credit or interest, penalties, and additions to tax in the event of errors or certain actions by the IRS. Form 8849 is used by taxpayers to claim refunds of excise taxes.

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

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

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals or households, and not-for-profit institutions, farms, and Federal, state, local or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 125,292.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 14 hours, 56 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,871,713.

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