

Department of Justice

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(a) The Department may refer any past due, legally enforceable non-judgment debt of an individual, organization or entity to the IRS for offset if the Department's or the referring agency's rights of action accrued more than three months but less than ten years before the offset is made. Debts reduced to judgment may be referred at any time. Debts in amounts lower than \$25.00 are not subject to referral.

(b) The Department will provide the debtor with written notice of its intent to offset before initiating the offset. Notice will be mailed to the debtor at the current address of the debtor, as determined from information obtained from the IRS pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 6103(m)(2), (4), (5) or from information regarding the debt maintained by the Department of Justice. The notice sent to the debtor will state the amount of the debt and inform the debtor that:

(1) The debt is past due;

(2) The Department intends to refer the debt to the IRS for offset from tax refunds that may be due to the taxpayer;

(3) The Department intends to provide information concerning the delinquent debt exceeding \$100 to a consumer reporting bureau (credit bureau) unless such debt has already been disclosed; and

(4) The debtor has 65 days from the date of notice in which to present evidence that all or part of the debt is not past due, that the amount is not the amount currently owed, that the outstanding debt has been satisfied, or, if a judgment debt, that the debt has been satisfied, or stayed, before the debt is reported to a consumer reporting agency, if applicable, and referred to the IRS for offset from tax refunds.

(c) If the debtor neither pays the amount due nor presents evidence that the amount is not past due or is satisfied or stayed, the Department will report the debt to a consumer reporting agency at the end of the notice period, if applicable, and refer the debt to the IRS for offset from the taxpayer's federal tax refund.

(d) A debtor may request a review by the Department if the debtor believes that all or part of the debt is not past due or is not legally enforceable, or, in

the case of a judgment debt, that the debt has been stayed or the amount satisfied, as follows:

(1) The debtor must send a written request for review to the address provided in the notice.

(2) The request must state the amount disputed and the reasons why the debtor believes that the debt is not past due, is not legally enforceable, has been satisfied, or, if a judgment debt, has been satisfied or stayed.

(3) The request must include any documents that the debtor wishes to be considered or state that additional information will be submitted within the time permitted.

(4) If the debtor wishes to inspect records establishing the nature and amount of the debt, the debtor must request an opportunity for such an inspection in writing. The office holding the relevant records shall make them available for inspection during normal business hours.

(5) The request for review and any additional information submitted pursuant to the request must be received by the Department at the address stated in the notice within 65 days of the date of issuance of the notice.

(6) The Department will review disputes and shall consider its records and any documentation and arguments submitted by the debtor. The Department's decision to refer to the IRS any disputed portion of the debt shall be made by the Assistant Attorney General for Administration of his designee, who shall hold a position at least one supervisory level above the person who made the decision to offset the debt. The Department shall send a written notice of its decision to the debtor. There is no administrative appeal of this decision.

(7) If the evidence presented by the debtor is considered by a non-Departmental agent or other entities or persons acting on the Department's behalf, the debtor will be accorded at least 30 days from the date the agent or other entity or person determines that all or part of the debt is past-due and legally enforceable to request review by an officer or employee of the Department of any unresolved dispute.

(8) Any debt that previously has been reviewed pursuant to this section or

any other section of this part, or that has been reduced to a judgment, may not be disputed except on the grounds of payments made or events occurring subsequent to the previous review of judgment.

(e) The Department will notify the IRS of any change in the amount due promptly after receipt of payments or notice of other reductions.

(f) In the event that more than one debt is owed, the IRS refund offset procedure will be applied in the order in which the debts became past due.

PART 12—REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN PERSONS HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF FOREIGN ESPIONAGE, COUNTERESPIONAGE, OR SABOTAGE MATTERS UNDER THE ACT OF AUGUST 1, 1956

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CROSS REFERENCE: For Organization Statement, Internal Security Section, see subpart K of part 0 of this chapter.

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§ 12.1 Definitions.

As used in this part, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) The term *act* means the act of August 1, 1956, Public Law 893, 84th Congress, 2d Session, requiring the registration of certain persons who have knowledge of, or have received instruction or assignment in the espionage, counterespionage, or sabotage service

or tactics of a foreign government or foreign political party.

(b) The term *Attorney General* means the Attorney General of the United States.

(c) The term *rules and regulations* refers to all rules, regulations, registration forms, and instruction to forms made and prescribed by the Attorney General pursuant to the act.

(d) The term *registration statement* means the registration required to be filed with the Attorney General under section 2 of the act.

(e) The term *registrant* means the person by whom a registration statement is filed pursuant to the provisions of the act.

§ 12.2 Administration of act.

The administration of the act is assigned to the Registration Unit of the Internal Security Section, Criminal Division, Department of Justice. Communications with respect to the act shall be addressed to the Registration Unit Internal Security Section, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530. Copies of the act, the regulations contained in this part, including the forms mentioned therein, may be obtained upon request without charge.

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§ 12.3 Prior registration with the Foreign Agents Registration Unit.

No person who has filed a registration statement under the terms of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended by section 20(a) of the Internal Security Act of 1950, shall be required to file a registration statement under the act, unless otherwise determined by the Chief, Registration Unit.

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§ 12.4 Inquiries concerning application of act.

Inquiries concerning the application of the act must be accompanied by a detailed statement of all facts necessary for a determination of the question submitted, including the identity