

Announcement 98-90

Proposed Changes to Form 8849

Purpose

The purpose of this announcement is to request public comments on the proposed changes to Form 8849, Claim for Refund of Excise Taxes.

Note: The Form 8849 and Schedules shown are subject to change and OMB approval before final release.

Proposed changes to Form 8849

The proposed changes include the following:

- Six schedules are provided, five for fuel tax claims and one for other claims.
 - Fuel tax claims that have similar requirements are made on the same schedule.
 - Entry boxes are provided for data on the form and schedules.
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Benefits of the changes

The revised Form 8849 will:

- Allow the claimant to use only the applicable schedules;
 - Reduce the number of separate statements and attachments required to be prepared by the claimant;
 - Reduce the amount of correspondence with IRS because of incomplete claims;
 - Provide adequate space to enter the required information; and
 - Allow the IRS to use improved data processing techniques for increased efficiency.
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Comments requested

The IRS would like to receive comments on the proposed changes to Form 8849 from interested parties by November 15, 1998. Send written comments to:

Chairman, Tax Forms Coordinating Committee
Internal Revenue Service, OP:FS:FP, Room 5577
1111 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20224

Alternatively, you may send comments to the Chairman, TFCC, by fax at (202) 622-5025, or e-mail to tfp-mail@publish.no.irs.gov

After the end of the comment period, the IRS will evaluate the documents received and announce the final changes to the Form 8849. Although we will not be able to respond to each comment, we will carefully consider all of them.
