**Supporting Statement**

  **Internal Revenue Service**

**OMB 1545-2166**

**Form 5316 – Application for Group or Pooled trust Ruling**

1. CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

 Group/pooled trust sponsors file Form 5316 to request a determination letter from the IRS for a determination that the trust is a group trust arrangement as described in Rev. Rul.

 81-100, 1981-1 C.B. 326 as modified and clarified by Rev. Rul. 2004-67, 2004-2 C.B.28, as modified by Rev. Rul. 2011-1, 2011-2 I.R.B. 251, and as modified by Notice 2012-6, 2012-3 I.R.B. 293 and Rev. Rul. 2014-24, 2014-37 I.R.B. 529.

1. USE OF DATA

 For group/pooled trust sponsors to obtain a determination letter that the trust is a group trust arrangement exempt from tax.

1. USE OF IMPROVED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE BURDEN

 The form is not electronically filed because Modernized efile has not chosen to enable it for electronic filing by devoting the necessary time, money, and resources to do so. The IRS has concluded that budgetary considerations require that the limited resources available for enabling electronic filing be allocated to ICs other than the Form associated with this information collection, where the benefits of electronic filing are greater.

1. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DUPLICATION

 The information obtained through this collection is unique and is not already available for use or adaptation from another source.

1. METHODS TO MINIMIZE BURDEN ON SMALL BUSINESSES OR OTHER SMALL ENTITIES

The collection of information requirement will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities due to the low number of respondents.

1. CONSEQUENCES OF LESS FREQUENT COLLECTION ON FEDERAL PROGRAMS OR POLICY ACTIVITIES

 Consequences of less frequent collection on federal programs or policy activities could result in a decreased amount of taxes collected by the Service, inaccurate and untimely filing of tax returns, and an increase in tax violations.

1. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING DATA COLLECTION TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH GUIDELINES IN 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2)

There are no special circumstances requiring data collection to be inconsistent with guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2).

1. CONSULTATION WITH INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE OF THE AGENCY ON AVAILABILITY OF DATA, FREQUENCY OF COLLECTION, CLARITY OF INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS, AND DATA ELEMENTS

 In response to our Federal Register notice dated February 1, 2019 (84 FR 1274), we received no comments during the comment period regarding Form 5316.

1. EXPLANATION OF DECISION TO PROVIDE ANY PAYMENT OR GIFT TO RESPONDENTS

No payment or gift has been provided to any respondents.

1. ASSURANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF RESPONSES

 Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential as required by 26 USC 6103.

1. JUSTIFICATION OF SENSITIVE QUESTIONS

A privacy impact assessment (PIA) has been conducted for information collected under this request as part of the “Business Master file (BMF)” and a Privacy Act System of Records notice (SORN) has been issued for these systems under IRS 22.062 – Electronic Filing Records; IRS 24.030 – Customer Account Data Engine (CADE) Individual Master File; IRS 24.046 - CADE Business Master File (BMF);IRS 34.037 - IRS Audit Trail and Security Records System. The Internal Revenue Service PIA’s can be found at <http://www.irs.gov/uac/Privacy-Impact-Assessments-PIA>.

Title 26 USC 6109 requires inclusion of identifying numbers in returns, statements, or other documents for securing proper identification of persons required to make such returns, statements, or documents and is the authority for social security numbers (SSNs) in IRS systems.

1. ESTIMATED BURDEN OF INFORMATION COLLECTION

A group/pooled trust is a trust that meets the qualification requirements of Rev. Rul. 81-100 as modified and clarified by Rev. Rul. 2004-67 and as modified by Rev. Rul. 2011-1. This form should be filed by the sponsor of a group/pooled trust.

 The burden estimate is as follows:

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| **Authority** | **Description** | **# of Respondents** | **# Responses per Respondent** | **Annual Responses** | **Hours per Response** | **Total Burden** |
| § 401(a)(24) | Form 5316 | 200 | 1 | 200 | 19 | 3,800 |
| Totals |  |  |  |  |  |  |

1. ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL COST BURDEN TO RESPONDENTS

To ensure more accuracy and consistency across its information collections, IRS is currently in the process of revising the methodology it uses to estimate burden and costs. Once this methodology is complete, IRS will update this information collection to reflect a more precise estimate of burden and costs.

1. ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

 The Federal government cost estimate is based on a model that considers the following three cost factors for each information product: aggregate labor costs for development, including annualized start up expenses, operating and maintenance expenses, and distribution of that collects the information.

 The government computes cost using a multi-step process. First, the government creates a weighted factor for the level of effort to create each information collection product based on variables such as; complexity, number of pages, type of product and frequency of revision. Second, the total costs associated with developing the product such as labor cost, and operating expenses associated with the downstream impact such as support functions, are added together to obtain the aggregated total cost. Then, the aggregated total cost and factor are multiplied together to obtain the aggregated cost per product. Lastly, the aggregated cost per product is added to the cost of shipping and printing each product to IRS offices, National Distribution Center, libraries and other

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| **Product** | **Aggregate Cost per Product (factor applied)** |  | **Printing and Distribution** |  | **Government Cost Estimate per Product** |
| Form 5316 | 11,847 |  | 0 |  | 11,847 |
| Form Instructions |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Grand Total** | **11,847** |  |  |  | **11,847** |
| Table costs are based on 2018 actuals obtained from IRS Chief Financial Office and Media and Publications |
| \* New product costs will be included in the next collection update.  |

1. REASONS FOR CHANGE IN BURDEN

 There are no changes to the burden previously approved by OMB. This submission is for renewal purposes only.

1. PLANS FOR TABULATION, STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND PUBLICATION

There are no plans for tabulation, statistical analysis and publication.

1. REASONS WHY DISPLAYING THE OMB EXPIRATION DATE IS INAPPROPRIATE

IRS believes that displaying the OMB expiration date is inappropriate because it could cause confusion by leading taxpayers to believe that the regulation sunsets as of the expiration date. Taxpayers are not likely to be aware that the Service intends to request renewal of the OMB approval and obtain a new expiration date before the old one expires.

1. EXCEPTIONS TO THE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

There are no exceptions to the certification statement.

Note: The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information in this submission:

 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.