

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Internal Revenue Service****Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 1078**

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 Form 1078, Certificate of Alien Claiming Residence in the United States.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 28, 1996, 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 form(s) and instructions should be directed to Martha R. Brinson, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Certificate of Alien Claiming Residence in the United States.

OMB Number: 1545-1482.

Form Number: Form 1078.

Abstract: Form 1078 is used by an alien to claim residence in the United States for income tax purposes.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

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: 49 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 8,200.

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; and (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.

Approved: March 18, 1996.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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Nonconventional Source Fuel Credit; Publication of Reference Price for Calendar Year 1995

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Publication of reference price for calendar year 1995 as required by section 29 of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. section 29).

SUMMARY: The inflation adjustment factor, nonconventional source fuel credit, and reference price are used in determining the availability of the tax credit for production of fuel from nonconventional sources under section 29.

DATES: The 1995 inflation adjustment factor, nonconventional source fuel credit, and reference price apply to qualified fuels sold during calendar year 1995.

PRICE: The reference price for calendar year 1995 is \$14.62. Because the above reference price will not exceed \$23.50 multiplied by the inflation adjustment factor, the phaseout of credit provided for in section 29(b)(1) will not occur for any qualified fuel based on the above reference price.

INFLATION FACTOR AND CREDIT: The inflation adjustment factor for calendar year 1995 is not yet available. The inflation adjustment factor and the nonconventional source fuel credit for 1995 will be published as soon as they are known.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David McMunn, CC:DOM:P&SI:6, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington,

DC 20224, Telephone Number (202) 622-3110 (not a toll-free number).

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Tax on Certain Imported Substances (Butyl Benzyl Phthalate); Notice of Determination

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a determination, under Notice 89-61, that the list of taxable substances in section 4672(a)(3) will be modified to include butyl benzyl phthalate.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This modification is effective April 1, 1991.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth Hoffman, Office of Assistant Chief Counsel (Passthroughs and Special Industries), (202) 622-3130 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Under section 4672(a), an importer or exporter of any substance may request that the Secretary determine whether that substance should be listed as a taxable substance. The Secretary shall add the substance to the list of taxable substances in section 4672(a)(3) if the Secretary determines that taxable chemicals constitute more than 50 percent of the weight, or more than 50 percent of the value, of the materials used to produce the substance. This determination is to be made on the basis of the predominant method of production. Notice 89-61, 1989-1 C.B. 717, sets forth the rules relating to the determination process.

Determination

On March 22, 1996, the Secretary determined that butyl benzyl phthalate should be added to the list of taxable substances in section 4672(a)(3), effective April 1, 1991.

The rate of tax prescribed for butyl benzyl phthalate, under section 4671(b)(3), is \$5.54 per ton. This is based upon a conversion factor for methane of 0.05, a conversion factor for propylene of 0.17, a conversion factor for xylene of 0.47, a conversion factor for toluene of 0.32, and a conversion factor for chlorine of 0.26.

The petitioner is Monsanto Company, a manufacturer and exporter of this substance. No material comments were received on this petition. The following

information is the basis for the determination.

HTS number: 2917.39.2000

CAS number: 85-68-7

Butyl benzyl phthalate is derived from the taxable chemicals methane, propylene, xylene, toluene, and chlorine and is a liquid produced predominantly by the reaction of n-butanol and phthalic anhydride, followed by a reaction with benzyl chloride in the presence of a catalyst. n-butanol is manufactured by the hydrogenation of n-butyraldehyde, which is derived from propylene and synthesis gas (hydrogen and synthesis gas are derived from natural gas). Benzyl chloride is produced by direct photochemical chlorination of toluene. Phthalic anhydride is produced by the reaction of o-xylene with air in the presence of a catalyst.

The stoichiometric material consumption formula for this substance is:

CH_4 (methane) + C_3H_6 (propylene) + C_8H_{10} (xylene) + 3 O_2 (oxygen) + C_7H_8 (toluene) + Cl_2 (chlorine)
 —————> $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_4$ (butyl benzyl phthalate) + 2 HCl (hydrochloric acid) + H_2 (hydrogen) + 2 H_2O (water).

