

1989—Pub. L. 101-239, title VII, § 7816(u)(2), Dec. 19, 1989, 103 Stat. 2423, redesignated item 7520, relating to procedures involving taxpayer interviews, as 7521.

1988—Pub. L. 100-647, title VI, § 6233(b), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3735, added item 7521.

Pub. L. 100-647, title VI, § 6228(c), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3732, added item 7520 relating to procedures involving taxpayer interviews.

Pub. L. 100-647, title V, § 5031(b), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3669, added item 7520 relating to valuation tables.

1987—Pub. L. 100-203, title X, § 10206(b)(2), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1330-401, added item 7519.

1986—Pub. L. 99-514, title II, § 261(f), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2216, added item 7518.

1976—Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, § 1906(b)(11), (12), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834, substituted “Time for performing certain acts postponed by reason of service in combat zone” for “Time for performing certain acts postponed by reason of war” in item 7508, and “Expenditures incurred by the United States Postal Service” for “Expenditures incurred by the Post Office Department” in item 7509.

Pub. L. 94-455, title XX, § 2008(a)(2)(C), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1891, added item 7517 relating to statement explaining estate or gift valuation.

1966—Pub. L. 89-719, title I, § 111(c)(2), Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1145, substituted “acquired” for “purchased” in item 7505.

Pub. L. 89-713, § 5(b), Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1111, inserted “and paying” in item 7502.

1962—Pub. L. 87-870, § 3(a)(2), Oct. 23, 1962, 76 Stat. 1161, added items 7515 and 7516.

Pub. L. 87-456, title III, § 302(d), May 24, 1962, 76 Stat. 77, struck out item 7511 “Exemption of consular officers and employees of foreign states from payment of internal revenue taxes on imported articles”.

1958—Pub. L. 85-866, title I, §§ 90(b), 91(b), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1666, 1667, added items 7513 and 7514.

Pub. L. 85-321, § 3(a), Feb. 11, 1958, 72 Stat. 6, added item 7512.

§ 7501. Liability for taxes withheld or collected

(a) General rule

Whenever any person is required to collect or withhold any internal revenue tax from any other person and to pay over such tax to the United States, the amount of tax so collected or withheld shall be held to be a special fund in trust for the United States. The amount of such fund shall be assessed, collected, and paid in the same manner and subject to the same provisions and limitations (including penalties) as are applicable with respect to the taxes from which such fund arose.

(b) Penalties

For penalties applicable to violations of this section, see sections 6672 and 7202.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 895.)

§ 7502. Timely mailing treated as timely filing and paying

(a) General rule

(1) Date of delivery

If any return, claim, statement, or other document required to be filed, or any payment required to be made, within a prescribed period or on or before a prescribed date under authority of any provision of the internal revenue laws is, after such period or such date, delivered by United States mail to the agency, officer, or office with which such return, claim, statement, or other document is required to be filed, or to which such payment is

required to be made, the date of the United States postmark stamped on the cover in which such return, claim, statement, or other document, or payment, is mailed shall be deemed to be the date of delivery or the date of payment, as the case may be.

(2) Mailing requirements

This subsection shall apply only if—

(A) the postmark date falls within the prescribed period or on or before the prescribed date—

(i) for the filing (including any extension granted for such filing) of the return, claim, statement, or other document, or

(ii) for making the payment (including any extension granted for making such payment), and

(B) the return, claim, statement, or other document, or payment was, within the time prescribed in subparagraph (A), deposited in the mail in the United States in an envelope or other appropriate wrapper, postage prepaid, properly addressed to the agency, officer, or office with which the return, claim, statement, or other document is required to be filed, or to which such payment is required to be made.

(b) Postmarks

This section shall apply in the case of postmarks not made by the United States Postal Service only if and to the extent provided by regulations prescribed by the Secretary.

(c) Registered and certified mailing; electronic filing

(1) Registered mail

For purposes of this section, if any return, claim, statement, or other document, or payment, is sent by United States registered mail—

(A) such registration shall be prima facie evidence that the return, claim, statement, or other document was delivered to the agency, officer, or office to which addressed; and

(B) the date of registration shall be deemed the postmark date.

(2) Certified mail; electronic filing

The Secretary is authorized to provide by regulations the extent to which the provisions of paragraph (1) with respect to prima facie evidence of delivery and the postmark date shall apply to certified mail and electronic filing.

(d) Exceptions

This section shall not apply with respect to—

(1) the filing of a document in, or the making of a payment to, any court other than the Tax Court,

(2) currency or other medium of payment unless actually received and accounted for, or

(3) returns, claims, statements, or other documents, or payments, which are required under any provision of the internal revenue laws or the regulations thereunder to be delivered by any method other than by mailing.

(e) Mailing of deposits

(1) Date of deposit

If any deposit required to be made (pursuant to regulations prescribed by the Secretary