

(ii) With respect to a hard copy of the Disclosure Document, a sticker affixed to the Disclosure Document; or

(iii) Other similar means.

(3) The pool operator may not use the Disclosure Document or profile document until such correction has been made.

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(d) Except as provided by § 4.8:

(1) The commodity pool operator must file with the Commission one copy of the Disclosure Document and, where used, profile document for each pool that it operates or that it intends to operate not less than 21 calendar days prior to the date the pool operator first intends to deliver such Document or documents to a prospective participant in the pool; and

(2) The commodity pool operator must file with the Commission one copy of the subsequent amendments to the Disclosure Document and, where used, profile document for each pool that it operates or that it intends to operate within 21 calendar days of the date upon which the pool operator first knows or has reason to know of the defect requiring the amendment.

5. Section 4.36 is amended by revising paragraph (d) to read as follows:

**§ 4.36 Use, amendment and filing of Disclosure Document.**

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(d)(1) The commodity trading advisor must file with the Commission one copy of the Disclosure Document for trading program that it offers or that it intends to offer not less than 21 calendar days prior to the date the trading advisor first intends to deliver the Document to a prospective client in the trading program; and

(2) The commodity trading advisor must file with the Commission one copy of the subsequent amendments to the Disclosure Document for each trading program that it offers or that it intends to offer within 21 calendar days of the date upon which the trading advisor first knows or has reason to know of the defect requiring the amendment.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 25, 2000 by the Commission.

**Jean A. Webb,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Internal Revenue Service**

**26 CFR Part 1**

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**Treatment of Nonqualified Preferred Stock and Other Preferred Stock in Certain Exchanges and Distributions**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Final regulations.

**SUMMARY:** This document contains final regulations relating to nonqualified preferred stock. The regulations address the effective date of the definition of nonqualified preferred stock and the treatment of nonqualified preferred stock and similar preferred stock received by shareholders in certain corporate reorganizations and distributions. The regulations are necessary to reflect changes to the law concerning these types of preferred stock that were made by the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** These regulations are effective October 2, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard E. Coss, (202) 622-7790 (not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background and Explanation of Provisions**

On January 26, 2000, the IRS and Treasury published in the **Federal Register** a notice of proposed rulemaking (REG-105089-99, 2000-6 I.R.B. 580 [65 FR 4203]) relating to nonqualified preferred stock (as defined in section 351(g)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code) (NQPS). The proposed regulations address the effective date of the definition of NQPS, and provide rules exempting from treatment as NQPS certain preferred stock received by shareholders in corporate reorganizations and distributions subject to sections 354, 355, and 356.

No comments responding to the notice of proposed rulemaking were submitted, and no public hearing was requested or held. However, one commentator suggested that the rule in the proposed regulations interpreting section 351(g)(2)(C)(i)(II) (relating to preferred stock transferred in connection with the performance of services) should be expanded to include transactions subject to section 351.

The IRS and Treasury agree with this suggestion. Accordingly, these final regulations extend the exemption from

treatment as NQPS in § 1.356-7(c) to preferred stock received by shareholders in certain stock exchanges under section 351. The proposed regulations are adopted as revised by this Treasury decision.

**Special Analyses**

It has been determined that this Treasury decision is not a significant regulatory action as defined in Executive Order 12866. Therefore, a regulatory assessment is not required. It has also been determined that section 553(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 5) does not apply to these regulations and, because the regulations do not impose a collection of information on small entities, the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 6) does not apply. Pursuant to section 7805(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, the notice of proposed rulemaking preceding these regulations was submitted to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration for comment on its impact on small business.

**Drafting Information**

The principal author of these regulations is Richard E. Coss of the Office of Associate Chief Counsel (Corporate). However, other personnel from the IRS and Treasury participated in their development.

**List of Subjects in 26 CFR Part 1**

Income taxes, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

**Adoption of Amendments to the Regulations**

Accordingly, 26 CFR part 1 is amended as follows:

**PART 1—INCOME TAXES**

**Paragraph 1.** The authority citation for part 1 is amended by adding the following entries in numerical order to read in part as follows:

**Authority:** 26 U.S.C. 7805 \* \* \*

Section 1.351-2 also issued under 26 U.S.C. 351(g)(4).

Section 1.354-1 also issued under 26 U.S.C. 351(g)(4).

