

§ 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.

(Added Pub. L. 111-152, title I, §1405(a)(1), Mar. 30, 2010, 124 Stat. 1064; amended Pub. L. 114-113, div. Q, title I, §174(a), Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 3071.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 201(h) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, referred to in subsec. (b)(1), is classified to section 321(h) of Title 21, Food and Drugs.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

For prior sections 4191, 4192, 4201, and 4211, see Prior Provisions note set out preceding this section.

AMENDMENTS

2015—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 114-113 added subsec. (c).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2015 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 114-113, div. Q, title I, §174(b), Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 3072, provided that: “The amendment made by this section [amending this section] shall apply to sales after December 31, 2015.”

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 111-152, title I, §1405(c), Mar. 30, 2010, 124 Stat. 1065, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting this section and amending sections 4221 and 6416 of this title] shall apply to sales after December 31, 2012.”

Subchapter F—Special Provisions Applicable to Manufacturers Tax

Sec.	
4216.	Definition of price.
4217.	Leases.
4218.	Use by manufacturer or importer considered sale.
4219.	Application of tax in case of sales by other than manufacturer or importer.
[4220 to 4225. Repealed.]	

AMENDMENTS

1958—Pub. L. 85-859, title I, §§117(d), 119(b)(3), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1281, 1286, substituted “Leases” for “Lease considered sale” in item 4217, and struck out items 4220 to 4225.

1956—Act June 29, 1956, ch. 462, title II, §207(b), 70 Stat. 392, added item 4226 and redesignated former item 4226 as 4227.

§ 4216. Definition of price

(a) Containers, packing and transportation charges.

In determining, for the purposes of this chapter, the price for which an article is sold, there shall be included any charge for coverings and containers of whatever nature, and any charge incident to placing the article in condition packed ready for shipment, but there shall be excluded the amount of tax imposed by this chapter, whether or not stated as a separate charge. A transportation, delivery, insurance, installation, or other charge (not required by the foregoing sentence to be included) shall be excluded from the price only if the amount thereof is established to the satisfaction of the Secretary in accordance with the regulations.

(b) Constructive sale price

(1) In general

If an article is—

- (A) sold at retail,
- (B) sold on consignment, or

(C) sold (otherwise than through an arm’s length transaction) at less than the fair market price,

the tax under this chapter shall (if based on the price for which the article is sold) be computed on the price for which such articles are sold, in the ordinary course of trade, by manufacturers or producers thereof, as determined by the Secretary. In the case of an article sold at retail, the computation under the preceding sentence shall be on whichever of the following prices is the lower: (i) the price for which such article is sold, or (ii) the highest price for which such articles are sold to wholesale distributors, in the ordinary course of trade, by manufacturers or producers thereof, as determined by the Secretary. This paragraph shall not apply if paragraph (2) applies.

(2) Special rule

If an article is sold at retail or to a retailer, and if—

(A) the manufacturer, producer, or importer of such article regularly sells such articles at retail or to retailers, as the case may be,

(B) the manufacturer, producer, or importer of such article regularly sells such articles to one or more wholesale distributors in arm’s length transactions and he establishes that his prices in such cases are determined without regard to any tax benefit under this paragraph, and

(C) the transaction is an arm’s length transaction,

the tax under this chapter shall (if based on the price for which the article is sold) be computed on whichever of the following prices is the lower: (i) the price for which such article is sold, or (ii) the highest price for which such articles are sold by such manufacturer, producer, or importer to wholesale distributors (other than special dealers).

(3) Constructive sale price in case of certain articles

Except as provided in paragraph (4), for purposes of paragraph (1), if—

(A) the manufacturer, producer, or importer of an article regularly sells such article to a distributor which is a member of the same affiliated group of corporations (as defined in section 1504(a)) as the manufacturer, producer, or importer, and

(B) such distributor regularly sells such article to one or more independent retailers, but does not regularly sell to wholesale distributors,

the constructive sale price of such article shall be 90 percent of the lowest price for which such distributor regularly sells such article in arm’s-length transactions to such independent retailers. The price determined under this paragraph shall not be adjusted for any exclusion (except for the tax imposed on such article) or readjustments under subsections (a) and (e) and under section 6416(b)(1). If both this paragraph and paragraph (4) apply with respect to an article, the constructive sale price for such article shall be