PART 97—STANDARD INSTRUMENT APPROACH PROCEDURES

1. The authority citation for part 97 continues to read as follows:
   Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40106, 40113, 40114, 40120, 44502, 44514, 44701, 44719, 44721–44722.

2. Part 97 is amended to read as follows:
   By amending: § 97.23 VOR, VOR/DME, VOR or TACAN, and VOR/DME
   or TACAN: § 97.25 LOC, LOC/DME, LDA, LDA/DME, LDA w/GS, SDF, SDF/DME; § 97.27 NDB, NDB/DME; § 97.29
   ILS, MLS, TLS, GLS, WAAS PA, MLS/RNAV; § 97.31 RADAR SIAPs; § 97.33
   RNAV SIAPs; § 97.35 COPTER SIAPs; § 97.37 Takeoff Minima and Obstacle
   Departure Procedures. Identified as follows:
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Background

Section 382

Section 382 limits, after a more than 50 percent change in stock ownership (ownership change), the amount of a loss corporation’s taxable income for any post-change year that may be offset by pre-change losses. The amount of the limitation each year is equal to the product of the fair market value of all the stock of the loss corporation immediately before the ownership change multiplied by the applicable long-term tax-exempt rate (section 382 limitation).

Section 382(h)(1)(A) provides that if the loss corporation has a net unrealized built-in gain (NUBIG), the section 382 limitation for any taxable year ending within a 5-year recognition period is increased by the recognized built-in gain (RBIG) for the taxable year, subject to the NUBIG limitation. Section 382(h)(2)(A) defines RBIG as any gain recognized during the 5-year recognition period on the disposition of any asset to the extent the loss corporation establishes that (i) it held the asset on the change date and (ii) such gain does not exceed the asset’s built-in gain on the change date. Section 382(h)(6)(A) also treats as RBIG any item of income “properly taken into account during the recognition period” if the item is “attributable to periods before the change date.”

In Notice 2003–65 (2003–2 CB 747), the IRS provided interim guidance regarding the identification of built-in gains and losses under section 382(h). The Notice provides, among other things, that a loss corporation may use the 338 approach in determining the amount of its RBIG or recognized built-in loss (RBIL) for purposes of section 382(h). The 338 approach identifies items of RBIG and RBIL generally by comparing the loss corporation’s actual items of income, gain, deduction, and loss with those that would have resulted if a section 338 election had been made with respect to a hypothetical purchase of all of the outstanding stock of the loss corporation on the change date.

Prepaid Income

Generally, a taxpayer, including an accrual method taxpayer that receives payments in advance of performance, must include the payments in gross income in the taxable year of receipt without regard to whether the required performance has occurred. In Schlue v. Commissioner, 372 U.S. 128 (1963), the Supreme Court held that advance payments for dance lessons were includable in gross income when received because the payments were nonrefundable and the services were provided on demand of the student. In American Automobile Association v. United States, 367 U.S. 687 (1961), the Supreme Court held that membership dues entitling members to emergency road assistance and trip-planning services were includable in gross income when received, even though the taxpayer’s method reflected income in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (which generally operate to defer income recognition until the item is economically earned).

However, courts have allowed the deferral of prepaid income in limited circumstances. In Artnell Co. v.
The common purpose of the prepaid income deferral provisions described above is to better match the taxpayer’s income with the expenses incurred to earn that income and, as a result, to more clearly reflect the taxpayer’s income both in the year of receipt and in the year of performance.

Certain taxpayers are taking the position that prepaid income received in the period before the change date (pre-change period) but included in gross income in the recognition period is RBIG. As further explained below, the IRS and Treasury Department believe that prepaid income is attributable to the period on or after the change date (post-change period) rather than the pre-change period. Thus, treating prepaid income as RBIG is inconsistent with the purposes of section 382(h).

**Explanation of Provisions**

This temporary regulation provides that prepaid income is not recognized built-in gain. The term prepaid income means any amount received prior to the change date that is attributable to performance occurring on or after the change date. Examples to which the temporary regulation applies include, but are not limited to, income received prior to the change date that is deferred under section 455, § 1.451–5, or Rev. Proc. 2004–34 (or any successor revenue procedure).

The IRS and Treasury Department believe that the section 382 legislative history, through the examples set forth therein, supports the position that prepaid income should not be treated as RBIG for section 382 purposes. The House and Senate Committee Reports that accompanied the enactment of section 382(h)(6)(A) both state that items of income attributable to the pre-change period include accounts receivable of a cash basis taxpayer that arose before the change date and are collected after that date, the gain on completion of a long-term contract performed by a taxpayer using the completed contract method of accounting that is attributable to the pre-change period, and the recognition of income attributable to the pre-change period pursuant to section 481 adjustments, as when the loss corporation is required to change to the accrual method. See H. Rep. No. 100–795, 46 (1988); S. Rep. No. 100–445, 48 (1988).

The IRS and Treasury Department believe that prepaid income is distinguishable from the income items described in the committee report examples. In each of the committee report examples, the item of income is attributable to the pre-change period because that is the period in which performance occurred and expenses were incurred to earn the income. By contrast, prepaid income is attributable to the post-change period because that is the period in which performance occurred and expenses were incurred to earn the income. Therefore, because prepaid income is attributable to the post-change period rather than the pre-change period, the IRS and Treasury Department have determined that such prepaid income should not be treated as RBIG under section 382(h).

The 338 approach described in Notice 2003–65 hereinafter will be applied consistently with this temporary regulation.

