

following statement is made:

"Comments to Airspace Docket No. 00-ANM-01." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter. All communications received on or before the specified closing date for comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this notice may be changed in the light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination at the address listed above both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

Availability of NPRM's

Any person may obtain a copy of this NPRM by submitting a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, Airspace Branch, ANM-520, 1601 Lind Avenue SW, Renton, Washington 98055-4056. Communications must identify the notice number of this NPRM. Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRM's should also request a copy of Advisory Circular No. 11-2A, which describes the application procedure.

The Proposal

The FAA is considering an amendment to Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations, part 71 (14 CFR part 71) by revising a Class E airspace extension at Englewood, CO, in order to accommodate a revised SIAP to the Centennial Airport, Englewood, CO. This amendment would provide a small amount of additional Class E4 airspace at Englewood, CO, to meet current criteria standards associated with the SIAP. The FAA establishes Class E airspace where necessary to contain aircraft transitioning between the terminal and enroute environments. The intended effect of this proposal is designed to provide for the safe and efficient use of the navigable airspace. This proposal would promote safe flight operations under Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) at the Centennial Airport and between the terminal and en route transition stages.

The area would be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference. The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. Class E airspace areas designated as an extension to a Class D airspace area, are published paragraph 6004, of FAA Order 7400.9G dated September 1, 1999, and effective September 16, 1999, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designation

listed in this document would be published subsequently in the Order.

The FAA has determined that this proposed regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore, (1) Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive order 12866; (2) Is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) Does not warrant preparation of a Regulatory Evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

The Proposed Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, CLASS B, CLASS C, CLASS D, AND CLASS E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIRWAYS; ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9G, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 1, 1999, and effective September 16, 1999, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6004 Class E airspace areas designated as an extension to a Class D airspace area.

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ANM CO E5 Englewood, CO [Revised]

Centennial Airport, CO
(Lat. 39°34'13"N, long. 104°50'58"W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface within 3.2-mile radius each side of the 178° bearing from the Centennial Airport extending from the 4.4-mile radius to 14.1 miles south of the airport, and within 2.1 miles each side of the 109° bearing from the Centennial Airport extending from the 4.4-

mile radius to 5.5 miles southeast of the airport. This Class E airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective dates and times will thereafter be continuously published in the Airport/Facility Directory.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Part 1

[REG-209135-88]

RIN 1545-AW92

Certain Asset Transfers to Regulated Investment Companies [RICs] and Real Estate Investment Trusts [REITs]

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking by cross-reference to temporary regulations and notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: In the Rules and Regulations section of this issue of the **Federal Register**, the IRS is issuing temporary regulations which apply with respect to the net built-in gain of C corporation assets that become assets of a Regulated Investment Company [RIC] or Real Estate Investment Trust [REIT] by the qualification of a C corporation as a RIC or REIT or by the transfer of assets of a C corporation to a RIC or REIT in a carryover basis transaction. This document also provides notice of a public hearing on these proposed regulations.

DATES: Written comments and outlines of topics to be discussed at the public hearing scheduled for May 10, 2000, at 10 a.m. in the IRS Auditorium, must be received by April 19, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send submissions to: CC:DOM:CORP:R [REG-209135-88], Room 5226, Internal Revenue Service, POB 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044. Submissions may be hand delivered between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to: CC:DOM:CORP:R [REG-209135-88], Courier's Desk, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Alternatively, taxpayers may submit comments electronically via the Internet by

selecting the "Tax Regs" option on the Home Page or by submitting comments directly to the IRS Internet site at: http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/tax_regs/regslst.html. The public hearing has been scheduled for May 10, 2000, at 10 a.m., in the IRS Auditorium, Internal Revenue Building, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Concerning the proposed regulations, Christopher W. Schoen, (202) 622-7750, concerning submissions and the hearing, LaNita Van Dyke (202) 622-7180 (not toll-free numbers).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Paperwork Reduction Act

The collection of information contained in this notice of proposed rulemaking has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. section 3507(d)).

