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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[LR-100-78]

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, LR-100-78 (T.D. 7918), Creditability of Foreign Taxes (§§ 1.901-2 and 1.901-2A).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before *January 11, 2010* to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6242, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be directed to R. Joseph Durbala, at (202) 622-3634, or at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6516, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet, at RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Creditability of Foreign Taxes.
OMB Number: 1545-0746.

Regulation Project Number: LR-100-78.

Abstract: Section 1.901-2A of the regulation contains special rules that apply to taxpayers engaging in business transactions with a foreign government that is also taxing them. In general, such taxpayers must establish what portion of a payment made pursuant to a foreign levy is actually tax and not compensation for a economic benefit received from the foreign government. One way a taxpayer can do this is by electing to apply the safe harbor formula

of section 1.901-2A by filing a statement with the IRS.

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

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, and business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 110.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 37.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 3520

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 Form 3520, Annual Return To Report Transactions With Foreign Trusts and Receipts of Certain Foreign Gifts.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 11, 2010 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to R. Joseph Durbala, (202) 622-3634, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Annual Return To Report Transactions With Foreign Trusts and Receipts of Certain Foreign Gifts.

OMB Number: 1545-0159.

Form Number: Form 3520.

Abstract: U.S. persons who create a foreign trust or transfer property to a foreign trust must file Form 3520 to report the establishment of the trust or the transfer of property to the trust. Form 3520 must also be filed by U.S. persons who are treated as owners of any part of the assets of a trust under subpart E of Part I or subchapter J of Chapter 1; who received a distribution from a foreign trust; or who received large gifts during the tax year from a foreign person.

Current Actions: There is no change in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB. This form is being submitted for renewal purposes only.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,320.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 54 hours 35 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 72,059.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Unblocking of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons Pursuant to Executive Order 13224

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control

("OFAC") is removing the name of two entities and one individual from the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons whose property and interests in property have been blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, *Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten To Commit, or Support Terrorism*. The entities: BARAKAAT INTERNATIONAL and BARAKAAT INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION, were designated pursuant to Executive Order 13224 on November 7, 2001 and the individual: PATRICIA VINCK, was designated pursuant to Executive Order 13224 on January 22, 2003.

DATES: The removal from the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons of the two entities and one individual whose property and interests in property have been blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13224 is effective as of November 3, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Assistant Director, Compliance Outreach & Implementation, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20220, tel.: 202/622-2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic and Facsimile Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available from OFAC's Web site (<http://www.treas.gov/ofac>) or via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on-demand service, tel.: 202/622-0077.

Background

On September 23, 2001, the President issued Executive Order 13224 (the "Order") pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1701-1706, and the United Nations Participation Act of 1945, 22 U.S.C. 287c, imposing economic sanctions on persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support acts of terrorism. The President identified in the Annex to the Order various individuals and entities as subject to the economic sanctions. The Order authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, and (pursuant to Executive Order 13284) the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, to designate additional individuals or entities determined to meet certain criteria set forth in Executive Order 13224.

Two such additional entities were designated by the Secretary of the Treasury on November 7, 2001 and one additional individual was designated by

the Secretary of the Treasury on January 22, 2003. The Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control has determined that the two entities and one individual should be removed from the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons.

The following entities and individual are removed from the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons:

1. BARAKAAT INTERNATIONAL, Hallbybacken 15, Spanga 70, Sweden [SDGT]
2. BARAKAAT INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION, Rinkebytorget 1, Spanga 04, Sweden; P.O. Box 4036, Spanga, Sweden [SDGT]
3. VINCK, Patricia (a.k.a. VINCK, Souraya P.), 69 Rue des Bataves, 1040 Etterbeek, Brussels, Belgium; Vaatjesstraat, 29, Putte 2580, Belgium; DOB 04 Jan 1965; POB Antwerp, Belgium (individual) [SDGT]

The removal of the two entities' and individual's names from the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons is effective as of November 3, 2009. All property and interests in property of the two entities and one individual that are in or hereafter come within the United States or the possession or control of United States persons are now unblocked.

Dated: November 3, 2009.

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Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Proposed Information Collection (NCA Customer Satisfaction Surveys (Headstone/Marker) Activity): Comment Request

AGENCY: National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Cemetery Administration (NCA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register**