

2004, Pub. L. 108-357, to which such amendment relates, see section 7(e) of Pub. L. 110-172, set out as a note under section 1092 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 108-357, title VIII, §849, Oct. 22, 2004, 118 Stat. 1606, as amended by Pub. L. 109-135, title IV, §403(ff), Dec. 21, 2005, 119 Stat. 2631, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in this section, the amendments made by this part [part III (§§847-849) of subtitle B of title VIII of Pub. L. 108-357, enacting this section and amending sections 167, 168, and 197 of this title] shall apply to leases entered into after March 12, 2004, and in the case of property treated as tax-exempt use property other than by reason of a lease, to property acquired after March 12, 2004.

“(b) EXCEPTION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by this part shall not apply to qualified transportation property.

“(2) QUALIFIED TRANSPORTATION PROPERTY.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘qualified transportation property’ means domestic property subject to a lease with respect to which a formal application—

“(A) was submitted for approval to the Federal Transit Administration (an agency of the Department of Transportation) after June 30, 2003, and before March 13, 2004,

“(B) is approved by the Federal Transit Administration before January 1, 2006, and

“(C) includes a description of such property and the value of such property.

“(3) EXCHANGES AND CONVERSION OF TAX-EXEMPT USE PROPERTY.—Section 470(e)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as added by section 848, shall apply to property exchanged or converted after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 22, 2004].

“(4) INTANGIBLES AND INDIAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS.—The amendments made subsections (b)(2), (b)(3), and (e) of section 847 [amending sections 167, 168, and 197 of this title], and the treatment of property described in clauses (ii) and (iii) of section 470(c)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as added by section 848) as tangible property, shall apply to leases entered into after October 3, 2004.”

SUBPART D—INVENTORIES

- Sec. 471. General rule for inventories.
- 472. Last-in, first-out inventories.
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- 474. Simplified dollar-value LIFO method for certain small businesses.
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AMENDMENTS

1993—Pub. L. 103-66, title XIII, §13223(b)(2), Aug. 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 484, added item 475.

1986—Pub. L. 99-514, title VIII, §802(b), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2350, substituted “Simplified dollar-value LIFO method for certain small businesses” for “Election by certain small businesses to use one inventory pool” in item 474.

1981—Pub. L. 97-34, title II, §237(b), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 253, added item 474.

1980—Pub. L. 96-223, title IV, §403(a)(2), Apr. 2, 1980, 94 Stat. 304, added item 473.

§ 471. General rule for inventories

(a) General rule

Whenever in the opinion of the Secretary the use of inventories is necessary in order clearly to determine the income of any taxpayer, inventories shall be taken by such taxpayer on such basis as the Secretary may prescribe as con-

forming as nearly as may be to the best accounting practice in the trade or business and as most clearly reflecting the income.

(b) Estimates of inventory shrinkage permitted

A method of determining inventories shall not be treated as failing to clearly reflect income solely because it utilizes estimates of inventory shrinkage that are confirmed by a physical count only after the last day of the taxable year if—

(1) the taxpayer normally does a physical count of inventories at each location on a regular and consistent basis, and

(2) the taxpayer makes proper adjustments to such inventories and to its estimating methods to the extent such estimates are greater than or less than the actual shrinkage.

(c) Exemption for certain small businesses

(1) In general

In the case of any taxpayer (other than a tax shelter prohibited from using the cash receipts and disbursements method of accounting under section 448(a)(3)) which meets the gross receipts test of section 448(c) for any taxable year—

(A) subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to such taxpayer for such taxable year, and

(B) the taxpayer’s method of accounting for inventory for such taxable year shall not be treated as failing to clearly reflect income if such method either—

(i) treats inventory as non-incidentals materials and supplies, or

(ii) conforms to such taxpayer’s method of accounting reflected in an applicable financial statement of the taxpayer with respect to such taxable year or, if the taxpayer does not have any applicable financial statement with respect to such taxable year, the books and records of the taxpayer prepared in accordance with the taxpayer’s accounting procedures.

(2) Applicable financial statement

For purposes of this subsection, the term “applicable financial statement” has the meaning given the term in section 451(b)(3).

(3) Application of gross receipts test to individuals, etc.

In the case of any taxpayer which is not a corporation or a partnership, the gross receipts test of section 448(c) shall be applied in the same manner as if each trade or business of such taxpayer were a corporation or partnership.

(4) Coordination with section 481

Any change in method of accounting made pursuant to this subsection shall be treated for purposes of section 481 as initiated by the taxpayer and made with the consent of the Secretary.

(d) Cross reference

For rules relating to capitalization of direct and indirect costs of property, see section 263A.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 159; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90