

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 14, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 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 Larnice Mack, (202) 622-3179, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Limitation on Reduction in Income Tax Liability Incurred to the Virgin Islands.

OMB Number: 1545-0782.

Regulation Project Number: TD 6629.

Abstract: Internal Revenue Code section 934(a) (1954 Code) provides that the tax liability incurred to the Virgin Islands shall not be reduced except to the extent provided in Code section 934 (b) and (c). Taxpayers applying for tax rebates or subsidies under section 934 of the 1954 Code must provide certain information in order to obtain these benefits.

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

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households and business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Average Time Per Respondent: 22 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 184.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

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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: March 7, 2001.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[LR-255-81]

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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing final regulation, LR-255-81 (T.D. 8002), Substantiation of Charitable Contributions (§ 1.170A-13).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Substantiation of Charitable Contributions.

OMB Number: 1545-0754.

Regulation Project Number: LR-255-81.

Abstract: This regulation provides guidance relating to substantiation requirements for charitable contributions. Section 1.170A-13 of the regulation requires donors to maintain receipts and other written records to substantiate deductions for charitable contributions.

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

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, and business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 26,000,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,158,000.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

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Approved: March 7, 2001.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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