Internal Revenue Service, Treasury

§ 302.1–1 Definitions.

(a) General. When used in the regulations in this part, the terms defined in this section shall have the meaning so assigned to them. A term not defined herein shall have the meaning, if compatible with the context, imputed thereto under the internal revenue laws.

(b) Attorney General. The term “Attorney General” includes the officer in whom property is vested pursuant to title II of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended. The term also includes the officer, including any Assistant Attorney General designated for this purpose, designated and empowered pursuant to Executive Order No. 10644 to perform the functions conferred by title II upon the President of the United States and the functions conferred by such title upon the designee of the President.

(c) Commissioner. The term “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

(d) Person. The term “person” includes a natural person, partnership, association, other unincorporated body, corporation, or body politic, having or claiming an interest in vested property or liable or charged with liability for internal revenue tax in connection with such property.

(e) Former owner. The term “former owner” means the owner immediately prior to vesting and any successor in interest by inheritance, devise, bequest, or operation of law, of such owner.

(f) Property. The term “property” means any property, right, or interest, including earnings, increment, or proceeds thereof.


(h) Tax. The term “tax” includes, but is not limited to, any property, income, excess-profits, war-profits, excise, estates, and employment tax, import duty, and special assessment; and also any interest, penalty, additional amount, or addition thereto not arising from any act, omission, neglect, failure, or delay on the part of the Attorney General.

§ 302.1–2 Application of regulations.

(a) Property covered. The regulations in this part are applicable in connection with property vested in the Attorney General pursuant to section 202(a) of the Act and in connection with the net proceeds of any property described under section 202(b) of such Act which was vested in the Attorney General after December 17, 1941, pursuant to the Trading With the Enemy Act, as amended (40 Stat. 411).

(b) Taxes covered. The regulations in this part are applicable to any internal revenue tax with respect to (1) property vested in the Attorney General or any action or transaction incidental to such property, or (2) any person whose property is so vested or any action or transaction of such person, whether the tax is applicable in respect of the period of vesting or any other period.

§ 302.1–3 Protection of internal revenue prior to tax determination.

(a) Suits and claims for return of vested property—(1) General. The provisions of this paragraph apply in cases where there has been neither a final nor a tentative determination of internal revenue tax liability. See paragraphs (e) and (f) of §302.1–4. In such case vested property (including property vested pursuant to section 202(a) of the Act which is subject to divestment by reason of its ownership by a natural person) shall not be returned or divested except in accordance with this paragraph.

(2) Notice to Commissioner—(1) Suits for recovery. Where suit for the return of vested property has been instituted pursuant to section 207(a) of the Act, the Attorney General shall within a reasonable time after answer has been filed or after beginning of the trial of