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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: February 14, 2000.

Garrick R. Shear,

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

[CO-30-92]

#### 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-30-92 (TD 8560), Consolidated Returns—Stock

Basis and Excess Loss Accounts, Earnings and Profits, Absorption of Deductions and Losses, Joining and Leaving Consolidated Groups, Worthless Stock Loss, Nonapplicability of Section 357(c), (§§ 1.1502-31, 1.1502-32, 1.1502-33, 1.1502-76).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before April 24, 2000 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 this regulation should be directed to Faye Bruce, (202) 622-6665, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Consolidated Returns—Stock Basis and Excess Loss Accounts, Earnings and Profits, Absorption of Deductions and Losses, Joining and Leaving Consolidated Groups, Worthless Stock Loss, Nonapplicability of Section 357(c).

**OMB Number:** 1545-1344.

**Regulation Project Number:** CO-30-92.

**Abstract:** These regulations amend the consolidated return investment adjustment system, including the rules for earnings and profits and excess loss accounts. In addition, the regulations provide special rules for allocating consolidated income tax liability among members and modify the method for allocating income when a corporation enters or leaves a consolidated group.

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

**Type of Review:** Extension of OMB approval.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for-profit organizations.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 52,049.

**Estimated Time Per Respondent:** 22 minutes.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 18,600.

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

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#### Request for Comments

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Approved: February 14, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

[INTL-21-91]

#### 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 temporary and final regulation, INTL-21-91 (TD 8656), Section 6662—Imposition of the Accuracy-Related Penalty (§ 1.6662-6).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before April 24, 2000 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.