

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

Internal Revenue Service

Interest Rates and Appropriate Foreign Loss Payment Patterns for Determining the Qualified Insurance Income of Certain Controlled Corporations under Section 954(i)
OMB# 1545-1799

1. CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

In general, a United States shareholder of a controlled foreign corporation (“CFC”) must include in gross income its *pro rata* share of the CFC’s Subpart F income for each year. I.R.C. Sec. 951(a). Subpart F income includes, among other types of income, foreign base company income. Section 954(a)(1) defines the term “foreign base company income” to include, among other types of income, foreign personal holding company income. Section 954(c)(1) sets forth the types of income (e.g., interest and dividends) that are considered to be foreign personal holding company income.

Notice 2002-69 (2002-43 I.R.B. 730) published October 28, 2002, provides interim guidance for determining the interest rates and appropriate foreign loss payment patterns to be used by controlled foreign corporations in calculating their qualified insurance income under section 954(i) of the Internal Revenue Code.

2. USE OF DATA

This information is required by the IRS to determine whether a qualified insurance company or qualified insurance company branch (collectively referred to as a “QIC”) is allowed to determine its income by using its own payment pattern data for a particular line of business. The information will be used on examination to determine whether a QIC is calculating its foreign loss payment patterns correctly.

3. USE OF IMPROVED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE BURDEN

IRS Publications, Regulations, Notices and Letters are to be electronically enabled on an as practicable basis in accordance with the IRS Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998. There are no plans to provide electronic filing because electronic filing is not appropriate for the collection of information in this submission due to the requirement to attach the document of record.

4. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DUPLICATION

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

5. 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.

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

The information will be used on examination to determine whether a QIC is calculating its foreign loss payment patterns correctly. A less frequent collection could affect federal programs or policy activities and result in an increase of significant hardships on taxpayers.

7. 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).

8. 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 the Federal Register notice dated September 14, 2021 (86 FR 51225), we received one comment letter. The comment letter was forwarded to the appropriate counsel office for consideration, review, and response. It was determined that letter generally describes proposals for modifying the determination of nonlife insurance reserves under section 954(i), but it does not provide comments responsive to the items listed in the notice requesting comments.

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

No payment or gift has been provided to any respondents.

10. ASSURANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF RESPONSES

Generally, submissions under this notice are considered tax returns and tax return information, which are confidential as required by 26 USC sec. 6103. In general, certain matters relating to taxability and deductibility are disclosable under 26 U.S.C. sec.6110. In addition, certain matters described in this notice are disclosable under 26 U.S.C. sec. 6104.

11. JUSTIFICATION OF SENSITIVE QUESTIONS

No personally identifiable information (PII) is collected.

12. ESTIMATED BURDEN OF INFORMATION COLLECTION

Under section V (entitled Applicable Loss Payment Pattern) of Notice 2002-69, U.S. shareholders of a foreign insurance company may elect, provided certain conditions are satisfied, to calculate foreign insurance reserves of the companies using the company's historical payment pattern data. U.S. shareholders making this election will be large U.S. insurance companies conducting business in foreign countries through controlled foreign corporations. We estimate that no more than 300 large insurance companies will need to make an annual submission with respect to their controlled foreign corporations. The estimated annual burden will be about one hour per respondent for a total 300 hours. The burden estimates are as follows:

Authority	Description	# of Respondents	#Responses per Respondent	Annual Responses	Hours per Response	Total Burden
954(i)	Notice 2002-69	300	1	300	1	300
Total		300		300		300

13. 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.

14. 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 startup expenses, operating and maintenance expenses, and distribution of the product 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 outlets. The result is the Government cost estimate per product.

The government cost estimate for this collection is nominal.

15. REASONS FOR CHANGE IN BURDEN

There is no change in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB. We are making this submission to renew the OMB approval.

	Requested	Program Change Due to New Statute	Program Change Due to Agency Discretion	Change Due to Adjustment in Agency Estimate	Change Due to Potential Violation of the PRA	Previously Approved
Annual Number of Responses for this IC	300	0	0	0	0	300
Annual Time Burden (Hr)	300	0	0	0	0	300

16. PLANS FOR TABULATION, STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND PUBLICATION

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

17. 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 notice 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.

18. EXCEPTIONS TO THE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

There are no exceptions.

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.