**Comments**

The text of these temporary regulations also serves as the text of the proposed regulations set forth in the notice of proposed rulemaking on this subject in the Proposed Rules section in this issue of the Federal Register. Please see the “Comments and Requests for a Public Hearing” section of the notice of proposed rulemaking for the procedures to follow in submitting comments on the proposed regulations on this subject.

In preparing comments on the proposed regulations, please consider the following. In Notice 2003–65, comments were requested regarding the different approaches, including the 338 approach, set forth for determining RBIG and RBIL under section 382(h).

The IRS and Treasury Department believe the 338 approach, in most cases, will properly identify whether or not an item of income or deduction is treated as RBIG or RBIL. However, the IRS and Treasury Department are concerned that taking items of income and deduction into account separately may cause the 338 approach, in some cases, to not properly identify whether or not an item of income or deduction is treated as RBIG or RBIL. The purpose of section 382(h)(6) is to treat items of income or deduction in similar fashion to gain and loss under section 382(h)(2). However, under general tax principles, there is a fundamental difference between the treatment of items of income or deduction and items of gain or loss. On the one hand, under section 382(h)(2),
which incorporates the principles of section 1001, gain or loss on the disposition of an asset is taken into account net of the taxpayer’s basis, or investment, in the assets. In contrast, under section 382(h)(6), an item of income is generally a gross amount that is not netted and therefore not necessarily matched with the item of deduction incurred to earn the item of income.

Therefore, the IRS and Treasury Department request comments on the proposed regulations about identifying cases where taking into account items of income and deduction separately may cause the 338 approach to not properly identify whether or not an item of income or deduction is treated as RBIG or RBIL, and how the 338 approach might be adapted so that in such cases it properly identifies whether or not an item of income or deduction is treated as RBIG or RBIL.

Special Analyses

It has been determined that this Treasury decision is not a significant regulatory action as defined in Executive Order 12666. Therefore, a regulatory assessment is not required. These temporary regulations address situations in which taxpayers inappropriately attempt to treat deferred prepaid income as not unrealized built-in gain for purposes of increasing the amount of post-ownership change income that may be offset by pre-ownership change losses. For this reason, it has been determined pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) that prior notice and public procedure are impracticable and contrary to the public interest. For the same reason, it has been determined pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) that good cause exists to make these temporary regulations effective upon the date of publication. For applicability of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 6) refer to the Special Analyses section of the preamble to the cross-reference notice of the proposed rulemaking published in the Proposed Rules section in this issue of the Federal Register. Pursuant to section 7805(f) of the Code, these temporary regulations will be submitted to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration for comment on their impact on small business.

Drafting Information

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

Availability of IRS Documents

IRS revenue rulings, procedures, and notices cited in this preamble are made available by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

List of Subjects in 26 CFR Part 1

Income taxes, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Amendments to the Regulations

Accordingly, 26 CFR part 1 is amended as follows:

PART 1—INCOME TAXES

§ 1.382–7T Built-in gains and losses (temporary).

(a) Treatment of prepaid income. For purposes of section 382(h), prepaid income is not recognized built-in gain. The term prepaid income means any amount received prior to the change date that is attributable to performance occurring on or after the change date. Examples to which this paragraph (a) will apply include, but are not limited to, income received prior to the change date that is deferred under section 455, § 1.382–7T for purposes of having an ownership change occur on or after the change date (§ 1.382–7T). For further information contact: Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

(b) Effective/applicability date. (1) This section applies to loss corporations that have undergone an ownership change on or after June 14, 2007.

(2) The applicability of this section expires on or before June 14, 2010.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Parts 1, 301, and 602

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Guidance Necessary To Facilitate Business Electronic Filing and Burden Reduction

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Final regulations and removal of temporary regulations.

SUMMARY: This document contains final regulations that affect taxpayers filing Federal income tax returns. They simplify, clarify, or eliminate reporting burdens and also eliminate regulatory impediments to the electronic filing of certain statements that taxpayers are required to include on or with their Federal income tax returns. This document also makes conforming changes to certain current regulations.

DATES: Effective Date: These regulations are effective on June 14, 2007.

Applicability Date: For dates of applicability, see §§ 1.102–2(d), 1.302–4(h), 1.331–1(f), 1.332–6(e), 1.338–10(c), 1.351–3(f), 1.355–5(e), 1.368–3(e), 1.381(b)–1(e), 1.382–8(j)(4), 1.382–11(b), 1.1081–11(f), 1.1221–2(j), 1.1502–13(m), 1.1502–31(j), 1.1502–32(j), 1.1502–33(k), 1.1502–95(g), 1.1563–3(e) and 1.6012–2(k).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For all sections except § 1.6012–2, Grid Glycer, (202) 622–7930; for § 1.6012–2, William T. Sullivan (202) 622–7052 (not toll-free numbers).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Paperwork Reduction Act

The collection of information contained in these final regulations has been reviewed and approved by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507(d)) under control number 1545–2019.

The collection of information in these final regulations is in §§ 1.1302–2, 1.1302–4, 1.331–1, 1.332–6, 1.338–10, 1.351–3, 1.355–5, 1.368–3, 1.381(b)–1, 1.382–8, 1.382–11, 1.1081–11, 1.1221–2, 1.1502–13, 1.1502–31, 1.1502–32, 1.1502–33, 1.1502–95, 1.1563–3 and 1.6012–2. This information is required to enable the IRS to verify that a taxpayer is reporting the correct amount of the fair market value of any property (including stock) received and the basis of any property.