

that denial is effective for 10 working days. After that, a new request may be submitted to the Port Director at the Port of Arrival and the Designated Examination Site. If the applicant does not receive a reply from the Port Director within 10 working days from the date of submission, the application should be considered denied. Those applicants not selected for participation by U.S. Customs Headquarters will be sent a letter of denial. They will, however, be invited to comment on the design, conduct, and evaluation of this prototype.

Also, it is emphasized that if a company is interested in filing remotely, it must first be operational with EIP. For information on EIP, please contact your ABI Client Representative.

Dismissal From Prototype Two

If a filer attempts to submit data relating to restricted merchandise or merchandise subject to quota, anti-dumping duties, countervailing duties, or other non-eligible data through the Electronic Invoice Program, the filer may be expelled from the program, prevented from participation in future RLF prototypes, and may be subject to liquidated damages and/or penalties under Section 592, Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1592).

Test Evaluation Criteria

Once participants are selected, Customs and the participants will meet publicly or in an electronic forum to review comments received concerning the methodology of the test program or procedures, complete procedures in light of those comments, and establish baseline measures and evaluation methods and criteria. Evaluations of the prototype will be conducted and the final results will be published in the **Federal Register** as required by § 101.9(b), Customs Regulations.

The following evaluation methods and criteria have been identified.

1. Baseline measurements will be established through data queries and questionnaires.
2. Reports will be run through use of data query throughout the prototype.
3. Questionnaires will be distributed during and after the prototype period. Participants are required to complete the questionnaires in full and return them within 30 days of receipt.

Customs may evaluate any or all of the following items:

- Workload impact (workload shifts, volume, etc.);
- Policy and procedural accommodation;
- Trade compliance impact;

- Alternate exam site issues (workload shift, coordination/communication, etc.);

- Problem solving;
- System efficiency; and
- The collection of statistics.

The trade will be responsible for evaluating the following items:

- Service in cargo clearance;
- Problem resolution;
- Cost benefits;
- System efficiency;
- Operational efficiency; and
- Other items identified by the participant group.

Dated: November 26, 1997.

Audrey Adams,

Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[EE-111-80]

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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing final regulation, EE-111-80 (TD 8019), Public Inspection of Exempt Organization Returns (§ 301.6104(b)-1).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 2, 1998 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: Public Inspection of Exempt Organization Returns.

OMB Number: 1545-0742.

Regulation Project Number: EE-111-80.

Abstract: Internal Revenue Code section 6104(b) authorizes the IRS to make available to the public the returns required to be filed by exempt organizations. The information requested in section 301.6104(b)-1(b)(4) of this regulation is necessary in order for the IRS not to disclose confidential business information furnished by businesses which contribute to exempt black lung trusts.

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

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 22.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 22.

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: November 25, 1997.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS**

**Advisory Committee on Minority
Veterans, Notice of Meeting
Cancellation**

The Department of Veterans Affairs notice that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans to be held on December 8, 1997, through December 10, 1997, in Washington, DC, is hereby canceled. The notice appeared in the **Federal Register** on November 13, 1997, on page 60938.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Anthony Hawkins, Department of Veterans Affairs, at (202) 273-6708.

Dated: November 25, 1997.

By direction of the Acting Secretary.

Heyward Bannister,

Committee Management Officer.

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