Section 1.355-1 also issued under 26 U.S.C. 351(g)(4).

Section 1.356-7 also issued under 26 U.S.C. 351(g)(4). \* \* \*

Section 1.1036-1 also issued under 26 U.S.C. 351(g)(4). \* \* \*

**Par. 2.** Section 1.351-2 is amended by adding paragraph (e) to read as follows:

**§ 1.351-2 Receipt of property.**

\* \* \* \* \*

(e) See § 1.356-7(a) for the applicability of the definition of

nonqualified preferred stock in section 351(g)(2) for stock issued prior to June 9, 1997, and for stock issued in transactions occurring after June 8, 1997, that are described in section 1014(f)(2) of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, Public Law 105-34 (111 Stat. 788, 921). See § 1.356-7(c) for the treatment of preferred stock received in certain exchanges for common or preferred stock described in section 351(g)(2)(C)(i)(II).

**Par. 3.** Section 1.354-1 is amended by adding paragraph (f) to read as follows:

**§ 1.354-1 Exchanges of stock and securities in certain reorganizations.**

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(f) See § 1.356-7(a) and (b) for the treatment of nonqualified preferred stock (as defined in section 351(g)(2)) received in certain exchanges for nonqualified preferred stock or preferred stock. See § 1.356-7(c) for the treatment of preferred stock received in certain exchanges for common or preferred stock described in section 351(g)(2)(C)(i)(II).

**Par. 4.** Section 1.355-1 is amended by adding paragraph (d) to read as follows:

**§ 1.355-1 Distribution of stock and securities of a controlled corporation.**

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(d) *Nonqualified preferred stock.* See § 1.356-7(a) and (b) for the treatment of nonqualified preferred stock (as defined in section 351(g)(2)) received in certain exchanges for (or in certain distributions with respect to) nonqualified preferred stock or preferred stock. See § 1.356-7(c) for the treatment of the receipt of preferred stock in certain exchanges for (or in certain distributions with respect to) common or preferred stock described in section 351(g)(2)(C)(i)(II).

**Par. 5.** Section 1.356-7 is added to read as follows:

**§ 1.356-7 Rules for treatment of nonqualified preferred stock and other preferred stock received in certain transactions.**

(a) *Stock issued prior to effective date.* Stock described in section 351(g)(2) is nonqualified preferred stock (NQPS) regardless of the date on which the stock is issued. However, sections 351(g), 354(a)(2)(C), 355(a)(3)(D), 356(e), and 1036(b) do not apply to any transaction occurring prior to June 9, 1997, or to any transaction occurring after June 8, 1997, that is described in section 1014(f)(2) of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, Public Law 105-34 (111 Stat. 788, 921). For purposes of this section, preferred stock that is not NQPS is referred to as Qualified Preferred Stock (QPS).

(b) *Receipt of preferred stock in exchange for (or distribution on) substantially identical preferred stock—*

(1) *General rule.* For purposes of sections 354(a)(2)(C)(i), 355(a)(3)(D), and 356(e)(2), preferred stock is QPS, even though it is described in section 351(g)(2), if it is received in exchange for (or in a distribution with respect to) preferred stock (the original preferred stock) that is QPS, provided—

(i) The original preferred stock is QPS solely because, on its issue date, either a right or obligation described in clause (i), (ii), or (iii) of section 351(g)(2)(A) was not exercisable until after a 20-year period beginning on the issue date, or the right or obligation was exercisable within the 20-year period beginning on the issue date but was subject to a contingency which made remote the likelihood of the redemption or purchase, or the issuer's (or a related party's) right to redeem or purchase the stock was not more likely than not to be exercised within a 20-year period beginning on the issue date, or because of any combination of these reasons; and

(ii) The stock received is substantially identical to the original preferred stock.

(2) *Substantially identical.* The stock received is substantially identical to the original preferred stock if—

(i) The stock received does not contain any term or terms that, in relation to any term or terms of the original preferred stock, either decrease the period in which a right or obligation described in clause (i), (ii), or (iii) of section 351(g)(2)(A) can be exercised, or increase the likelihood that such a right or obligation will be exercised, or accelerate the timing of the returns from the stock instrument, including the timing of actual or deemed dividends or other distributions received on the stock; and

(ii) As a result of the exchange or distribution, exercise of the right or obligation does not become more likely than not to occur within a 20-year period beginning on the issue date of the original preferred stock.