Butyl benzyl phthalate has been determined to be a taxable substance because a review of its stoichiometric material consumption formula shows that, based on the predominant method of production, taxable chemicals constitute 77.25 percent by weight of the materials used in its production.

Dale D. Goode,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, Assistant Chief Counsel (Corporate).

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Community Connections

ACTION: Notice—Request for Proposals.

SUMMARY: The Office of Citizen Exchanges, Russia/Eurasia Division of the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an assistance award. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501 (c)(3)-1 may apply to organize and implement community-based, professional programs for entrepreneurs, legal professionals and government officials from Ukraine and Moldova. The objective of Community Connections is

to enhance the participants' skills in business and entrepreneurship, law, and local governance upon returning to Ukraine and Moldova. USIA is interested in proposals that provide both professional experience and exposure to American life and culture through internships hosted by U.S. businesses and local governmental and legal institutions, and homestays with local community members. This program is not academic in nature; rather, it is designed to provide practical, hands-on training in American business and in legal and public sector environments which can be transferred to the individual's professional career at home. The Agency welcomes innovative proposals which combine elements of professional enrichment, job shadowing and internships appropriate to the language ability and interests of the participants.

Overall grant making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Public Law 87-256, as amended, also known as the Fulbright-Hays Act. The purpose of the Act is "to enable the Government of the United States to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries * * * ; to strengthen the ties which unite us with other nations by demonstrating the educational and cultural interests, developments, and achievements of the people of the United States and other nations * * * and thus to assist in the development of friendly, sympathetic and peaceful relations between the United States and the other countries of the world." The funding authority for the program cited above is provided through the FREEDOM Support Act. Programs and projects must conform with Agency requirements and guidelines outlined in the Solicitation Package. USIA projects and programs are subject to the availability of funds.

ANNOUNCEMENT TITLE AND NUMBER: All communications with SLUA concerning this announcement should refer to the above title and reference number E/PN-96-32.

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS: All copies must be received at the U.S. Information Agency by 5 p.m. Washington, D.C. time on Tuesday, April 30, 1996. Faxed documents will not be accepted, nor will documents postmarked April 30, 1996 but received at later date. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that proposals are received by the above deadline.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Office of Citizen Exchanges, Russia/

Eurasia Division, E/PN Room 216, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street SW., Washington, D.C. 20547, Phone: (202) 619-5326, fax: (202) 619-4350, internet: jdelgiud@usia.gov to request a Solicitation Package containing more detailed award criteria, required application forms, and standard guidelines for preparing proposals, including specific criteria for preparation of the proposal budget.

TO DOWNLOAD A SOLICITATION PACKAGE VIA INTERNET: The Solicitation Package may be downloaded from USIA'S website at <http://www.usia.gov/> or from the Internet Gopher at gopher.usia.gov/. Select "Education and Cultural Exchanges", then select "Current Request for Proposals (RFPs)." Please read "About the following RFPs before beginning to download.

Please specify USIA Program Assistant James Del Giudice on all inquiries and correspondences. Interested applicants should read the complete Federal Register announcement before sending inquiries or submitting proposals. Once the RFP deadline has passed, Agency staff may not discuss this competition in any way with applicants until the Bureau proposal review process has been completed.

SUBMISSIONS: Applicants must follow all instructions given in the Solicitation Package. The original and 12 copies of the application should be sent to: U.S. Information Agency, Ref.: E/PN-96-32, Office of Grants Management, E/XE, Room 326, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547.

DIVERSITY GUIDELINES: Pursuant to the Bureau's authorizing legislation, programs must maintain a non-political character and should be balanced and representative of the diversity of American political, social, and cultural life. "Diversity" should be interpreted in the broadest sense and encompass differences including, but not limited to ethnicity, race, gender, religion, geographic location, socio-economic status, and physical challenges. Applicants are strongly encouraged to adhere to the advancement of this principle both in program administration and in program content. Please refer to the review criteria under the 'Support for Diversity' section for specific suggestions on incorporating diversity into the total proposal.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview

Community Connections seeks to establish and strengthen links between American communities and communities in Ukraine and Moldova.