DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment;
Comment Request on Burden Related to Form 8938, Statement of Specified Foreign
Financial Assets.

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork
and respondent burden, invites the 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. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning the burden related
to Form 8938, Statement of Specified Foreign Financial Assets.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS
AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS DOCUMENT IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]
to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Kinna Brewington, Internal Revenue Service,
Room 6529, 1111 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 20224. Requests for additional
information or copies of the regulations should be directed to R. Joseph Durbala, at Internal
Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington DC 20224, or
through the internet, at RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Statement of Specified Foreign Financial Assets.

OMB Number: 1545-2195.

Regulation/Project Number: Form 8938.

Abstract: Form 8938 was developed to comply with IRC section 6038D to Report
Foreign Financial Assets. Taxpayers use Form 8938 to report specified foreign financial assets if
the total value of all the specified foreign financial assets in which they have an interest is more than the appropriate reporting threshold.

**Current Actions:** There is no change to the burden previously approved.

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

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

**Estimated Number of Responses:** 350,000.

**Estimated Time Per Respondent:** 4 hours 43 minutes.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 1,652,000.

The following paragraph applies to all 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 if 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.

**Desired Focus of Comments:** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., by permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the ICR for OMB approval of the extension of the information collection; they will also become a matter
of public record.


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