

**§ 4181. Imposition of tax**

There is hereby imposed upon the sale by the manufacturer, producer, or importer of the following articles a tax equivalent to the specified percent of the price for which so sold:

**Articles taxable at 10 percent—**

- Pistols.
- Revolvers.

**Articles taxable at 11 percent—**

- Firearms (other than pistols and revolvers), shells, and cartridges.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 490.)

**§ 4182. Exemptions**

**(a) Machine guns and short barreled firearms**

The tax imposed by section 4181 shall not apply to any firearm on which the tax provided by section 5811 has been paid.

**(b) Sales to defense department**

No firearms, pistols, revolvers, shells, and cartridges purchased with funds appropriated for the military department shall be subject to any tax imposed on the sale or transfer of such articles.

**(c) Small manufacturers, etc.**

**(1) In general**

The tax imposed by section 4181 shall not apply to any pistol, revolver, or firearm described in such section if manufactured, produced, or imported by a person who manufactures, produces, and imports less than an aggregate of 50 of such articles during the calendar year.

**(2) Controlled groups**

All persons treated as a single employer for purposes of subsection (a) or (b) of section 52 shall be treated as one person for purposes of paragraph (1).

**(d) Records**

Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 922(b)(5) and 923(g) of title 18, United States Code, no person holding a Federal license under chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, shall be required to record the name, address, or other information about the purchaser of shotgun ammunition, ammunition suitable for use only in rifles generally available in commerce, or component parts for the aforesaid types of ammunition.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 490; Pub. L. 91-128, §5, Nov. 26, 1969, 83 Stat. 269; Pub. L. 109-59, title XI, §11131(a), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1959.)

AMENDMENTS

2005—Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 109-59 added subsec. (c) and redesignated former subsec. (c) as (d).

1969—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 91-128 added subsec. (c).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2005 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 109-59, title XI, §11131(b), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1959, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by this section [amending this section] shall apply to articles sold by the manufacturer, producer, or importer after September 30, 2005.

“(2) NO INFERENCE.—Nothing in the amendments made by this section shall be construed to create any inference with respect to the proper tax treatment of any sales before the effective date of such amendments.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1969 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 91-128, §1(a), Nov. 26, 1969, 83 Stat. 261, provided that: “This Act [amending this section and sections 4911, 4912, 4914, 4915, 4919, 4920, 6011, and 6680 of this title and enacting provisions set out as notes under section 6680 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Interest Equalization Tax Extension Act of 1969’.”

**Subchapter E—Medical Devices**

Sec.  
4191. Medical devices.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior subchapter E consisted of sections 4191, 4192, 4201, and 4211 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 89-44, title II, §206, title VII, §701(a), June 21, 1965, 79 Stat. 140, 155, applicable with respect to articles sold on or after June 22, 1965.

Section 4191, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 491, imposed a tax equivalent to 10 percent of the selling price upon over fifty specified office and business machines including adding machines, bookkeeping machines, cash registers, punch card and computing machines, typewriters, and tabulating machines.

Section 4192, acts Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 491; Sept. 2, 1958, Pub. L. 85-859, title I, §114(a), 72 Stat. 1278, granted an exemption for cash registers used in registering over-the-counter retail sales and for stencil cutting machines.

Section 4201, acts Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 492; Sept. 14, 1960, Pub. L. 86-779, §9(a), 74 Stat. 1003, imposed a tax equivalent to 10 percent of the selling price on mechanical pencils, fountain pens, and ballpoint pens and 10 cents on mechanical cigarette lighters.

Section 4211, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 492, imposed a tax of 2 cents per 1,000 for matches, except fancy wooden matches, and a tax of 5½ cents per 1,000 on fancy wooden matches.

**§ 4191. Medical devices**

**(a) In general**

There is hereby imposed on the sale of any taxable medical device by the manufacturer, producer, or importer a tax equal to 2.3 percent of the price for which so sold.

**(b) Taxable medical device**

For purposes of this section—

**(1) In general**

The term “taxable medical device” means any device (as defined in section 201(h) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act) intended for humans.

**(2) Exemptions**

Such term shall not include—

- (A) eyeglasses,
- (B) contact lenses,
- (C) hearing aids, and
- (D) any other medical device determined by the Secretary to be of a type which is generally purchased by the general public at retail for individual use.

**(c) Moratorium**

The tax imposed under subsection (a) shall not apply to sales during the period beginning on January 1, 2016, and ending on December 31, 2017.