

Stat. 4516; Pub. L. 105-34, title XII, §§1238(b)(1), 1239(b), 1240(a), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 1026-1028.)

AMENDMENTS

1997—Subsec. (b)(5), (6). Pub. L. 105-34, §1240(a), added par. (5) and redesignated former par. (5) as (6).

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 105-34, §1239(b), inserted concluding provisions.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 105-34, §1238(b)(1), substituted “relates,” for “relates and” and inserted “, and the applicability of any penalty, addition to tax, or additional amount which relates to an adjustment to a partnership item” before period at end.

1992—Subsecs. (a)(3), (e), (g). Pub. L. 102-572 substituted “Court of Federal Claims” for “Claims Court” wherever appearing.

1983—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 97-448 substituted “With respect to the partnership, only the tax matters partner” for “Only the tax matters partner”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1997 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 1238(b)(1) of Pub. L. 105-34 applicable to partnership taxable years ending after Aug. 5, 1997, see section 1238(c) of Pub. L. 105-34, set out as a note under section 6221 of this title.

Amendment by section 1239(b) of Pub. L. 105-34 applicable to partnership taxable years ending after Aug. 5, 1997, see section 1239(f) of Pub. L. 105-34, set out as a note under section 6225 of this title.

Pub. L. 105-34, title XII, §1240(b), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 1029, provided that: “The amendment made by this section [amending this section] shall apply to petitions filed after the date of the enactment of this Act [Aug. 5, 1997].”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1992 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 102-572 effective Oct. 29, 1992, see section 911 of Pub. L. 102-572, set out as a note under section 171 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1983 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-448 effective as if included in the provisions of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982, Pub. L. 97-248, to which such amendment relates, see section 311(d) of Pub. L. 97-448, set out as a note under section 31 of this title.

§ 6227. Administrative adjustment requests

(a) General rule

A partner may file a request for an administrative adjustment of partnership items for any partnership taxable year at any time which is—

- (1) within 3 years after the later of—
 - (A) the date on which the partnership return for such year is filed, or
 - (B) the last day for filing the partnership return for such year (determined without regard to extensions), and
- (2) before the mailing to the tax matters partner of a notice of final partnership administrative adjustment with respect to such taxable year.

(b) Special rule in case of extension of period of limitations under section 6229

The period prescribed by subsection (a)(1) for filing of a request for an administrative adjustment shall be extended—

- (1) for the period within which an assessment may be made pursuant to an agreement (or any extension thereof) under section 6229(b), and
- (2) for 6 months thereafter.

(c) Requests by tax matters partner on behalf of partnership

(1) Substituted return

If the tax matters partner—

- (A) files a request for an administrative adjustment, and
- (B) asks that the treatment shown on the request be substituted for the treatment of partnership items on the partnership return to which the request relates,

the Secretary may treat the changes shown on such request as corrections of mathematical or clerical errors appearing on the partnership return.

(2) Requests not treated as substituted returns

(A) In general

If the tax matters partner files an administrative adjustment request on behalf of the partnership which is not treated as a substituted return under paragraph (1), the Secretary may, with respect to all or any part of the requested adjustments—

- (i) without conducting any proceeding, allow or make to all partners the credits or refunds arising from the requested adjustments,
- (ii) conduct a partnership proceeding under this subchapter, or
- (iii) take no action on the request.

(B) Exceptions

Clause (i) of subparagraph (A) shall not apply with respect to a partner after the day on which the partnership items become nonpartnership items by reason of 1 or more of the events described in subsection (b) of section 6231.

(3) Request must show effect on distributive shares

The tax matters partner shall furnish with any administrative adjustment request on behalf of the partnership revised schedules showing the effect of such request on the distributive shares of the partners and such other information as may be required under regulations.

(d) Other requests

If any partner files a request for an administrative adjustment (other than a request described in subsection (c)), the Secretary may—

- (1) process the request in the same manner as a claim for credit or refund with respect to items which are not partnership items,
- (2) assess any additional tax that would result from the requested adjustments,
- (3) mail to the partner, under subparagraph (A) of section 6231(b)(1) (relating to items becoming nonpartnership items), a notice that all partnership items of the partner for the partnership taxable year to which such request relates shall be treated as nonpartnership items, or
- (4) conduct a partnership proceeding.

