

payment of estate tax where estate consists largely of interest in closely held business) with respect to an estate (or with respect to any property included therein), or

(2) whether the extension of time for payment of tax provided in section 6166(a) has ceased to apply with respect to an estate (or with respect to any property included therein),

upon the filing of an appropriate pleading, the Tax Court may make a declaration with respect to whether such election may be made or whether such extension has ceased to apply. Any such declaration shall have the force and effect of a decision of the Tax Court and shall be reviewable as such.

**(b) Limitations**

**(1) Petitioner**

A pleading may be filed under this section, with respect to any estate, only—

(A) by the executor of such estate, or

(B) by any person who has assumed an obligation to make payments under section 6166 with respect to such estate (but only if each other such person is joined as a party).

**(2) Exhaustion of administrative remedies**

The court shall not issue a declaratory judgment or decree under this section in any proceeding unless it determines that the petitioner has exhausted all available administrative remedies within the Internal Revenue Service. A petitioner shall be deemed to have exhausted its administrative remedies with respect to a failure of the Secretary to make a determination at the expiration of 180 days after the date on which the request for such determination was made if the petitioner has taken, in a timely manner, all reasonable steps to secure such determination.

**(3) Time for bringing action**

If the Secretary sends by certified or registered mail notice of his determination as described in subsection (a) to the petitioner, no proceeding may be initiated under this section unless the pleading is filed before the 91st day after the date of such mailing.

**(c) Extension of time to file refund suit**

The 2-year period in section 6532(a)(1) for filing suit for refund after disallowance of a claim shall be suspended during the 90-day period after the mailing of the notice referred to in subsection (b)(3) and, if a pleading has been filed with the Tax Court under this section, until the decision of the Tax Court has become final.

(Added Pub. L. 105-34, title V, §505(a), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 854; amended Pub. L. 105-206, title III, §3104(b), title VI, §6007(d), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 732, 809.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (a)(1), (2). Pub. L. 105-206, §6007(d), substituted “an estate (or with respect to any property included therein),” for “an estate.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105-206, §3104(b), added subsec. (c).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 3104(b) of Pub. L. 105-206 applicable to any claim for refund filed after July 22, 1998,

see section 3104(c) of Pub. L. 105-206, set out as a note under section 7422 of this title.

Amendment by section 6007(d) of 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, see section 6024 of Pub. L. 105-206, set out as a note under section 1 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 105-34, title V, §505(c), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 855, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting this section] shall apply to the estates of decedents dying after the date of the enactment of this Act [Aug. 5, 1997].”

**Subchapter D—Court Review of Tax Court Decisions**

Sec.

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AMENDMENTS

1969—Pub. L. 91-172, title IX, §§959(b), 960(i)(2), Dec. 30, 1969, 83 Stat. 734, 735, substituted “Notice of appeal” for “Petition for review” in item 7483 and substituted “Cross references” for “Cross reference” in item 7487.

**§ 7481. Date when Tax Court decision becomes final**

**(a) Reviewable decisions**

Except as provided in subsections (b), (c), and (d), the decision of the Tax Court shall become final—

**(1) Timely notice of appeal not filed**

Upon the expiration of the time allowed for filing a notice of appeal, if no such notice has been duly filed within such time; or

**(2) Decision affirmed or appeal dismissed**

**(A) Petition for certiorari not filed on time**

Upon the expiration of the time allowed for filing a petition for certiorari, if the decision of the Tax Court has been affirmed or the appeal dismissed by the United States Court of Appeals and no petition for certiorari has been duly filed; or

**(B) Petition for certiorari denied**

Upon the denial of a petition for certiorari, if the decision of the Tax Court has been affirmed or the appeal dismissed by the United States Court of Appeals; or

**(C) After mandate of Supreme Court**

Upon the expiration of 30 days from the date of issuance of the mandate of the Supreme Court, if such Court directs that the decision of the Tax Court be affirmed or the appeal dismissed.

**(3) Decision modified or reversed**

**(A) Upon mandate of Supreme Court**

If the Supreme Court directs that the decision of the Tax Court be modified or reversed, the decision of the Tax Court rendered in accordance with the mandate of the

Supreme Court shall become final upon the expiration of 30 days from the time it was rendered, unless within such 30 days either the Secretary or the taxpayer has instituted proceedings to have such decision corrected to accord with the mandate, in which event the decision of the Tax Court shall become final when so corrected.

