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§ 301.7507–3 Segregated or transferred assets.

(a) In general. In a case involving segregated or transferred assets, it is not necessary, for application of section 7507, that the assets shall technically constitute a trust fund. It is sufficient that segregated assets be definitely separated from other assets of the bank and that transferred assets be definitely separated both from other assets of the bank and from other assets held or owned by the trustee or agent to whom assets of the bank have been transferred; that the bank be wholly or partially released from liability for repayment of deposits as such; and that the depositors have claims against the segregated assets. Any excess of segregated assets over the amount necessary for payment of such depositors will be available for tax collection after full payment of depositors’ claims under the agreement against such assets. Any excess of segregated assets over the amount necessary for payment of depositors’ claims under the agreement against such assets. But see paragraph (a) of §301.7507–9.

(b) Corporate transferees. Where the segregated assets are transferred to a separate corporate trustee or corporate agent, the assets and earnings therefrom are within the protection of the section, until full payment of depositors’ claims against such assets and earnings, no matter by whom the stock of such corporation is held, and no matter whether the assets be liquidated or operated or held for benefit of the depositors.

§ 301.7507–4 Unsegregated assets.

(a) Depositors’ claims against assets. (1) Claims of depositors, to the extent that they are to be satisfied out of segregated assets, will not be considered in determining the availability of unsegregated assets for tax collection. If depositors have agreed to accept payment out of segregated assets only, collection of tax from unsegregated assets will not diminish the assets available and necessary for payment of the depositors’ claims. Thus, it may be possible to collect taxes from the unsegregated assets of a bank although the segregated assets are immune under the section.

(2) If the unsegregated assets of the bank are subject to any portion of the depositors’ claims, such unsegregated assets will be within the immunity of the section only to the extent necessary to satisfy the claims to which such assets are subject. Taxes will still be collectible from the unsegregated assets to the extent of the amount by which the total value of such assets exceeds the liability to depositors to be satisfied therefrom. Therefore, if, for example, in the case of a bank having a tax liability, not previously immune under the section, of $50,000, the deposit claims against the bank are in the amount of $75,000, and the assets available for satisfaction of deposit claims amount to $100,000, the $50,000 tax is collectible to the extent of the $25,000 excess of assets over deposit claims. Collection is not to be postponed until the full amount of the tax is collectible.

(b) Depositors’ claims against earnings. Even though under a bona fide agreement a bank has been released from depositors’ claims as to unsegregated assets, if all or a portion of its earnings are subject to depositors’ claims, all assets the earnings from which, in whole or part, are charged with the payment of depositors’ claims, will be immune from tax collection. But see paragraph (a) of §301.7507–5.

§ 301.7507–5 Earnings.

(a) Availability for tax collection. Earnings of a bank within section 7507(b),