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ABBREVIATIONS: The following abbreviations are used in this chapter:

I. R. C.=Internal Revenue Code, N. F.=National Formulary, T. D.=Treasury Decision. USP=United States Pharmacopoeia,

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- (a) Documents submitted by members of the public pursuant to the internal revenue laws or regulations, such as tax returns, information returns, statements required by statute or regulation, claims for credit, refund, or abatement, offers in compromise, bonds, applications for registration, and waivers of statutes of limitation.
- (b) Final opinions and orders under the internal revenue laws and regulations in tax matters, such as assessment lists, certificates of overassessment, and statutory deficiency letters, and documents evidencing determinations of such matters as claims for abatement, credit, or refund, offers in compromise, applications for excess profits tax relief, registration applications, closing agreements, and distraints and seizures.
- (R. S. 161; 5 U. S. C. 22) [11 F. R. 177A-22, 14261; redesignated at 13 F. R. 7710]
- § 600.2 Publication and public inspection. (a) General. Sections 55, 2556, 2557, 2595, 3275, and 4047 of the Internal Revenue Code contain broad prohibitive and penal provisions against the disclosure of certain information described therein obtained by the Bureau of Internal Revenue from members of the public in the performance of its functions. The above provisions necessitate severe limitations by the Bureau of Internal Revenue upon publication and public inspection of its official records, including final opinions or orders in particular cases. The extent to which public disclosure may be made of matters of official record to persons properly and directly concerned is set forth in this section.
- (1) Inspection of tax returns. The inspection of returns is governed by the provisions of the internal revenue laws and rules promulgated by the President or by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to such provisions. See Treasury Decision 4873, approved by the President November 12, 1938, as amended; Treasury Decision 4878, approved by the Secretary January 4, 1939; Treasury Decision

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- (2) Public lists of persons making income tax returns. Lists of persons making income tax returns in each year are available to public inspection in the offices of collectors of internal revenue. See section 55 (e) of the Code.
- (3) Public lists of persons paying occupational taxes. Lists of persons paying occupational taxes under Chapter 27 of the Code are available for public inspection in the offices of collectors of internal revenue pursuant to the provisions and limitations of section 3275 of the Code. See Regulations 20 cited in § 601.66 (c) and regulations cited in § 601.93 of this chapter.
- (4) Record of seizure and sale of real estate. Record 21 "Record of seizure and sale of real estate" is open for public inspection in offices of collectors of internal revenue and copies are furnished on application. See Treasury Decision 5428, 10 F. R. 622.
- (5) State liquor cases. If the interests of the United States will not be jeopardized thereby, and if information will not be divulged contrary to section 4047 (a) (1), Internal Revenue Code, District Supervisors of the Alcohol Tax Unit may upon receipt of subpoenas or requests of State authorities, and at the expense of the State, authorize investigators and other employees under their supervision to attend trials and administrative hearings in liquor cases in which the State is a party, produce records and testify as to facts coming to their knowledge in their official capacities.
- (6) Public lists of employers making returns under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act. Lists of employers of eight or more making annual returns on Form 940 under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (subchapter C of chapter 9 of the Code) are available for public inspection in the offices of collectors of internal revenue. See sections 55 (e) and 1604 (c) of the Code.
- (b) Final opinions and orders. In conformity with the policy of the provi-

sions of law referred to in paragraph (a) of this section, final opinions and orders in the adjudication of cases arising under the internal revenue laws are, with limited exceptions, treated by the Bureau as confidential and are not published nor made available for public inspection. The exceptions are:

- (1) Excess profits tax relief; publication of allowances. Pursuant to the provisions of section 722 (g) of the Code, there is published from time to time in the Federal Register the information specified in such section relative to excess profits tax relief allowed particular taxpayers.
- (2) Publication of decisions. Rulings and decisions on matters arising under the internal revenue laws which because they announce a ruling or decision upon a novel question or upon a question in regard to which there exists no previously published ruling or decision, or for other reasons, are of such importance to be of general interest, or which revoke, amend or affect in any manner a published ruling or decision are, after rephrasing to eliminate any confidential information relating to a particular case, including identity of persons, regularly published in the Internal Revenue Bulletin. No unpublished ruling or decision will be cited or relied upon by any officer or employee of the Bureau of Internal Revenue as a precedent in the disposition of other cases.
- (c) Rules. All rules relating to the functions of the Bureau of Internal Revenue other than those dealing solely with internal management will, to the extent consistent with the limitations contained in the provisions of law referred to in paragraph (a) of this section, be made available to public inspection. As to rules generally and their publication see § 601.13 of this chapter.
- (d) Requests. Requests for information in connection with matters of official record in which the procedure for inspection is not set out in rules referred to in subparagraphs above should be submitted to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Washington 25, D. C. The request should clearly state the information desired and must set forth the interest of the applicant in the subject matter and purpose for which the information is desired. If the applicant is an agent or attorney acting for another he will attach to the application evidence of his authority to act for his

principal. If such evidence is satisfactory such agent or attorney will be given access to any record to which his principal would be given access. The determination as to whether the information requested is available for disclosure in any particular case will be made by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue or such other officer authorized under the provisions of law referred to in paragraph (a) of this section.

Whenever it is determined that a matter of official record is available for disclosure in a particular case, a copy of said official record will be furnished the party requesting the same or the officer passing upon the request may in his discretion allow a personal inspection of the official record in question at the place where the document is normally kept. A reasonable fee may in the discretion of the determining officer be charged for furnishing copies of official records.

(R. S. 161; 50 U. S. C. 22) [11 F. R. 177A-22, 14261, as amended at 12 F. R. 3220, 13 F. R. 4122, redesignated at 13 F. R. 7710]

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