

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 Form 9117, Excise Tax Program Order Blank for Forms and Publications.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before October 21, 1997 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 and instructions should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Excise Tax Program Order Blank for Forms and Publications.

OMB Number: 1545-1096.

Form Number: Form 9117.

Abstract: Form 9117 allows taxpayers who must file Form 720 returns a systemic way to order additional tax forms and informational publications.

Current Actions: Changes to Form 9117.

Form 8807, "Certain Manufacturers and Retailers Excise Taxes (for quarters before April 1996) is now obsolete and has been removed from the form. The name and address part of the form is no longer used as a label. A computerized label is automatically generated as the order is released from the system. The reverse side of the form will contain alternative ways to obtain tax forms and information.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organization.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 2 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 500.

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: August 15, 1997.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Art Advisory Panel—Notice of Closed Meeting

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting of art advisory panel.

SUMMARY: Closed meeting of the art advisory panel will be held in Washington, DC.

DATES: The meeting will be held September 18th and 19th, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The closed meeting of the Art Advisory Panel will be held on September 18th and 19th, 1997, in room 118, beginning at 9:30 a.m., Aerospace Center Building, 901 D Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Carolan, C:AP:AS:4 901 D Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024. Telephone (202) 401-4128, (not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988), that a closed meeting of the Art Advisory Panel will be held on September 18th and 19th, 1997, in room 118, beginning at 9:30 a.m., Aerospace Center Building, 901 D Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024.

The agenda will consist of the review and evaluation of the acceptability of fair market value appraisals of works of art involved in federal income, estate, or gift tax returns. This will involve the discussion of material in individual tax returns made confidential by the provisions of section 6103 of Title 26 of the United States Code.

A determination as required by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act has been made that this meeting is concerned with matters listed in section 552b(c)(3), (4), (6), and (7) of Title 5 of the United States Code, and that the meeting will not be open to the public.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has determined that this document is not a significant regulatory action as defined in Executive Order 12866 and that a regulatory impact analysis therefore is not required. Neither does this document constitute a rule subject to the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. Chapter 6).

Michael P. Dolan,

Acting Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

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