

I.R.C. 1954] and the credit allowable under section 44E [now 40] of such Code and the impact of such revenue loss on the Highway Trust Fund, and

“(4) the cost of production and the retail cost of alcohol fuels as compared to gasoline and special fuels not mixed with alcohol.”

§ 4042. Tax on fuel used in commercial transportation on inland waterways

(a) In general

There is hereby imposed a tax on any liquid used during any calendar quarter by any person as a fuel in a vessel in commercial waterway transportation.

(b) Amount of tax

(1) In general

The rate of the tax imposed by subsection (a) is the sum of—

(A) the Inland Waterways Trust Fund financing rate,

(B) the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund financing rate, and

(C) the deficit reduction rate.

(2) Rates

For purposes of paragraph (1)—

(A) The Inland Waterways Trust Fund financing rate is the rate determined in accordance with the following table:

If the use occurs:	The tax per gallon is:
Before 1990	10 cents
During 1990	11 cents
During 1991	13 cents
During 1992	15 cents
During 1993	17 cents
During 1994	19 cents
After 1994	20 cents.

(B) The Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund financing rate is 0.1 cent per gallon.

(C) The deficit reduction rate is—

(i) 3.3 cents per gallon after December 31, 2004, and before July 1, 2005,

(ii) 2.3 cents per gallon after June 30, 2005, and before January 1, 2007, and

(iii) 0 after December 31, 2006.

(3) Exception for fuel on which Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund financing rate separately imposed

The Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund financing rate under paragraph (2)(B) shall not apply to the use of any fuel if tax was imposed with respect to such fuel under section 4041(d) or 4081 at the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund financing rate.

(4) Termination of Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund financing rate

The Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund financing rate under paragraph (2)(B) shall not apply during any period during which the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund financing rate under section 4081 does not apply.

(c) Exemptions

(1) Deep-draft ocean-going vessels

The tax imposed by subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to any vessel designed pri-

marily for use on the high seas which has a draft of more than 12 feet.

(2) Passenger vessels

The tax imposed by subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to any vessel used primarily for the transportation of persons.

(3) Use by State or local government in transporting property in a state or local business

Subparagraph (B) of subsection (d)(1) shall not apply with respect to use by a State or political subdivision thereof.

(4) Use in moving lash and seabee ocean-going barges

The tax imposed by subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to use for movement by tug of exclusively LASH (Lighter-*a*-board-ship) and SEABEE ocean-going barges released by their ocean-going carriers solely to pick up or deliver international cargoes.

(d) Definitions

For purposes of this section—

(1) Commercial waterway transportation

The term “commercial waterway transportation” means any use of a vessel on any inland or intracoastal waterway of the United States—

(A) in the business of transporting property for compensation or hire, or

(B) in transporting property in the business of the owner, lessee, or operator of the vessel (other than fish or other aquatic animal life caught on the voyage).

(2) Inland or intracoastal waterway of the United States

The term “inland or intracoastal waterway of the United States” means any inland or intracoastal waterway of the United States which is described in section 206 of the Inland Waterways Revenue Act of 1978.

(3) Person

The term “person” includes the United States, a State, a political subdivision of a State, or any agency or instrumentality of any of the foregoing.

(e) Date for filing return

The date for filing the return of the tax imposed by this section for any calendar quarter shall be the last day of the first month following such quarter.

(Added Pub. L. 95-502, title II, §202(a), Oct. 21, 1978, 92 Stat. 1696; amended Pub. L. 99-499, title V, §521(a)(3), Oct. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 1777; Pub. L. 99-662, title XIV, §1404(a), Nov. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 4270; Pub. L. 100-647, title II, §2002(a)(2), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3597; Pub. L. 103-66, title XIII, §13241(d), Aug. 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 510; Pub. L. 108-357, title II, §241(b), Oct. 22, 2004, 118 Stat. 1438; Pub. L. 110-172, §6(d)(1)(B), Dec. 29, 2007, 121 Stat. 2480.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 206 of the Inland Waterways Revenue Act of 1978, referred to in subsec. (d)(2), is section 206 of Pub. L. 95-502, title II, Oct. 21, 1978, 92 Stat. 1700, which is classified to section 1804 of Title 33, Navigation and Navigable Waters.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 4042, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 478, provided a cross reference to section 4222 of this title for exemption from tax where special motor fuels are sold for use for certain vessels, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1904(a)(1)(D), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1811.

AMENDMENTS

2007—Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 110-172 amended heading and text of par. (3) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund financing rate under paragraph (2)(B) shall not apply to the use of any fuel if tax under section 4041(d) was imposed on the sale of such fuel or is imposed on such use.”

2004—Subsec. (b)(2)(C). Pub. L. 108-357 amended subpar. (C) generally. Prior to amendment, subpar. (C) read as follows: “The deficit reduction rate is 4.3 cents per gallon.”