(3) *Treatment of stock received.* The stock received will continue to be treated as QPS in subsequent transactions involving such stock, and the principles of this paragraph (b) apply to such transactions as though the stock received is the original preferred stock issued on the same date as the original preferred stock.

(c) *Stock transferred for services.* For purposes of sections 351(g)(1), 354(a)(2)(C)(i), 355(a)(3)(D), and 356(e)(2), preferred stock containing a right or obligation described in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) of section 351(g)(2)(A) that

is exercisable only upon the holder's separation from service from the issuer or a related person (as described in section 351(g)(3)(B)) will be treated as transferred in connection with the performance of services (and representing reasonable compensation) within the meaning of section 351(g)(2)(C)(i)(II), if such preferred stock is received in exchange for (or in a distribution with respect to) existing stock containing a similar right or obligation (exercisable only upon separation from service) and the existing stock was transferred in connection with the performance of services for the issuer or a related person (and represented reasonable compensation when transferred). In applying the rules relating to NQPS, the preferred stock received will continue to be treated as transferred in connection with the performance of services (and representing reasonable compensation) in subsequent transactions involving such stock, and the principles of this paragraph (c) apply to such transactions.

(d) *Rights to acquire stock.* For purposes of § 1.356-6, the principles of paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this section apply.

(e) *Examples.* In the examples in this paragraph (e), T and P are corporations, A is a shareholder of T, and A surrenders and receives (in addition to the stock exchanged in the examples) common stock in the reorganizations described. The following examples illustrate paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this section:

*Example 1.* In 1995, A transfers property to T and receives T preferred stock that is described in section 351(g)(2) in a transaction under section 351. In 2002, pursuant to a reorganization under section 368(a)(1)(B), A surrenders the T preferred stock in exchange for P NQPS. Under paragraph (a) of this section, the T preferred stock issued to A in 1995 is NQPS. However, because section 351(g) does not apply to transactions occurring before June 9, 1997, the T NQPS was not "other property" within the meaning of section 351(b) when issued in 1995. Under sections 354(a)(2)(C) and 356(e)(2), the P NQPS received by A in 2002 is not "other property" within the meaning of section 356(a)(1)(B) because it is received in exchange for NQPS.

*Example 2.* T issues QPS to A on January 1, 2000 that is not NQPS solely because the holder cannot require T to redeem the stock until January 1, 2022. In 2007, pursuant to a reorganization under section 368(a)(1)(A) in which T merges into P, A surrenders the T preferred stock in exchange for P preferred stock with terms that are identical to the terms of the T preferred stock, including the term that the holder cannot require the redemption of the stock until January 1, 2022. Because the P stock and the T stock have identical terms, and because the

redemption did not become more likely than not to occur within the 20-year period that begins on January 1, 2000 (which is the issue date of the T preferred stock) as a result of the exchange, under paragraph (b) of this section, the P preferred stock received by A is treated as QPS. Thus, the P preferred stock received is not "other property" within the meaning of section 356(a)(1)(B).

*Example 3.* The facts are the same as in *Example 2*, except that, in addition, in 2010, pursuant to a recapitalization of P under section 368(a)(1)(E), A exchanges the P preferred stock above for P NQPS that permits the holder to require P to redeem the stock in 2020. Under paragraph (b) of this section, the P preferred stock surrendered by A is treated as QPS. Because the P preferred stock received by A in the recapitalization is not substantially identical to the P preferred stock surrendered, the P preferred stock received by A is not treated as QPS. Thus, the P preferred stock received is "other property" within the meaning of section 356(a)(1)(B).

*Example 4.* T issues preferred stock to A on January 1, 2000 that permits the holder to require T to redeem the stock on January 1, 2018, or at any time thereafter, but which is not NQPS solely because, as of the issue date, the holder's right to redeem is subject to a contingency that makes remote the likelihood of redemption on or before January 1, 2020. In 2007, pursuant to a reorganization under section 368(a)(1)(A) in which T merges into P, A surrenders the T preferred stock in exchange for P preferred stock with terms that are identical to the terms of the T preferred stock. Immediately before the exchange, the contingency to which the holder's right to cause redemption of the T stock is subject makes remote the likelihood of redemption before January 1, 2020, but the P stock, although subject to the same contingency, is more likely than not to be redeemed before January 1, 2020. Because, as a result of the exchange of T stock for P stock, the exercise of the redemption right became more likely than not to occur within the 20-year period beginning on the issue date of the T preferred stock, the P preferred stock received by A is not substantially identical to the T stock surrendered, and is not treated as QPS. Thus, the P preferred stock received is "other property" within the meaning of section 356(a)(1)(B).

