

**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Internal Revenue Service****Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment; Form 712, Life Insurance Statement**

**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 Form 712, Life Insurance Statement.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before August 20, 2018 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Roberto Mora-Figueroa, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, 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 NW, Washington DC 20224, or through the internet, at [RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov](mailto:RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Life Insurance Statement.

*OMB Number:* 1545-0022.

*Regulation Project Number:* Form 712.

*Abstract:* Form 712 provides taxpayers and the IRS with information to determine if insurance on the decedent's life is includible in the gross estate and to determine the value of the policy for estate and gift tax purposes. The tax is based on the value of the life insurance policy.

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

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

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 60,000.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 18 hrs., 40 min.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,120,200.

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.

Approved: June 13, 2018.

**R. Joseph Durbala,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Internal Revenue Service****Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment; Hedging Transactions**

**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 guidance for taxpayers regarding when gain or loss from common business hedging transactions is considered for tax purposes.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before August 20, 2018 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Roberto Mora-Figueroa, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, 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 NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet, at [RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov](mailto:RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Clear Reflection of Income in the Case of Hedging Transactions.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1412.

*Regulation Project Number:* TD 8554.

*Abstract:* These final regulations provide guidance to taxpayers regarding when gain or loss from common business hedging transactions is recognized for tax purposes. Paragraph (d) of § 1.446-4 requires that the books and records maintained by a taxpayer disclose the method or methods used to account for different types of hedging transactions. The purpose of this rule is to ensure that the taxpayer has such records as are necessary to allow a Service examiner to determine whether the method of accounting used by the taxpayer for a transaction clearly reflects income.

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

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

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 100,000.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 12 min.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 20,000.

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

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