1993—Subsec. (b)(1)(C). Pub. L. 103-66, §13241(d)(1), added subpar. (C).

Subsec. (b)(2)(C). Pub. L. 103-66, §13241(d)(2), added subpar. (C).

1988—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 100-647 amended par. (2) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (2) read as follows: “For purposes of paragraph (1)—

“(A) the Inland Waterways Trust Fund financing rate is 10 cents a gallon, and

“(B) the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund financing rate is 0.1 cents a gallon.”

1986—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-499 and Pub. L. 99-662 both amended subsec. (b) generally, effective Jan. 1, 1987. Pub. L. 100-647, §2002(a)(1) (see Construction of 1986 Amendments note below), provided that for purposes of this section, the amendment made by Pub. L. 99-499 be treated as enacted after the amendment made by Pub. L. 99-662. Prior to amendment by Pub. L. 99-499 and Pub. L. 99-662, subsec. (b) read as follows:

“If the use occurs—	The tax is—
After September 30, 1980 and before October 1, 1981	4 cents a gallon
After September 30, 1981 and before October 1, 1983	6 cents a gallon
After September 30, 1983 and before October 1, 1985	8 cents a gallon
After September 30, 1985	10 cents a gallon”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2007 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 110-172 effective as if included in the provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Pub. L. 109-58, to which such amendment relates, see section 6(e) of Pub. L. 110-172, set out as a note under section 30C of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2004 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 108-357 effective Jan. 1, 2005, see section 241(c) of Pub. L. 108-357, set out as a note under section 4041 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-66 effective Oct. 1, 1993, see section 13241(g) of Pub. L. 103-66, set out as a note under section 4041 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Section 2002(d) of Pub. L. 100-647, as amended by Pub. L. 101-239, title VII, §7812(b), Dec. 19, 1989, 103 Stat. 2412, provided that: “The amendments made by subsections (b) and (c) [amending section 4462 of this title and provisions set out as a note under section 4461 of this title] shall take effect as if included in the provision of the Harbor Maintenance Revenue Act of 1986 [Pub. L. 99-662, title XIV] to which it relates, and the amendment made by subsection (a)(2) [amending this section] shall take effect as if included in the amendment made by section 521(a)(3) of the Superfund Revenue Act of 1986 [Pub. L. 99-499, title V].”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENTS

Section 1404(c) of Pub. L. 99-662 provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and section 1804 of Title 33, Navigation and Navigable Waters] shall take effect on January 1, 1987.”

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-499 effective Jan. 1, 1987, see section 521(e) of Pub. L. 99-499, set out as a note under section 4041 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 202(d) of Pub. L. 95-502 provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting this section and amending section 4293 of this title] shall take effect on October 1, 1980.”

CONSTRUCTION OF 1986 AMENDMENTS

Section 2002(a)(1) of Pub. L. 100-647 provided that: “For purposes of section 4042 of the 1986 Code, the amendment made by section 521(a)(3) of the Superfund Revenue Act of 1986 [Pub. L. 99-499, amending this section] shall be treated as enacted after the amendment made by section 1404(a) of the Harbor Maintenance Revenue Act of 1986 [Pub. L. 99-662, amending this section].”

Subchapter C—Heavy Trucks and Trailers

- Sec. 4051. Imposition of tax on heavy trucks and trailers sold at retail.
- 4052. Definitions and special rules.
- 4053. Exemptions.

AMENDMENTS

1990—Pub. L. 101-508, title XI, §11221(a), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-438, redesignated this subchapter, formerly subchapter B, as subchapter C.

§ 4051. Imposition of tax on heavy trucks and trailers sold at retail

(a) Imposition of tax

(1) In general

There is hereby imposed on the first retail sale of the following articles (including in each case parts or accessories sold on or in connection therewith or with the sale thereof) a tax of 12 percent of the amount for which the article is so sold:

- (A) Automobile truck chassis.
- (B) Automobile truck bodies.
- (C) Truck trailer and semitrailer chassis.
- (D) Truck trailer and semitrailer bodies.
- (E) Tractors of the kind chiefly used for highway transportation in combination with a trailer or semitrailer.

(2) Exclusion for trucks weighing 33,000 pounds or less

The tax imposed by paragraph (1) shall not apply to automobile truck chassis and automobile truck bodies, suitable for use with a vehicle which has a gross vehicle weight of 33,000 pounds or less (as determined under regulations prescribed by the Secretary).

(3) Exclusion for trailers weighing 26,000 pounds or less

The tax imposed by paragraph (1) shall not apply to truck trailer and semitrailer chassis and bodies, suitable for use with a trailer or semitrailer which has a gross vehicle weight of 26,000 pounds or less (as determined under regulations prescribed by the Secretary).¹

¹ So in original. Probably should be preceded by a closing parenthesis.