Comments on the collection of information should be sent to the Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for the Department of the Treasury, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503, with copies to the Internal Revenue Service, Attn: IRS Reports Clearance Officer, OP:FS:FP, Washington, DC 20224. Comments on the collection of information should be received by April 7, 2000. Comments are specifically requested concerning:

Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the IRS, including whether the collection will have practical utility;

The accuracy of the estimated burden associated with the proposed collection of information (see below);

How the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected may be enhanced;

How the burden of complying with the proposed collection of information may be minimized, including through the application of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

Estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

The collection of information in this proposed regulation is in § 1.337(d)-5. This information is necessary for the Service to determine whether liquidation treatment or section 1374 treatment is appropriate for the entity for which the regulation applies. The collection of information is required to obtain a benefit, i.e., to elect to be

subject to section 1374 in lieu of liquidation treatment. The likely respondents are Regulated Investment Companies (RICs) and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs).

The regulation provides that a section 1374 election is made by filing a statement, signed by an official authorized to sign the income tax return of the RIC or REIT and attached to the RIC's or REIT's Federal income tax return. The burden for the collection of information in § 1.337(d)-5T(b)(3) is as follows: Estimated total annual reporting burden: 50 hours Estimated average annual burden per respondent: 30 minutes Estimated number of respondents: 100 Estimated annual frequency of responses: Once

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid control number assigned by the Office of Management and Budget.

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. section 6103.

Background

Temporary regulations in the Rules and Regulations section of this issue of the **Federal Register** amend the Income Tax Regulations (26 CFR part 1) relating to section 337(d). The temporary regulations provide rules that when a C corporation (1) qualifies to be taxed as a RIC or REIT, or (2) transfers assets to a RIC or REIT in a carryover basis transaction, the C corporation is treated as if it sold all of its assets at their respective fair market values and immediately liquidated, unless the RIC or REIT elects to be subject to tax under section 1374 of the Code. The text of those temporary regulations also serves as the text of these proposed regulations. The preamble to the temporary regulations explains the temporary regulations.

Special Analyses

It has been determined that this Treasury decision is not a significant regulatory action as defined in Executive Order 12866. Therefore, a regulatory assessment is not required. It also has been determined that section 553(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 5) does not apply to these regulations and because the regulations do not impose a collection of information on small entities, the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C.

chapter 6) does not apply. Therefore, a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis is not required. Pursuant to section 7805(f) of the Code, these temporary regulations will be submitted to the Chief Counsel of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration for comment on their impact on small business.

Comments and Public Hearing

Before these proposed regulations are adopted as final regulations, consideration will be given to any written comments (preferably a signed original and eight (8) copies) that are submitted to the IRS. The IRS and Treasury request comments on the clarity of the proposed rule and how it may be made easier to understand. All comments will be made available for public inspection and copying.

A public hearing has been scheduled for May 10, 2000 at 10 a.m., in the IRS Auditorium. Because of access restrictions, visitors will not be admitted beyond the Internal Revenue Building lobby more than 15 minutes before the hearing starts.

The rules of 26 CFR 601.601(a)(3) apply at the hearing.

Persons who wish to present oral comments at the hearing must submit written comments and an outline of the topics to be discussed (signed original and eight (8) copies) by April 19, 2000.

A period of 10 minutes will be allotted to each person for making comments.

An agenda showing the scheduling of speakers will be prepared after the deadline for receiving outlines has passed. Copies of the agenda will be available free of charge at the hearing.

Drafting Information

The principal author of these regulations is Christopher W. Schoen of the Office of Assistant Chief Counsel (Corporate). Other personnel from the IRS and Treasury participated in their development.

List of Subjects in 26 CFR Part 1

Income taxes, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Proposed Amendments to the Regulations

Accordingly, 26 CFR part 1 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 11—INCOME TAXES

Paragraph 1. The authority citation for 26 CFR part 1 is amended by adding an entry in numerical order to read as follows:

Authority: 26 U.S.C. 7805 * * *

Section 1.337(d)-5 also issued under 26 U.S.C. 337. * * *

Par. 2. Section 1.337(d)–5 is added to read as follows:

§ 1.337(d)–5 Tax on C assets becoming RIC or REIT assets.

