

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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

[CO-46-94]

#### 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, CO-46-94 (TD 8594), Losses on Small Business Stock (§ 1.244(e)-1).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before December 28, 2009 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Glenn Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6242, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the regulation should be directed to R. Joseph Durbala, at (202) 622-3634, or at Internal Revenue

Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet, at [RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov](mailto:RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Losses on Small Business Stock.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1447.

*Regulation Project Number:* CO-46-94.

*Abstract:* Section 1.244(e)-1(b) of the regulation requires that a taxpayer claiming an ordinary loss with respect to section 1244 stock must have records sufficient to establish that the taxpayer satisfies the requirements of section 1244 and is entitled to the loss. The records are necessary to enable the Service examiner to verify that the stock qualifies as section 1244 stock and to determine whether the taxpayer is entitled to the loss.

*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:* 10,000.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 12 minutes.

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

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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Fiscal Service

#### Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds: Amendment—Employers Insurance Company of Wausau, Liberty Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, Peerless Insurance Company

**AGENCY:** Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is Supplement No. 4 to the Treasury Department Circular 570, 2009 Revision, published July 1, 2009, at 74 FR 31536.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Surety Bond Branch at (202) 874-6850.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The underwriting limitations for the following companies have been amended:

Employers Insurance Company of Wausau (NAIC # 21458), which was listed in the Treasury Department Circular 570, published on July 1, 2009, is hereby amended to read \$75,367,000.

Liberty Mutual Fire Insurance Company (NAIC # 23035), which was listed in the Treasury Department Circular 570, published on July 1, 2009, is hereby amended to read \$82,527,000.

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company (NAIC # 23043), which was listed in the Treasury Department Circular 570, published on July 1, 2009, is hereby amended to read \$663,431,000.

Peerless Insurance Company (NAIC # 24198), which was listed in the Treasury Department Circular 570, published on July 1, 2009, is hereby amended to read \$193,624,000.

Federal bond-approving officers should annotate their reference copies of the Treasury Department Circular 570 ("Circular"), 2009 Revision, to reflect this change.

The Circular may be viewed and downloaded through the Internet at <http://www.fms.treas.gov/c570>.