

Amendment by section 1012(v)(3), (4), (6)–(8) of Pub. L. 100–647 effective, except as otherwise provided, as if included in the provision of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, Pub. L. 99–514, to which such amendment relates, see section 1019(a) of Pub. L. 100–647, set out as a note under section 1 of this title.

Pub. L. 100–647, title VI, § 6130(d), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3719, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by this section [amending this section and section 1092 of this title] shall apply with respect to forward contracts, future contracts, options, and similar instruments entered into or acquired after October 21, 1988.

“(2) TIME FOR MAKING ELECTION.—The time for making any election under subparagraph (D) or (E) of section 988(c)(1) of the 1986 Code shall not expire before the date 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 10, 1988].

“(3) TRANSITIONAL RULES.—

“(A) The requirements of subclause (IV) of section 988(c)(1)(E)(iii) of the 1986 Code (as added by subsection (b)) shall not apply to periods before the date of the enactment of this Act.

“(B) In the case of any partner in an existing partnership, the 20-percent ownership requirements of subclause (I) of such section 988(c)(1)(E)(iii) shall be treated as met during any period during which such partner does not own a percentage interest in the capital or profits of such partnership greater than 33½ percent (or, if lower, the lowest such percentage interest of such partner during any prior period after October 21, 1988, during which such partnership is in existence). For purposes of the preceding sentence, the term ‘existing partnership’ means any partnership if—

“(i) such partnership was in existence on October 21, 1988, and principally engaged on such date in buying and selling options, futures, or forwards with respect to commodities, or

“(ii) a registration statement was filed with respect to such partnership with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or before such date and such registration statement indicated that the principal activity of such partnership will consist of buying and selling instruments referred to in clause (i).”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1986, with certain exceptions and qualifications, see section 1261(e) of Pub. L. 99–514, set out as a note under section 985 of this title.

### § 989. Other definitions and special rules

#### (a) Qualified business unit

For purposes of this subpart, the term “qualified business unit” means any separate and clearly identified unit of a trade or business of a taxpayer which maintains separate books and records.

#### (b) Appropriate exchange rate

Except as provided in regulations, for purposes of this subpart, the term “appropriate exchange rate” means—

(1) in the case of an actual distribution of earnings and profits, the spot rate on the date such distribution is included in income,

(2) in the case of an actual or deemed sale or exchange of stock in a foreign corporation treated as a dividend under section 1248, the spot rate on the date the deemed dividend is included in income,

(3) in the case of any amounts included in income under section 951(a)(1)(A) or 1293(a), the average exchange rate for the taxable year of the foreign corporation, or

(4) in the case of any other qualified business unit of a taxpayer, the average exchange rate for the taxable year of such qualified business unit.

For purposes of the preceding sentence, any amount included in income under section 951(a)(1)(B) shall be treated as an actual distribution made on the last day of the taxable year for which such amount was so included.

#### (c) Regulations

The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this subpart, including regulations—

(1) setting forth procedures to be followed by taxpayers with qualified business units using a net worth method of accounting before the enactment of this subpart,

(2) limiting the recognition of foreign currency loss on certain remittances from qualified business units,

(3) providing for the recharacterization of interest and principal payments with respect to obligations denominated in certain hyperinflationary currencies,

(4) providing for alternative adjustments to the application of section 905(c),

(5) providing for the appropriate treatment of related party transactions (including transactions between qualified business units of the same taxpayer), and

(6) setting forth procedures for determining the average exchange rate for any period.

(Added Pub. L. 99–514, title XII, § 1261(a), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2590; amended Pub. L. 100–647, title I, § 1012(v)(5), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3529; Pub. L. 103–66, title XIII, § 13231(c)(4)(C), Aug. 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 499; Pub. L. 104–188, title I, § 1501(b)(9), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1826; Pub. L. 105–34, title XI, § 1102(b)(2), (3), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 966; Pub. L. 108–357, title IV, § 413(c)(17), Oct. 22, 2004, 118 Stat. 1508.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The enactment of this subpart, referred to in subsec. (c)(1), probably means the date of enactment of Pub. L. 99–514, which was approved Oct. 22, 1986.

##### AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 108–357 struck out “, 551(a),” after “section 951(a)(1)(A)”.

1997—Subsec. (b)(3), (4). Pub. L. 105–34, § 1102(b)(3), struck out “weighted” before “average exchange rate”. Subsec. (c)(6). Pub. L. 105–34, § 1102(b)(2), added par. (6).

1996—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104–188 substituted “section 951(a)(1)(B)” for “subparagraph (B) or (C) of section 951(a)(1)” in closing provisions.

1993—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103–66 substituted “subparagraph (B) or (C) of section 951(a)(1)” for “section 951(a)(1)(B)” in last sentence.

