

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 13, 1996, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Martha R. Brinson, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Low-Income Housing Credit Allocation Certification and Schedule A (Form 8609), Annual Statement.

OMB Number: 1545-0988.

Form Number: Form 8609 and Schedule A (Form 8609).

Abstract: Owners of residential low-income rental buildings may claim a low-income housing credit for each qualified building over a 10-year credit period. Form 8609 is used to get a credit allocation from the housing credit agency. The form, along with Schedule A, is used by the owner to certify necessary information required by the law.

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

Type of Review: Extension of OMB approval.

Affected Public: Businesses, Individuals or households, and State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 120,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 22 hrs., 26 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,692,200.

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; and (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.

Approved: March 5, 1996.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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[IA-195-78]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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 regulation, IA-195-78, Certain Returned Magazines, Paperbacks, or Records. (Regulation § 1.458-1).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 13, 1996, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Certain Returned Magazines, Paperbacks, or Records.

OMB Number: 1545-0879.

Regulation Project Number: IA-195-78 Final.

Abstract: The regulations provide rules relating to an exclusion from gross income for certain returned merchandise. The regulations provide that in addition to physical return of the merchandise, a written statement listing certain information may constitute evidence of the return. Taxpayers who receive physical evidence of the return may, in lieu of retaining physical evidence, retain documentary evidence of the return. Taxpayers in the trade or business of selling magazines, paperbacks, or records, who elect to use

a certain method of accounting, are affected.

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

Type of Review: Extension of OMB approval.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 19,500.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 25 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 8,125 hours.

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; and (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.

Approved: March 5, 1996.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition; Determination

Notice is hereby given of the following determination: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive order 12047 of March 27, 1978 (43 FR 13359, March 29, 1978), and Delegation Order No. 85-5 of June 27, 1985 (50 FR 27393, July 2, 1985), I hereby determine that the objects in the exhibit, "Jan Steen: Painter and Storyteller" (see list ¹) imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These

¹ A copy of this list may be obtained by contacting Ms. Neila Sheahan of the Office of the General Counsel of USIA. The telephone number is 202/619-5030, and the address is Room 700, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th St. SW., Washington, DC 20547.

objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lender. I also determine that the temporary exhibition of the objects at National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC, from on or about April 28, 1996, to on or about August 18, 1996, is in the national interest.

Public notice of this determination is ordered to be published in the Federal Register.

Dated: March 8, 1996.

Les Jin,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this information collection. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposal for the collection of information should be received on or before May 13, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Ann Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (161A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. All comments will become a matter of public record and will be summarized in the VHA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. In this document VHA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

OMB Control Number: None Assigned.

Title and Form Number: Army Chemical Corps Vietnam Veterans Health Study, VA Form 10-20998(NR).

Type of Review: New collection.

Need and Uses: VA researchers will use the proposed study data to determine whether there are indications that veterans of the Army Chemical Corps and their families suffer from illnesses at higher or unusual rates than non-Vietnam era Army Chemical Corps veterans and their families. The relationship between health outcomes and possible exposure to herbicides will also be evaluated. If the information for the study is not collected, VA will not be able to do the study and will have failed to comply with the intent of Congress when Public Law 102-4, the "Agent Orange Act of 1991", was enacted. In addition, the results of the study will be valuable to VA in formulating compensation and medical benefits policies for veterans of the Vietnam War.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 325 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 650.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Jacquie McCray, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, Telephone (202) 565-8266 or FAX (202) 565-8267.

Dated: March 6, 1996.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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Fund Availability Under the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs is announcing the availability of funds for applications for assistance under VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program. This Notice contains information concerning the program, application process and amount of funding available.

DATES: An original completed grant application (plus three copies) for assistance under the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program must be received in Mental Health and

Behavioral Sciences Services, Washington, DC, by 5:00 PM Eastern Time on April 29, 1996. Applications may not be sent by facsimile (FAX). In the interest of fairness to all competing applicants, this deadline is firm as to date and hour, and VA will treat as ineligible for consideration any application that is received after the deadline. Applicants should take this practice into account and make early submission of their material to avoid any risk of loss of eligibility brought about by unanticipated delays or other delivery-related problems.

FOR A COPY OF THE APPLICATION PACKAGE CONTACT: Veterans Industries, 10770 N. 46th Street (A 400), Tampa, FL, 33617-3465; (813) 228-2871 (this is not a toll-free call). For a document relating to the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, see the final rule codified at 38 CFR Part 17.700. Funds made available through this Notice are subject to those regulations.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION: An original completed grant application (plus three copies) must be submitted to the following address: Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences Service (111C), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Applications must be received in Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences Service by the application deadline.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theresa Hayes, VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences Service (111C), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420; (202) 565-7313 or (202) 565-7235 (these are not toll-free numbers).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice announces the availability of funds for assistance under VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program. This program is authorized by Public Law 102-590, the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Service Programs Act of 1992. Funding applied for under this Notice may be used for: (1) Expansion, remodeling or alteration of existing buildings; (2) acquisition of buildings, acquisition and rehabilitation of buildings; (3) new construction; and (4) procurement of vans. Applicants must have established supportive housing or supportive services programs after November 10, 1992. Applicants may apply for more than one type of assistance.

Applicants interested in applying for per diem payments, or in-kind assistance through VA in lieu of per diem payments, need only submit Request for Recognition of Eligibility. Requirements for receiving per diem