[The text of proposed § 1.337(d)–5 of this section is the same as the text of § 1.337(d)–5T published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**.]

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Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Parts 1 and 602

[REG–100276–97; REG–122450–98]

RIN 1545–AV59; RIN 1545–AW98

Financial Asset Securitization Investment Trusts; Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduits

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking and notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: This document contains proposed regulations relating to financial asset securitization investment trusts (FASITs). This action is necessary because of changes to the applicable tax law made by the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996. The proposed regulations affect FASITs and their investors. This document also contains proposed regulations relating to real estate mortgage investment conduits (REMICs). This document provides notice of a public hearing on the proposed regulations.

DATES: Written comments must be received by May 8, 2000. Outlines of topics to be discussed at the public hearing scheduled for May 15, 2000 at 10 a.m., must be received by April 24, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send submissions to CC:DOM:CORP:R (REG–100276–97 and REG–122450–98), room 5226, Internal Revenue Service, POB 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044. Submissions may be hand delivered Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to: CC:DOM:CORP:R (REG–100276–97), Courier's Desk, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Alternatively, taxpayers may submit comments via the Internet by selecting the "Tax Regs" option of the IRS Home Page or by submitting them directly to the IRS

Internet site at <http://www.irs.gov/taxregs/regslst.html>. The public hearing will be held in Room 2615, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Concerning the proposed regulations other than issues relating specifically to cross border transactions, David L. Meyer at (202) 622–3960 (not a toll-free number) and for issues relating specifically to cross border transactions, Rebecca Rosenberg or Milton Cahn at (202) 622–3870 (not a toll-free number); concerning submissions of comments, the hearing, and/or to be placed on the building access list to attend the hearing, Guy Traynor at (202) 622–7180 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Paperwork Reduction Act

The collection of information contained in this notice of proposed rulemaking has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507(d)). Comments on the collection of information should be sent to the Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for the Department of the Treasury, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503, with copies to the Internal Revenue Service, Attn: IRS Reports Clearance Officer, OP:FS:FP, Washington, DC 20224. Comments on the collection of information should be received by April 7, 2000.

Comments are specifically requested concerning:

Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Internal Revenue Service, including whether the collection will have a practical utility;

The accuracy of the estimated burden associated with the proposed collection of information (see below);

How the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected may be enhanced;

How the burden of complying with the proposed collection of information may be minimized, including through the application of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

The collection of information is in § 1.860H–1(b)(2) and § 1.860H–6(e). This information is required to permit qualified entities to elect to become a

Financial Asset Securitization Investment Trust and to ensure the holder of the ownership interest in a FASIT properly reports the FASIT's items of income, gain, deduction, loss, and credit. This information will be used to properly administer the provisions of part V of subchapter M of the Code. The collection of information is mandatory. The likely respondents are business or other for-profit institutions.

Estimated total annual reporting and/or record keeping burden: 750 hours.

Estimated average annual burden hours per respondent and/or record-keeper: 5 hours.

Estimated number of respondents and/or record-keepers: 150.

Estimated annual frequency of responses: one annually.

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 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 information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Background

Section 1621(a) of the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996, Public Law 104–188, 110 Stat. 1755 (August 20, 1996) (the Act) amended the Internal Revenue Code (Code) by adding part V (sections 860H through 860L) (the FASIT provisions) to subchapter M of chapter 1. Part V, which is effective September 1, 1997, authorizes a securitization vehicle called a Financial Asset Securitization Investment Trust (FASIT). FASITs are meant to facilitate the securitization of debt instruments, including non-mortgage and mortgage debt instruments.

A solicitation for comments was published in the **Federal Register** for November 4, 1996 (61 FR 56647). The comments received both raised and helped resolve significant issues. The IRS and Treasury request comments on these proposed regulations generally, and specifically request suggestions on how they may be revised to be more easily understood.

Explanation of Provisions

In General

A FASIT is a qualified arrangement that elects FASIT treatment and meets certain requirements concerning the