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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Tobacco—Record of Disposition of More Than 60,000 Cigarettes in a Single Transaction.

OMB Number: 1512-0391.

Recordkeeping Requirement ID Number: ATF REC 5210/10.

Abstract: Records must be maintained by tobacco products manufacturers and cigarette distributors showing the details of large cigarette transactions. The records are used to trace the movement of contraband cigarettes and to help curtail the illicit traffic in cigarettes between states. The record retention period for this information collection is 3 years.

Current Actions: There are no changes to this information collection and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 9,500.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 120 hours per respondent to compile and record the required information.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,140,000.

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.

Dated: May 29, 1998.

William J. Earle,

Assistant Director (Management)/CFO.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Forms W-8, W-8A, W-8B, and W-8C

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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form W-8, certificate of Foreign Status of Beneficial Owner for United States Tax Withholding; Form W-8A, Foreign Person's Claim of Income Effectively Connected With the Conduct of a Trade or Business in the United States; Form W-8B, Certification for United States Tax Withholding for Foreign Governments and Other Foreign Organizations; and Form W-8C, Certificate of Foreign Intermediary, Foreign Partnership, and Certain U.S. Branches for United States Tax Withholding. These forms and their instructions are being published as Announcement 98-51 in Internal Revenue Bulletin 1998-24, dated June 15, 1998.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 11, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to the Chairman, Tax Forms Coordinating Committee, Internal Revenue Service, room 5577, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Certificate of Foreign Status of Beneficial Owner for United States Tax Withholding (Form W-8); Foreign Person's Claim of Income Effectively Connected With the Conduct of a Trade or Business in the United States (Form W-8A); Certification for United States Tax Withholding for Foreign Governments and Other Foreign Organizations (Form W-8B); and

Certificate of Foreign Intermediary, Foreign Partnership, and Certain U.S. Branches for United States Tax Withholding (Form W-8C).

OMB Number: To be assigned later.

Form Number: W-8, W-8A, W-8B, and W-8C.

Abstract: Foreign persons are subject to U.S. tax at a 30% rate on income they receive from U.S. sources that consists of interest, dividends, rents, premiums, annuities, compensation, and other fixed or determinable annual or periodical income. Form W-8 will be used for certain types of income to establish that the person is a foreign person, is the beneficial owner of the income for which Form W-8 is being provided and, if applicable, to claim a reduced rate of, or exemption from, withholding as a resident of a foreign country with which the United States has an income tax treaty. Form W-8A will be used to establish that the person is a foreign person, is the beneficial owner of the income for which Form W-8A is being provided, and to claim that the income is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States. Form W-8B will be used by a foreign government, international organization, foreign central bank of issue, foreign tax-exempt organization, or foreign private foundation. The form will be used by such persons to establish foreign status, to claim that the person is the beneficial owner of the income for which Form W-8B is given and, if applicable, to claim a reduced rate of, or exemption from, withholding. Form W-8C will be provided to a withholding agent or payer by a foreign intermediary, foreign partnership, and certain U.S. branches to make representations regarding the status of beneficial owners or to transmit appropriate documentation to the withholding agent.

Current Actions: This is a new collection of information.

Type of Review: New OMB approval.

Affected Public: Individuals, business or other for-profit organizations and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Form W-8—3,000,000; Form W-8A—180,000; Form W-8B—240; Form W-8C—400.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: Form W-8—10 hr., 6 min.; Form W-8A—6 hr., 54 min.; Form W-8B—16 hr., 18 min.; Form W-8C—18 hr., 22 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: Form W-8—30,300,000 Form W-8A—1,242,000; Form W-8B—3,912; Form W-8C—7,348.

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; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the 5 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: June 5, 1998.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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UNITED STATES ENRICHMENT CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: United States Enrichment Corporation.

SUBJECT: Board of Directors.

TIME AND DATE: June 9-10, 1998, commencing at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 1998.

PLACE: Chicago/O'Hare International Airport Executive Center.

STATUS: Portions of the Board meeting will be closed to the public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Privatization of the Corporation.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Elizabeth Stuckle at 301/564-3399.

Dated: June 9, 1998.

William H. Timbers, Jr.,

President and Chief Executive Officer.

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UNITED STATES ENRICHMENT CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: United States Enrichment Corporation.

SUBJECT: Board of Directors.

TIME AND DATE: 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 26, 1998.

PLACE: USEC Corporate Headquarters, 6903 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, Maryland 20817.

STATUS: The Board meeting will be closed to the public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Privatization of the Corporation.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Elizabeth Stuckle at (301) 564-3399.

Dated: June 9, 1998.

William H. Timbers, Jr.,

President and Chief Executive Officer.

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