**(B) Upon mandate of the Court of Appeals**

If the decision of the Tax Court is modified or reversed by the United States Court of Appeals, and if—

(i) the time allowed for filing a petition for certiorari has expired and no such petition has been duly filed, or

(ii) the petition for certiorari has been denied, or

(iii) the decision of the United States Court of Appeals has been affirmed by the Supreme Court, then the decision of the Tax Court rendered in accordance with the mandate of the United States Court of Appeals shall become final on the expiration of 30 days from the time such decision of the Tax Court was rendered, unless within such 30 days either the Secretary or the taxpayer has instituted proceedings to have such decision corrected so that it will accord with the mandate, in which event the decision of the Tax Court shall become final when so corrected.

**(4) Rehearing**

If the Supreme Court orders a rehearing; or if the case is remanded by the United States Court of Appeals to the Tax Court for a rehearing, and if—

(A) the time allowed for filing a petition for certiorari has expired and no such petition has been duly filed, or

(B) the petition for certiorari has been denied, or

(C) the decision of the United States Court of Appeals has been affirmed by the Supreme Court,

then the decision of the Tax Court rendered upon such rehearing shall become final in the same manner as though no prior decision of the Tax Court has been rendered.

**(5) Definition of “mandate”**

As used in this section, the term “mandate”, in case a mandate has been recalled prior to the expiration of 30 days from the date of issuance thereof, means the final mandate.

**(b) Nonreviewable decisions**

The decision of the Tax Court in a proceeding conducted under section 7436(c) or 7463 shall become final upon the expiration of 90 days after the decision is entered.

**(c) Jurisdiction over interest determinations**

**(1) In general**

Notwithstanding subsection (a), if, within 1 year after the date the decision of the Tax Court becomes final under subsection (a) in a case to which this subsection applies, the taxpayer files a motion in the Tax Court for a redetermination of the amount of interest involved, then the Tax Court may reopen the

case solely to determine whether the taxpayer has made an overpayment of such interest or the Secretary has made an underpayment of such interest and the amount thereof.

**(2) Cases to which this subsection applies**

This subsection shall apply where—

(A)(i) an assessment has been made by the Secretary under section 6215 which includes interest as imposed by this title, and

(ii) the taxpayer has paid the entire amount of the deficiency plus interest claimed by the Secretary, and

(B) the Tax Court finds under section 6512(b) that the taxpayer has made an overpayment.

**(3) Special rules**

If the Tax Court determines under this subsection that the taxpayer has made an overpayment of interest or that the Secretary has made an underpayment of interest, then that determination shall be treated under section 6512(b)(1) as a determination of an overpayment of tax. An order of the Tax Court redetermining interest, when entered upon the records of the court, shall be reviewable in the same manner as a decision of the Tax Court.

**(d) Decisions relating to estate tax extended under section 6166**

If with respect to a decedent's estate subject to a decision of the Tax Court—

(1) the time for payment of an amount of tax imposed by chapter 11 is extended under section 6166, and

(2) there is treated as an administrative expense under section 2053 either—

(A) any amount of interest which a decedent's estate pays on any portion of the tax imposed by section 2001 on such estate for which the time of payment is extended under section 6166, or

(B) interest on any estate, succession, legacy, or inheritance tax imposed by a State on such estate during the period of the extension of time for payment under section 6166,

then, upon a motion by the petitioner in such case in which such time for payment of tax has been extended under section 6166, the Tax Court may reopen the case solely to modify the Court's decision to reflect such estate's entitlement to a deduction for such administration expenses under section 2053 and may hold further trial solely with respect to the claim for such deduction if, within the discretion of the Tax Court, such a hearing is deemed necessary. An order of the Tax Court disposing of a motion under this subsection shall be reviewable in the same manner as a decision of the Tax Court, but only with respect to the matters determined in such order.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 889; Pub. L. 91-172, title IX, §960(h)(1), Dec. 30, 1969, 83 Stat. 734; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834; Pub. L. 100-647, title VI, §§6246(a), (b)(2), 6247(a), (b)(2), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3751, 3752; Pub. L. 105-34, title XIV, §§1452(a), 1454(b)(3), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 1054, 1057.)

