

The amount of the net underlying long-term capital gain with respect to any financial asset shall be treated as zero unless the amount thereof is established by clear and convincing evidence.

(f) Special rule where taxpayer takes delivery

Except as provided in regulations prescribed by the Secretary, if a constructive ownership transaction is closed by reason of taking delivery, this section shall be applied as if the taxpayer had sold all the contracts, options, or other positions which are part of such transaction for fair market value on the closing date. The amount of gain recognized under the preceding sentence shall not exceed the amount of gain treated as ordinary income under subsection (a). Proper adjustments shall be made in the amount of any gain or loss subsequently realized for gain recognized and treated as ordinary income under this subsection.

(g) Regulations

The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this section, including regulations—

- (1) to permit taxpayers to mark to market constructive ownership transactions in lieu of applying this section, and
- (2) to exclude certain forward contracts which do not convey substantially all of the economic return with respect to a financial asset.

(Added Pub. L. 106-170, title V, §534(a), Dec. 17, 1999, 113 Stat. 1931; amended Pub. L. 108-357, title IV, §413(c)(23), Oct. 22, 2004, 118 Stat. 1509; Pub. L. 110-172, §11(a)(23), (24)(B), Dec. 29, 2007, 121 Stat. 2486.)

AMENDMENTS

2007—Subsec. (c)(2)(G). Pub. L. 110-172 substituted “subsection (d)” for “subsection (e)” and inserted “and” at end.

2004—Subsec. (c)(2)(H) to (J). Pub. L. 108-357 redesignated subpar. (J) as (H) and struck out former subpars. (H) and (I), which included foreign personal holding company and foreign investment company (as defined in section 1246(b)) within definition of “pass-thru entity”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2004 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 108-357 applicable to taxable years of foreign corporations beginning after Dec. 31, 2004, and to taxable years of United States shareholders with or within which such taxable years of foreign corporations end, see section 413(d)(1) of Pub. L. 108-357, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 2004 Amendments note under section 1 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 106-170, title V, §534(c), Dec. 17, 1999, 113 Stat. 1934, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting this section] shall apply to transactions entered into after July 11, 1999.”

PART V—SPECIAL RULES FOR BONDS AND OTHER DEBT INSTRUMENTS

Subpart

- A. Original issue discount.
- B. Market discount on bonds.
- C. Discount on short-term obligations.
- D. Miscellaneous provisions.

AMENDMENTS

1986—Pub. L. 99-514, title XVIII, §1899A(72), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2963, inserted “on bonds” after “discount” in item for subpart B.

SUBPART A—ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT

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AMENDMENTS

1985—Pub. L. 99-121, title I, §102(d), Oct. 11, 1985, 99 Stat. 509, added item 1274A.

§ 1271. Treatment of amounts received on retirement or sale or exchange of debt instruments

(a) General rule

For purposes of this title—

(1) Retirement

Amounts received by the holder on retirement of any debt instrument shall be considered as amounts received in exchange therefor.

(2) Ordinary income on sale or exchange where intention to call before maturity

(A) In general

If at the time of original issue there was an intention to call a debt instrument before maturity, any gain realized on the sale or exchange thereof which does not exceed an amount equal to—

- (i) the original issue discount, reduced by

- (ii) the portion of original issue discount previously includible in the gross income of any holder (without regard to subsection (a)(7) or (b)(4) of section 1272 (or the corresponding provisions of prior law)),

shall be treated as ordinary income.

(B) Exceptions

This paragraph (and paragraph (2) of subsection (c)) shall not apply to—

- (i) any tax-exempt obligation, or
- (ii) any holder who has purchased the debt instrument at a premium.

(3) Certain short-term Government obligations

(A) In general

On the sale or exchange of any short-term Government obligation, any gain realized which does not exceed an amount equal to the ratable share of the acquisition discount shall be treated as ordinary income.

(B) Short-term Government obligation

For purposes of this paragraph, the term “short-term Government obligation” means any obligation of the United States or any of its possessions, or of a State or any political