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Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Part 1

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Electronic Filing of Duplicate Forms 5472

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking, notice of proposed rulemaking by cross-reference to temporary regulations, and notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: In the Rules and Regulations section of this issue of the **Federal Register**, the IRS is issuing temporary regulations providing that a Form 5472 that is timely filed electronically is treated as satisfying the requirement timely to file a duplicate Form 5472 with the Internal Revenue Service Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This action is necessary to clarify how the duplicate filing requirements for Form 5472 apply when a reporting corporation electronically files its income tax return (including any attachments such as Form 5472). This document affects corporations subject to the reporting requirements in sections 6038A and 6038C that file Form 5472 electronically. The text of those temporary regulations also serves as the text of these proposed regulations. This document also provides notice of a public hearing on these proposed regulations.

DATES: Written or electronic comments must be received by May 10, 2004. Outlines of topics to be discussed at the public hearing scheduled for May 27, 2004, must be received by May 6, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send submissions to: CC:PA:LPD:PR (REG-167217-03), room 5203, Internal Revenue Service, POB 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044. Submissions may be hand delivered Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to CC:PA:LPD:PR (REG-167217-03), Courier's Desk, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Alternatively, taxpayers may submit electronic comments directly to the IRS Internet site at www.irs.gov/regs. The public hearing will be held in the IRS Auditorium, Internal Revenue Building, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Concerning the proposed regulations, Edward Barret, (202) 435-5265; concerning submissions and the hearing, Robin Jones, (202) 622-7180 (not toll-free numbers).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Explanation of Provisions

The temporary regulations in the Rules and Regulations section of this issue of the Federal Register amend 26 CFR part 1. To clarify how the duplicate filing requirements for Form 5472 apply when a reporting corporation electronically files its income tax return (including any attachments such as Form 5472), the temporary regulations amend §1.6038A-2(d) to provide that a Form 5472 that is timely filed electronically is treated as satisfying the requirement timely to file a duplicate Form 5472 with the Internal Revenue Service Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The text

of the temporary regulations also serves as the text of these proposed regulations. The preamble to the temporary regulations explains the temporary regulations and these proposed regulations.

Special Analyses

It has been determined that this notice of proposed rulemaking is not a significant regulatory action as defined in Executive Order 12866. Therefore, a regulatory assessment is not required. It also has been determined that section 553(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 5) does not apply to these regulations, and because these regulations do not impose a collection of information on small entities, the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 6) does not apply. Pursuant to section 7805(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, this notice of proposed rulemaking will be submitted to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration for comment on its impact on small businesses.

Comments and Public Hearing

Before these proposed regulations are adopted as final regulations, consideration will be given to any written (a signed original and eight (8) copies) or electronic comments that are submitted timely to the IRS. The IRS and Treasury Department request comments on the clarity of the proposed rules and how they can be made easier to understand. All comments will be available for public inspection and copying.

A public hearing has been scheduled for May 27, 2004, in the IRS Auditorium, Internal Revenue Building, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Due to building security procedures, visitors must enter at the Constitution Avenue entrance. In

addition, all visitors must present photo identification to enter the building. Because of access restrictions, visitors will not be admitted beyond the immediate entrance area more than 30 minutes before the hearing starts. For information about having your name on the building access list to attend the hearing, see the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this preamble.

The rules of 26 CFR 601.601(a)(3) apply to the hearing. Persons who wish to present oral comments must submit written or electronic comments by May 10, 2004, and an outline of the topics to be discussed and the time to be devoted to each topic (a signed original and eight (8) copies) by May 6, 2004. A period of 10 minutes will be allotted to each person for making comments.

An agenda showing the scheduling of the speakers will be prepared after the deadline for receiving outlines has passed. Copies of the agenda will be available free of charge at the hearing.

Drafting Information

The principal author of these proposed regulations is Edward Barret, Office of the Associate Chief Counsel (International). However, other personnel from the IRS and Treasury Department participated in their development.

List of Subjects 26 CFR Part 1

Income taxes, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Proposed Amendments to the Regulations

Accordingly, 26 CFR part 1 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 1—INCOME TAXES

Paragraph 1. The authority citation for part 1 continues to read in part as follows:

Authority: 26 U.S.C. 7805 * * *

Par. 2. Section 1.6038A-1 is amended by revising paragraph (n)(2) to read as follows:

§1.6038A-1 General requirements and definitions.

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(n) * * * (1) * * *

(2) Section 1.6038A-2. Section 1.6038A-2 (relating to the requirement to file Form 5472) generally applies for taxable years beginning after July 10, 1989. However, §1.6038A-2 as it applies to reporting corporations whose sole trade or business in the United States is a banking, financing, or similar business as defined §1.864-4(c)(5)(i) applies for taxable years beginning after December 10, 1990. The final sentence of §1.6038A-2(d) applies for taxable years ending on or after January 1, 2003. For taxable years ending prior to January 1, 2003, see §1.6038A-2(d) in effect prior to January 1, 2003 (see 26 CFR part 1 revised as of April 1, 2002).

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Par. 3. Section 1.6038A-2 is amended by revising paragraph (d) to read as follows:

§1.6038A-2 Requirement of return.

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(d) [The text of the proposed amendment to §1.6038A-2(d) is the same as the text for §1.6038A-2T(d) published elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register.]

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