(e) Requests with respect to bad debts or worthless securities

In the case of that portion of any request for an administrative adjustment which relates to

the deductibility by the partnership under section 166 of a debt as a debt which became worthless, or under section 165(g) of a loss from worthlessness of a security, the period prescribed in subsection (a)(1) shall be 7 years from the last day for filing the partnership return for the year with respect to which such request is made (determined without regard to extensions).

(Added Pub. L. 97-248, title IV, §402(a), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 655; amended Pub. L. 105-34, title XII, §§1236(a), 1243(a), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 1025, 1029; Pub. L. 107-147, title IV, §417(19)(A), Mar. 9, 2002, 116 Stat. 56.)

AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 107-147 substituted “subsection (c)” for “subsection (b)” in introductory provisions.

1997—Subsecs. (b) to (d). Pub. L. 105-34, §1236(a), added subsec. (b) and redesignated former subsecs. (b) and (c) as (c) and (d), respectively.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 105-34, §1243(a), added subsec. (e).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1997 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-34, title XII, §1236(b), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 1025, provided that: “The amendment made by this section [amending this section] shall take effect as if included in the amendments made by section 402 of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 [Pub. L. 97-248].”

Pub. L. 105-34, title XII, §1243(b), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 1029, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect as if included in the amendments made by section 402 of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 [Pub. L. 97-248].

“(2) TREATMENT OF REQUESTS FILED BEFORE DATE OF ENACTMENT.—In the case of that portion of any request (filed before the date of the enactment of this Act [Aug. 5, 1997]) for an administrative adjustment which relates to the deductibility of a debt as a debt which became worthless or the deductibility of a loss from the worthlessness of a security—

“(A) paragraph (2) of section 6227(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall not apply,

“(B) the period for filing a petition under section 6228 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to such request shall not expire before the date 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, and

“(C) such a petition may be filed without regard to whether there was a notice of the beginning of an administrative proceeding or a final partnership administrative adjustment.”

§ 6228. Judicial review where administrative adjustment request is not allowed in full

(a) Request on behalf of partnership

(1) In general

If any part of an administrative adjustment request filed by the tax matters partner under subsection (c) of section 6227 is not allowed by the Secretary, the tax matters partner may file a petition for an adjustment with respect to the partnership items to which such part of the request relates with—

(A) the Tax Court,

(B) the district court of the United States for the district in which the principal place of business of the partnership is located, or

(C) the Court of Federal Claims.

(2) Period for filing petition

(A) In general

A petition may be filed under paragraph (1) with respect to partnership items for a partnership taxable year only—

(i) after the expiration of 6 months from the date of filing of the request under section 6227, and

(ii) before the date which is 2 years after the date of such request.

(B) No petition after notice of beginning of administrative proceeding

No petition may be filed under paragraph (1) after the day the Secretary mails to the partnership a notice of the beginning of an administrative proceeding with respect to the partnership taxable year to which such request relates.

(C) Failure by Secretary to issue timely notice of adjustment

If the Secretary—

(i) mails the notice referred to in subparagraph (B) before the expiration of the 2-year period referred to in clause (ii) of subparagraph (A), and

(ii) fails to mail a notice of final partnership administrative adjustment with respect to the partnership taxable year to which the request relates before the expiration of the period described in section 6229(a) (including any extension by agreement),

subparagraph (B) shall cease to apply with respect to such request, and the 2-year period referred to in clause (ii) of subparagraph (A) shall not expire before the date 6 months after the expiration of the period described in section 6229(a) (including any extension by agreement).

(D) Extension of time

The 2-year period described in subparagraph (A)(ii) shall be extended for such period as may be agreed upon in writing between the tax matters partner and the Secretary.

(3) Coordination with administrative adjustment

(A) Administrative adjustment before filing of petition

No petition may be filed under this subsection after the Secretary mails to the tax matters partner a notice of final partnership administrative adjustment for the partnership taxable year to which the request under section 6227 relates.

(B) Administrative adjustment after filing but before hearing of petition

If the Secretary mails to the tax matters partner a notice of final partnership administrative adjustment for the partnership taxable year to which the request under section 6227 relates after the filing of a petition under this subsection but before the hearing of such petition, such petition shall be treated as an action brought under section 6226 with respect to that administrative adjust-