1988—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100–647 substituted in par. (3) “section 951(a)(1)(A)” for “section 951(a)” and inserted at end “For purposes of the preceding sentence, any amount included in income under section 951(a)(1)(B) shall be treated as an actual distribution made on the last day of the taxable year for which such amount was so included.”

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2004 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 108-357 applicable to taxable years of foreign corporations beginning after Dec. 31, 2004, and to taxable years of United States shareholders with or within which such taxable years of foreign corporations end, see section 413(d)(1) of Pub. L. 108-357, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 2004 Amendments note under section 1 of this title.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1997 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-34 applicable to taxes paid or accrued in taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1997, see section 1102(c)(1) of Pub. L. 105-34, set out as a note under section 986 of this title.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-188 applicable to taxable years of foreign corporations beginning after Dec. 31, 1996, and to taxable years of United States shareholders within which or with which such taxable years of foreign corporations end, see section 1501(d) of Pub. L. 104-188, set out as a note under section 904 of this title.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-66 applicable to taxable years of foreign corporations beginning after Sept. 30, 1993, and to taxable years of United States shareholders in which or with which such taxable years of foreign corporations end, see section 13231(e) of Pub. L. 103-66, set out as a note under section 951 of this title.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-647 effective, except as otherwise provided, as if included in the provision of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, Pub. L. 99-514, to which such amendment relates, see section 1019(a) of Pub. L. 100-647, set out as a note under section 1 of this title.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1986, with certain exceptions and qualifications, see section 1261(e) of Pub. L. 99-514, set out as a note under section 985 of this title.

**PART IV—DOMESTIC INTERNATIONAL  
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**Editorial Notes****AMENDMENTS**

1971—Pub. L. 92-178, title V, §501, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 535, added part IV to subchapter N of chapter 1.

**SUBPART A—TREATMENT OF QUALIFYING  
CORPORATIONS**

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**§ 991. Taxation of a domestic international sales corporation**

For purposes of the taxes imposed by this subtitle upon a DISC (as defined in section 992(a)),

a DISC shall not be subject to the taxes imposed by this subtitle.

(Added Pub. L. 92-178, title V, §501, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 535; amended Pub. L. 105-206, title VI, §6011(e)(1), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 818.)

**Editorial Notes****AMENDMENTS**

1998—Pub. L. 105-206 struck out “except for the tax imposed by chapter 5” before period at end.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-206 effective, except as otherwise provided, as if included in the provisions of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, Pub. L. 105-34, to which such amendment relates (section 1131(a) of Pub. L. 105-34), see section 6024 of Pub. L. 105-206, set out as a note under section 1 of this title.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Pub. L. 92-178, title V, §507, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 553, as amended by Pub. L. 99-514, §2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095, provided that: “Except as provided in section 505 of this title [amending section 971 of this title and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 970 of this title], the amendments made by sections 501 through 504 of this title [enacting this section and sections 992 to 994, 995 to 997, and 6686 of this title and amending sections 246, 861, 901, 904, 922, 931, 1014, 1504, 6011, 6072, and 6501 of this title] shall apply with respect to taxable years ending after December 31, 1971, except that a corporation may not be a DISC (as defined in section 992(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [formerly I.R.C. 1954], added by section 501 of this title) for any taxable year beginning before January 1, 1972.”

**TRANSITION RULES FOR DISC’S**

Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title VIII, §805(b), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1001, as amended by Pub. L. 99-514, §2, title XVIII, §1876(h), (n), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095, 2900, 2901, provided that:

“(1) CLOSE OF 1984 TAXABLE YEARS OF DISC’S.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of applying the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [formerly I.R.C. 1954], the taxable year of each DISC which begins before January 1, 1985, and which (but for this paragraph) would include January 1, 1985, shall close on December 31, 1984. For purposes of such Code, the requirements of section 992(a)(1)(B) of such Code (relating to percentage of qualified export assets on last day of the taxable year) shall not apply to any taxable year ending on December 31, 1984.

“(B) UNDERPAYMENTS OF ESTIMATED TAX.—To the extent provided in regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury or his delegate, no addition to tax shall be made under section 6654 or 6655 of such Code with respect to any underpayment of any installment required to be paid before April 13, 1985, to the extent the underpayment was created or increased by reason of subparagraph (A).

“(2) EXEMPTION OF ACCUMULATED DISC INCOME FROM TAX.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of applying the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to actual distributions made after December 31, 1984, by a DISC or former DISC which was a DISC on December 31, 1984, any accumulated DISC income of a DISC or former DISC (within the meaning of section 996(f)(1) of such Code) which is derived before January 1, 1985, shall be treated as previously taxed income (within the meaning of section 996(f)(2) of such Code) with respect to which there had previously been a deemed distribution to which section 996(e)(1) of such Code applied. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the

<sup>1</sup> Section numbers editorially supplied.