Subsec. (b)(5)(B). Pub. L. 101–508, 11216(c), substituted heading for one which read: "Exception for certain small manufacturers" and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: "A person shall not be treated as the manufacturer of any automobile if—

"(i) such person would (but for this subparagraph) be so treated solely by reason of lengthening an existing automobile, and

"(ii) such person is a small manufacturer (as defined in subsection (d)(4)) for the model year in which such lengthening occurs."

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 101–508, §11216(d), struck out subsec. (d) which prescribed special rules for small manufacturers.

1986—Subsec. (b)(1)(A)(ii). Pub. L. 99-514, §1812(e)(1)(B)(i), substituted "unloaded gross vehicle weight".

Subsec. (b)(5). Pub. L. 99–514, §1812(e)(1)(B)(ii), amended par. (5) generally, designating existing provisions as subpar. (A), adding subpar. (A) heading, and adding subpar. (B).

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2005 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 109-59, title XI, §11111(b), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1946, provided that: "The amendment made by this section [amending this section] shall take effect on October 1, 2005."

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 101–508, title XI, \$11216(e), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388–437, provided that:

"(1) SUBSECTIONS (a) AND (b).—The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) [amending this section] shall apply to sales after December 31, 1990.

"(2) SUBSECTION (c).—The amendments made by subsection (c) [amending this section] shall take effect on January 1, 1991.

"(3) SUBSECTION (d).—The amendment made by subsection (d) [amending this section] shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this section [Nov. 5, 1990]."

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 99–514, title XVIII, \$1812(e)(1)(B)(iii), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2837, provided that: "The amendments made by clauses (i) and (ii) [amending this section] shall take effect as if included in the amendments made by section 201 of Public Law 95–618 [see Effective Date note below]; except that the amendment made by clause (i) shall not apply to any station wagon if—

``(I) such station wagon is originally equipped with more than 6 seat belts,

"(II) such station wagon was manufactured before November 1, 1985, and

"(III) such station wagon is of the 1985 or 1986 model year."

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 95–618, title II, §201(g), Nov. 9, 1978, 92 Stat. 3184, as amended by Pub. L. 99–514, §2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095, provided that: "The amendments made by this section [enacting this section and amending sections 1016, 4217, 4221, 4222, 4293, and 6416 of this title] shall apply with respect to 1980 and later model year automobiles (as defined in section 4064(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [formerly I.R.C. 1954])."

### PLAN AMENDMENTS NOT REQUIRED UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1989

For provisions directing that if any amendments made by subtitle A or subtitle C of title XI [§§ 1101–1147 and 1171–1177] or title XVIII [§§ 1800–1899A] of Pub. L. 99–514 require an amendment to any plan, such plan amendment shall not be required to be made before the first plan year beginning on or after Jan. 1, 1989, see section 1140 of Pub. L. 99–514, as amended, set out as a note under section 401 of this title.

## PART II—TIRES

4071. Imposition of tax. 4072. Definitions. 4073. Exemptions.

#### AMENDMENTS

2004—Pub. L. 108–357, title VIII, \$869(d)(2), Oct. 22, 2004, 118 Stat. 1623, substituted "Exemptions" for "Exemption for tires with internal wire fastening" in item 4073.

1984—Pub. L. 98–369, div. A, title VII, §735(c)(5)(A), (C), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 982, struck out "AND TUBES" from heading of part II and substituted "Exemption for tires with internal wire fastening" for "Exemptions" in item 4073.

1956—Act June 29, 1956, ch. 462, title II, §204(d), 70 Stat. 389, substituted "Definitions" for "Definition of rubber" in item 4072.

## § 4071. Imposition of tax

### (a) Imposition and rate of tax

There is hereby imposed on taxable tires sold by the manufacturer, producer, or importer thereof a tax at the rate of 9.45 cents (4.725 cents in the case of a biasply tire or super single tire) for each 10 pounds so much of the maximum rated load capacity thereof as exceeds 3,500 pounds.

### (b) Special rule for manufacturers who sell at retail

Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, if the manufacturer, producer, or importer of any tire delivers such tire to a retail store or retail outlet of such manufacturer, producer, or importer, he shall be liable for tax under subsection (a) in respect of such tire in the same manner as if it had been sold at the time it was delivered to such retail store or outlet. This subsection shall not apply to an article in respect to which tax has been imposed by subsection (a). Subsection (a) shall not apply to an article in respect of which tax has been imposed by this subsection.

# (c) Tires on imported articles

For the purposes of subsection (a), if an article imported into the United States is equipped with tires—

- (1) the importer of the article shall be treated as the importer of the tires with which such article is equipped, and
- (2) the sale of the article by the importer thereof shall be treated as the sale of the tires with which such article is equipped.

This subsection shall not apply with respect to the sale of an automobile bus chassis or an automobile bus body.

## (d) Termination

On and after October 1, 2016, the taxes imposed by subsection (a) shall not apply.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 482; June 29, 1956, ch. 462, title II, §204(a), 70 Stat. 388; Pub. L. 86–440, §1(a), Apr. 22, 1960, 74 Stat. 80; Pub. L. 87–61, title II, §202, June 29, 1961, 75 Stat. 124; Pub. L. 89–523, §1(a), Aug. 1, 1966, 80 Stat. 331; Pub. L. 91–605, title III, §303(a)(5), Dec. 31, 1970, 84 Stat. 1744; Pub. L. 92–178, title IV, §401(f), Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 533; Pub. L. 94–280, title III, §303(a)(5), May 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 456; Pub. L.