

and IRS personnel's identification number.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

5 U.S.C. 301; 26 U.S.C. 7602, and 7801.

PURPOSE OF THE SYSTEM:

The IRS is establishing the third-party contact records to comply with Section 7602(c) of the Internal Revenue Code as enacted by Section 3417 of the IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998. The third-party contact records will be used to report to the taxpayers regarding third-party contacts that the IRS would normally make with respect to the determination or collection of the tax liability of the taxpayer. Third-party contact data will be provided periodically to taxpayers and upon the taxpayer's request.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

Disclosure of returns and return information may only be made as authorized by 26 U.S.C. 6103 and 7602.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Paper records and electronic storage media.

RETRIEVABILITY:

By taxpayer identification number (social security number or employer identifier number).

SAFEGUARDS:

Access controls will be no less than those provided by the Automated Information Systems Security Handbook IRM 2(10)00, IRM 1(16)12, Manager's Security Handbook, and IRM 1(16)42, Physical Security Handbook.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are maintained in accordance with Records Disposition Handbooks, IRM 1(15)59.1 through IRM 1(15)59.32.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESSES:

Official prescribing policies and practices: Assistant Commissioner (Collection). Officials maintaining the system: Assistant Commissioner (International), Regional Chief Compliance Officers, District Directors, IRS Service Center Directors, IRS Computing Center Directors, Associate Chief Counsel, Regional Counsel, and District Counsel.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine if this system of records contains a record

pertaining to themselves may inquire in accordance with instructions appearing at 31 CFR part 1, subpart C, appendix B. Inquiries should be addressed as in "Records Access Procedure" below.

RECORDS ACCESS PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking access to any record contained in this system of records may inquire in accordance with instructions appearing in 31 CFR part 1, subpart C, appendix B. (See IRS appendix A for addresses.)

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURE:

26 U.S.C. 7852(e) prohibits Privacy Act amendment of tax records.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Tax records of the individual; public information sources; third parties including individuals, city and state governments, other Federal agencies, taxpayer's employer, employees and/or clients, licensing and professional organizations, and foreign governments via Tax Treaty.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Privacy Act of 1974; As Amended

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of alteration to Privacy Act system of records notices.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service is altering Treasury/IRS 60.008 and Treasury/IRS 60.011 to reflect changes in the management and location of the systems of records from the Office of the Chief Inspector to the Assistant Commissioner (Support Services). These changes are pursuant to the IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This notice will be adopted without further publication in the **Federal Register** on July 15, 1999, unless modified by a subsequent notice to incorporate comments received from the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Anderson, Program Analyst, Support Services, Internal Revenue Service, 1401 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 800, Arlington, VA 22209, telephone: (703) 235-0652.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 included specific provisions impacting

the Office of the Chief Inspector, Internal Revenue Service. The law provided for the appointment of a Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA), effective January 19, 1999, who will report directly to the Secretary of the Treasury.

The systems of records Treasury/IRS 60.008—Security, Background and Character Investigation Files (NBIC), and Treasury/IRS 60.011—Internal Security Management Information System (ISMIS), will continue to exist with the IRS since the National Background Investigations Center, which generates such investigations and utilizes the ISMIS database, will remain with the IRS. The NBIC, formerly under the control of the Chief Inspector, will now continue to conduct personnel security investigations under the auspices of the Assistant Commissioner (Support Services). The alteration of the two systems of records will reflect changes to the system numbers, system names, system locations, safeguards, record access procedures, system managers, and will more accurately describe the categories of records in the systems of records.

The first system of records, IRS 60.008—Security, Background, and Character Investigation Files, Inspection, will be renumbered and renamed as "IRS 34.021—Personnel Security Investigations, National Background Investigations Center—Treasury/IRS." Language has also been inserted under "Exemption claimed for the system" to identify the section under which the exemption is claimed (5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(5)).

The second system of records, IRS 60.011—Internal Security Management Information System (ISMIS) will be renumbered and renamed as "IRS 34.022—National Background Investigations Center Management Information System (NBICMIS)—Treasury/IRS."

The changes to the systems of records are not within the purview of subsection (r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, which requires the submission of new or altered systems report. For the reasons set forth in this preamble, the IRS proposes to alter the above systems of records. The alterations described above are as follows:

Treasury/IRS 34.021

SYSTEM NAME:

Description of change: Replace the current title with the following: "Personnel Security Investigations, National Background Investigations Center—Treasury/IRS."