*Example 5.* The facts are the same as in *Example 4*, except that, immediately before the merger of T into P in 2007, the contingency to which the holder's right to cause redemption of the T stock is subject makes it more likely than not that the T stock will be redeemed before January 1, 2020. Because exercise of the redemption right did not become more likely than not to occur within the 20-year period beginning on the issue date of the T preferred stock as a result of the exchange, the P preferred stock received by A is substantially identical to the T stock surrendered, and is treated as QPS. Thus, the P preferred stock received is not "other property" within the meaning of section 356(a)(1)(B).

*Example 6.* A is an employee of T. In connection with A's performance of services for T, T transfers to A in 2000 an amount of

T common stock that represents reasonable compensation. The T common stock contains a term granting A the right to require T to redeem the common stock, but only upon A's separation from service from T. In 2005, pursuant to a reorganization under section 368(a)(1)(A) in which T merges into P, A receives, in exchange for A's T common stock, P preferred stock granting a similar redemption right upon A's separation from P's service. Under paragraph (c) of this section, the P preferred stock received by A is treated as transferred in connection with the performance of services (and representing reasonable compensation) within the meaning of section 351(g)(2)(C)(i)(II). Thus, the P preferred stock received by A is QPS.

(f) *Effective dates.* This section applies to transactions occurring on or after October 2, 2000.

**Par. 6.** Section 1.1036-1 is amended by adding paragraph (d) to read as follows:

**§ 1.1036-1 Stock for stock of the same corporation.**

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(d) *Nonqualified preferred stock.* See § 1.356-7(a) for the applicability of the definition of nonqualified preferred stock in section 351(g)(2) for stock issued prior to June 9, 1997, and for stock issued in transactions occurring after June 8, 1997, that are described in section 1014(f)(2) of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, Public Law 105-34 (111 Stat. 788, 921).

**Robert E. Wenzel,**

*Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue.*

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**Jonathan Talisman,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 100

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#### Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Fountain Power Boats Offshore Race, Pamlico River, Washington, North Carolina

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Temporary final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard is adopting temporary special local regulations during the Fountain Power Boats Offshore Race, to be held October 13, 14 and 15, 2000, on the waters of the Pamlico River, Washington, North

Carolina. These special local regulations are necessary to provide for the safety of life on navigable waters during the event. This action is intended to restrict vessel traffic in portions of the Pamlico River during the event.

**DATES:** This rule is effective from 6 a.m. on October 13, 2000, to 5 p.m. on October 15, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and materials received from the public as well as documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket, are part of docket CGD05-00-043 and are available for inspection or copying at Commander (Aoax), Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, Virginia 23704-5004, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** S. L. Phillips, Marine Events Coordinator, Commander (Aoax), Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, Virginia 23704-5004, telephone number (757) 398-6204.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Regulatory Information

A notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) was not published for this regulation. Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a NPRM and for making the rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. The Coast Guard received confirmation of the request for special local regulations on August 24, 2000. We were notified of the event with insufficient time to publish a NPRM, allow for comments, and publish a final rule prior to the event.

##### Background and Purpose

On October 13, 14, and 15, 2000, Fountain Power Boats will sponsor the Fountain Power Boats Offshore Race, on the Pamlico River, Washington, North Carolina. The event will consist of approximately 50 high speed power boats racing in heats along a 5 mile oval course. A fleet of spectator vessels is anticipated. Due to the need for vessel control during the event, vessel traffic will be temporarily restricted to provide for the safety of participants, spectators and transiting vessels.

##### Discussion of Regulations

The Coast Guard is establishing temporary special local regulations on specified waters of the Pamlico River. The temporary special local regulations will be enforced from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. on October 13, 14 and 15, 2000. The effect will be to restrict general navigation in the regulated area during