

**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 the revenue procedure should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5242, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Change in Minimum Funding Method.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1704.

*Revenue Procedure Number:* Revenue Procedure 2000-41.

*Abstract:* Revenue Procedure 2000-41 provides a mechanism whereby a plan sponsor or plan administrator may obtain a determination from the Internal Revenue Service that its proposed change in the method of funding its pension plan(s) meets the standards of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the revenue procedure at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, and state, local or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 300.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 18 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 5,400.

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.

Approved: October 4, 2000.

**Garrick R. Shear,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Revenue Procedure 98-46 and Revenue Procedure 97-44

**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 Revenue Procedure 98-46 and Revenue Procedure 97-44, LIFO Conformity Requirement.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before December 11, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* LIFO Conformity Requirement.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1559.

*Revenue Procedure Number:* Revenue Procedure 98-46 and Revenue Procedure 97-44.

*Abstract:* Revenue Procedure 97-44 permits automobile dealers that comply

with the terms of the revenue procedure to continue using the LIFO inventory method despite previous violations of the LIFO conformity requirements of Internal Revenue Code section 472(c) or (e)(2). Revenue Procedure 98-46 modified Revenue Procedure 97-44 by allowing medium- and heavy-duty truck dealers to take advantage of the favorable relief provided in Revenue Procedure 97-44.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to these revenue procedures at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 20 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 100,000.

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Approved: October 3, 2000.

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