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Description of change: Replace the current language with the following: "National Background Investigations Center, P.O. Box 248, Florence, KY 41022-0248."

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SAFEGUARDS:

Description of change: Replace the current statement with the following: "Access controls will not be less than those provided by the Automated Information System Security Handbook, IRM 2(10)00. Records will be accessible to National Background Investigations Center personnel on a need-to-know basis, all of whom have been the subject of background investigations. Computerized records are password protected."

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Description of change: Replace the current statement with the following: "Records are maintained in accordance with IRM Part X, National Background Investigations Center, Exhibit (10)110-2."

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Description of change: Replace the current language with the following: "Official prescribing policies and practices: Assistant Commissioner, (Support Services). Official maintaining the system: Director, National Background Investigations Center, P.O. Box 248, Florence, KY 41022-0248."

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RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Description of change: Replace the current language with the following: "Individuals seeking access to this system of records, or seeking to contest its content, may inquire in accordance with instructions appearing at 31 CFR part 1, subpart C, appendix B. Inquiries should be addressed to the IRS National Background Investigations Center, P.O. Box 248, Florence, KY 41022-0248, Attn: Disclosure Specialist."

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EXEMPTION CLAIMED FOR SYSTEM:

Description of change: Insert the following at the end of the sentence: "pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(5)."

Treasury/IRS 34.022**SYSTEM NAME:**

Description of change: Replace the current title with the following: "National Background Investigations Center Management Information System (NBICMIS)—Treasury/IRS."

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Description of change: Replace the current language with the following: "National Background Investigations Center, P.O. Box 248, Florence, KY 41022-0248."

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Description of change: Replace the current language with the following: "Current and former employees of the Internal Revenue Service within the Department of the Treasury, and private contractors at IRS facilities."

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Description of change: Replace the current statement with the following: "(1) NBICMIS personnel system records contain National Background Investigations Center (NBIC) employee name, office, start of employment, series/grade, title, separation date; (2) NBICMIS tracking records contain status information on investigations from point of initiation through conclusion; (3) NBICMIS timekeeping records contain assigned cases and distribution of time; (4) NBICMIS case tracking records contain background investigations."

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PURPOSE(S):

Description of change: Remove current statement and add: "The purpose of NBICMIS is to: (1) Effectively manage NBIC resources and assess the effectiveness of current NBIC programs as well as assist in determining budget and staff requirements. (2) Provide the technical ability for other components of the Service to analyze trends in integrity matters on an organizational, geographic and violation basis."

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RETRIEVABILITY:

Description of change: Replace the current language with the following: "By name of individual to whom it applies, social security number, or case number."

SAFEGUARDS:

Description of change: Replace the current language with the following: "Access is limited to authorized Support Services personnel who have a direct need to know. Hard copy of data is stored in rooms of limited accessibility except to employees. These rooms are locked after business hours. Access to magnetic media is controlled by computer passwords. Access to specific NBICMIS records is further limited by computer security programs limiting access to select personnel."

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RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Description of change: Replace the current language with the following: "Individuals seeking access to this system of records, or seeking to contest its content, may inquire in accordance with instructions appearing at 31 CFR part 1, subpart C, appendix B. Inquiries should be addressed to the IRS National Background Investigations Center, P.O. Box 248, Florence, KY 41022-0248, Attn: Disclosure Specialist."

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RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Description of change: Replace the current statement with the following: "Current and former employees of the Internal Revenue Service."

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Date: June 7, 1999.

Shelia Y. McCann,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Administration.
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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY**Privacy Act of 1974: Amendment of Notice of Systems of Records**

AGENCY: United States Information Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document updates the United States Information Agency's Systems of Records maintained under the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended. It will update the United States Information Agency section in the **Federal Register's** Privacy Act Issuances, 1997 Compilation.

The review and update of USIA's Systems of Records was made in compliance with the President's Memorandum of May 14, 1998 on Privacy and Personal Information in Federal Records. The President directed Federal agencies to review their current information practices and ensure that they are conducted in accordance with privacy law and policy, because ensuring that the Federal government protects the privacy of personal information is a priority of the