ury shall prepare a statement which sets forth in simple, nontechnical terms the rights of a taxpayer and the obligations of the Internal Revenue Service relating to offers-in-compromise. Such statement shall—

"(1) advise taxpayers who have entered into a compromise of the advantages of promptly notifying the Internal Revenue Service of any change of address or marital status;

"(2) provide notice to taxpayers that in the case of a compromise terminated due to the actions of one spouse or former spouse, the Internal Revenue Service will, upon application, reinstate such compromise with the spouse or former spouse who remains in compliance with such compromise; and

"(3) provide notice to the taxpayer that the taxpayer may appeal the rejection of an offer-in-compromise to the Internal Revenue Service Office of Appeals."

# § 7123. Appeals dispute resolution procedures

# (a) Early referral to appeals procedures

The Secretary shall prescribe procedures by which any taxpayer may request early referral of 1 or more unresolved issues from the examination or collection division to the Internal Revenue Service Office of Appeals.

# (b) Alternative dispute resolution procedures

#### (1) Mediation

The Secretary shall prescribe procedures under which a taxpayer or the Internal Revenue Service Office of Appeals may request non-binding mediation on any issue unresolved at the conclusion of—

(A) appeals procedures; or

(B) unsuccessful attempts to enter into a closing agreement under section 7121 or a compromise under section 7122.

#### (2) Arbitration

The Secretary shall establish a pilot program under which a taxpayer and the Internal Revenue Service Office of Appeals may jointly request binding arbitration on any issue unresolved at the conclusion of—

(A) appeals procedures; or

(B) unsuccessful attempts to enter into a closing agreement under section 7121 or a compromise under section 7122.

## (c) Administrative appeal relating to adverse determination of tax-exempt status of certain organizations

# (1) In general

The Secretary shall prescribe procedures under which an organization which claims to be described in section 501(c) may request an administrative appeal (including a conference relating to such appeal if requested by the organization) to the Internal Revenue Service Office of Appeals of an adverse determination described in paragraph (2).

# (2) Adverse determinations

For purposes of paragraph (1), an adverse determination is described in this paragraph if such determination is adverse to an organization with respect to—

(A) the initial qualification or continuing qualification of the organization as exempt from tax under section 501(a) or as an organization described in section 170(c)(2),

(B) the initial classification or continuing classification of the organization as a private foundation under section 509(a), or

(C) the initial classification or continuing classification of the organization as a private operating foundation under section 4942(j)(3).

(Added Pub. L. 105–206, title III, §3465(a)(1), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 768; amended Pub. L. 114–113, div. Q, title IV, §404(a), Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 3118.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 7123 was renumbered section 7124 of this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

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

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2015 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 114-113, div. Q, title IV, §404(b), Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 3118, provided that: "The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply to determinations made on or after May 19, 2014."

### § 7124. Cross references

For criminal penalties for concealment of property, false statement, or falsifying and destroying records, in connection with any closing agreement, compromise, or offer of compromise, see section 7206.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 850, §7123; Pub. L. 97–258, §3(f)(12), Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1065; renumbered §7124, Pub. L. 105–206, title III, §3465(a)(1), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 767.)

#### AMENDMENTS

 $1998\mathrm{--Pub}.\ \mathrm{L}.\ 105\mathrm{--}206$  renumbered section 7123 of this title as this section.

1982—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97–258,  $\S3(f)(12)(A)$ , struck out heading "Criminal penalties".

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 97-258, §3(f)(12)(B), struck out subsec. (b) which set forth cross reference to R.S. 3469 (31 U.S.C. 194) relating to compromises after judgment.

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