## AMENDMENTS

1997—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-34, §1454(b)(3), substituted “section 7436(c) or 7463” for “section 7463”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105-34, §1452(a), reenacted heading without change and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Notwithstanding subsection (a), if—

“(1) an assessment has been made by the Secretary under section 6215 which includes interest as imposed by this title,

“(2) the taxpayer has paid the entire amount of the deficiency plus interest claimed by the Secretary, and

“(3) within 1 year after the date the decision of the Tax Court becomes final under subsection (a), the taxpayer files a petition in the Tax Court for a determination that the amount of interest claimed by the Secretary exceeds the amount of interest imposed by this title,

then the Tax Court may reopen the case solely to determine whether the taxpayer has made an overpayment of such interest and the amount of any such overpayment. If the Tax Court determines under this subsection that the taxpayer has made an overpayment of interest, then that determination shall be treated under section 6512(b)(1) as a determination of an overpayment of tax. An order of the Tax Court redetermining the interest due, when entered upon the records of the court, shall be reviewable in the same manner as a decision of the Tax Court.”

1988—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-647, §6247(b)(2), substituted “subsections (b), (c), and (d)” for “subsections (b) and (c)”.

Pub. L. 100-647, §6246(b)(2), substituted “subsections (b) and (c)” for “subsection (b)”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 100-647, §6246(a), added subsec. (c).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 100-647, §6247(a), added subsec. (d).

1976—Subsecs. (a)(3)(A), (B)(iii). Pub. L. 94-455 struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary”.

1969—Pub. L. 91-172 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted reference to the exception provided for in subsec. (b), substituted “notice of appeal” for “petition for review” in par. (1), and substituted references to dismissal of appeal for references to dismissal of petition for review in par. (2), and added subsec. (b).

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1997 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-34, title XIV, §1452(b), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 1055, provided that: “The amendment made by this section [amending this section] shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Aug. 5, 1997].”

Amendment by section 1454(b)(3) of Pub. L. 105-34 effective Aug. 5, 1997, see section 1454(c) of Pub. L. 105-34, set out as a note under section 6511 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 6246(a), (b)(2) of Pub. L. 100-647 applicable to assessments of deficiencies redetermined by the Tax Court made after Nov. 10, 1988, see section 6246(c) of Pub. L. 100-647, set out as a note under section 6512 of this title.

Amendment by section 6247(a), (b)(2) of Pub. L. 100-647 effective with respect to Tax Court cases for which the decision is not final on Nov. 10, 1988, see section 6247(c) of Pub. L. 100-647, set out as a note under section 6512 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1969 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 91-172 effective 30 days after Dec. 30, 1969, see section 962(f) of Pub. L. 91-172, set out as a note under section 7483 of this title.

**§ 7482. Courts of review****(a) Jurisdiction****(1) In general**

The United States Courts of Appeals (other than the United States Court of Appeals for

the Federal Circuit) shall have exclusive jurisdiction to review the decisions of the Tax Court, except as provided in section 1254 of Title 28 of the United States Code, in the same manner and to the same extent as decisions of the district courts in civil actions tried without a jury; and the judgment of any such court shall be final, except that it shall be subject to review by the Supreme Court of the United States upon certiorari, in the manner provided in section 1254 of Title 28 of the United States Code.

**(2) Interlocutory orders****(A) In general**

When any judge of the Tax Court includes in an interlocutory order a statement that a controlling question of law is involved with respect to which there is a substantial ground for difference of opinion and that an immediate appeal from that order may materially advance the ultimate termination of the litigation, the United States Court of Appeals may, in its discretion, permit an appeal to be taken from such order, if application is made to it within 10 days after the entry of such order. Neither the application for nor the granting of an appeal under this paragraph shall stay proceedings in the Tax Court, unless a stay is ordered by a judge of the Tax Court or by the United States Court of Appeals which has jurisdiction of the appeal or a judge of that court.

**(B) Order treated as Tax Court decision**

For purposes of subsections (b) and (c), an order described in this paragraph shall be treated as a decision of the Tax Court.

**(C) Venue for review of subsequent proceedings**

If a United States Court of Appeals permits an appeal to be taken from an order described in subparagraph (A), except as provided in subsection (b)(2), any subsequent review of the decision of the Tax Court in the proceeding shall be made by such Court of Appeals.

**(3) Certain orders entered under section 6213(a)**

An order of the Tax Court which is entered under authority of section 6213(a) and which resolves a proceeding to restrain assessment or collection shall be treated as a decision of the Tax Court for purposes of this section and shall be subject to the same review by the United States Court of Appeals as a similar order of a district court.

**(b) Venue****(1) In general**

Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), such decisions may be reviewed by the United States court of appeals for the circuit in which is located—

(A) in the case of a petitioner seeking redetermination of tax liability other than a corporation, the legal residence of the petitioner,

(B) in the case of a corporation seeking redetermination of tax liability, the principal