Travel and Tour Activities of Exempt Organizations; Hearing

Announcement 98–108

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing on proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This document contains a notice of public hearing on proposed regulations that clarify when the travel and tour activities of tax exempt organizations are substantially related to the purposes for which exemption was granted.

DATES: The public hearing is being held on Wednesday, February 10, 1999, at 10 a.m. The IRS must receive outlines of topics to be discussed at the hearing by January 20, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing is being held in room 2615, Internal Revenue Building, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Due to building security procedures, visitors must enter at the 10th Street entrance, located between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues, NW. In addition, all visitors must present photo identification to enter the building.

Mail outlines to: CC:DOM:CORP:R (REG-121268-97), room 5226, Internal Revenue Service, POB 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044. Hand deliver outlines Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to: CC:DOM:CORP:R (REG-121268–97), Courier's Desk, Internal Revenue Service. 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Submit outlines electronically via the Internet by selecting the "Tax Regs" option on the IRS Home Page, or by submitting them directly to the IRS Internet site at http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/prod/tax_regs/ comments.html.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CON-TACT: Concerning submissions of comments, the hearing, and/or to be placed on the building access list to attend the hearing LaNita VanDyke, (202) 622-7190 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The subject of the public hearing is proposed regulations (REG-121268-97) that were published in the **Federal Register** on April 23, 1998 (63 F.R. 20156 [1998–20 I.R.B. 12]).

The rules of 26 CFR 601.601(a)(3) apply to the hearing.

Persons who have submitted written comments and wish to present oral comments at the hearing, must submit an outline of the topics to be discussed and the amount of time to be devoted to each topic (signed original and eight (8) copies) by January 20, 1999.

A period of 10 minutes is allotted to each person for presenting oral comments. After the deadline for receiving outlines has passed, the IRS will prepare an agenda containing the schedule of speakers. Copies of the agenda will be made available, free of charge, at the hearing.

Because of access restrictions, the IRS will not admit visitors beyond the immediate entrance area more than 15 minutes before the hearing starts. For information about having your name placed on the building access list to attend the hearing, see the "FOR FURTHER INFORMA-TION CONTACT" section of this document.

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