

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 903, §7607; renumbered §7608, July 18, 1956, ch. 629, title I, §104(a), 70 Stat. 570; renumbered §7609 and amended Pub. L. 85-859, title II, §204(14), (15), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1429, 1430; Pub. L. 91-513, title III, §1102(h), Oct. 27, 1970, 84 Stat. 1293; renumbered §7611 and amended Pub. L. 94-455, title XII, §1205(a), title XIX, §1904(b)(7)(D), (9)(E), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1699, 1815, 1816; renumbered §7612, Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title X, §1033(a), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1034; renumbered §7613, Pub. L. 105-206, title III, §3413(a), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 751.)

AMENDMENTS

1976—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-455, §1904(b)(7)(D), (9)(E), struck out pars. (1) and (2) relating to cross references to wholesale dealers in oleomargarine and wholesale dealers in process or renovated butter or adulterated butter, respectively, and redesignated pars. (5) and (6) as (1) and (2), respectively.

1970—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 91-513 struck out pars. (3) and (4) which related to opium, opiates, and coca leaves and to marihuana, respectively, and which made reference to sections 4702(a), 4705, 4721, and 4773, and to sections 4742, 4753(b), and 4773, respectively.

1958—Subsec. (a)(6). Pub. L. 85-859, §204(15), added par. (6).

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 85-859, §204(15), substituted “with respect to subtitle E, see section 5557” for “in connection with industrial alcohol, etc., see sections 5314 and 7302”.

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 85-859, §204(15), added par. (3).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1970 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 91-513 effective on first day of seventh calendar month that begins after Oct. 26, 1970, see section 1105(a) of Pub. L. 91-513, set out as an Effective Date note under section 951 of Title 21, Food and Drugs.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1958 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 85-859 effective Sept. 3, 1958, see section 210(a)(1) of Pub. L. 85-859, set out as an Effective Date note under section 5001 of this title.

SAVINGS PROVISION

Prosecutions for any violation of law occurring, and civil seizures or forfeitures and injunctive proceedings commenced, prior to the effective date of amendment of this section by section 1102 of Pub. L. 91-513 not to be affected or abated by reason thereof, see section 1103 of Pub. L. 91-513, set out as a note under sections 171 to 174 of Title 21, Food and Drugs.

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AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-168, title XII, §1209(b), July 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 1474, substituted “Expenses of detection of underpayments and fraud, etc.” for “Expenses of detection and punishment of frauds.” in item 7623.

1988—Pub. L. 100-690, title VII, §7602(d)(1), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4508, added item 7624.

§ 7621. Internal revenue districts**(a) Establishment and alteration**

The President shall establish convenient internal revenue districts for the purpose of ad-

ministering the internal revenue laws. The President may from time to time alter such districts.

(b) Boundaries

For the purpose mentioned in subsection (a), the President may subdivide any State, or the District of Columbia, or may unite into one district two or more States.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 904; Pub. L. 86-70, §22(e), June 25, 1959, 73 Stat. 146; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(a)(53), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1832.)

AMENDMENTS

1976—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-455 struck out “Territory” after “any State” and “or a Territory and one or more States” after “two or more States”.

1959—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 86-70 substituted “may unite into one district two or more States or a Territory and one or more States” for “may unite two or more States or Territories into one district”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1959 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 86-70 effective Jan. 3, 1959, see section 22(i) of Pub. L. 86-70, set out as a note under section 3121 of this title.

DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

For delegation to Secretary of the Treasury of authority vested in President by this section, see section 1(g) of Ex. Ord. No. 10289, Sept. 17, 1951, 16 F.R. 9499, as amended, set out as a note under section 301 of Title 3, The President.

§ 7622. Authority to administer oaths and certify**(a) Internal revenue personnel**

Every officer or employee of the Treasury Department designated by the Secretary for that purpose is authorized to administer such oaths or affirmations and to certify to such papers as may be necessary under the internal revenue laws or regulations made thereunder.

(b) Others

Any oath or affirmation required or authorized under any internal revenue law or under any regulations made thereunder may be administered by any person authorized to administer oaths for general purposes by the law of the United States, or of any State or possession of the United States, or of the District of Columbia, wherein such oath or affirmation is administered. This subsection shall not be construed as an exclusive enumeration of the persons who may administer such oaths or affirmations.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 904; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), (c)(2), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834, 1835.)

AMENDMENTS

1976—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-455, §1906(b)(13)(A), struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-455, §1906(c)(2), struck out “Territory” after “any State”.

§ 7623. Expenses of detection of underpayments and fraud, etc.**(a) In general**

The Secretary, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, is authorized to pay such sums as he deems necessary for—

- (1) detecting underpayments of tax, or

(2) detecting and bringing to trial and punishment persons guilty of violating the internal revenue laws or conniving at the same,

in cases where such expenses are not otherwise provided for by law. Any amount payable under the preceding sentence shall be paid from the proceeds of amounts collected by reason of the information provided, and any amount so collected shall be available for such payments.

(b) Awards to whistleblowers

(1) In general

If the Secretary proceeds with any administrative or judicial action described in subsection (a) based on information brought to the Secretary's attention by an individual, such individual shall, subject to paragraph (2), receive as an award at least 15 percent but not more than 30 percent of the collected proceeds (including penalties, interest, additions to tax, and additional amounts) resulting from the action (including any related actions) or from any settlement in response to such action. The determination of the amount of such award by the Whistleblower Office shall depend upon the extent to which the individual substantially contributed to such action.

(2) Award in case of less substantial contribution

(A) In general

In the event the action described in paragraph (1) is one which the Whistleblower Office determines to be based principally on disclosures of specific allegations (other than information provided by the individual described in paragraph (1)) resulting from a judicial or administrative hearing, from a governmental report, hearing, audit, or investigation, or from the news media, the Whistleblower Office may award such sums as it considers appropriate, but in no case more than 10 percent of the collected proceeds (including penalties, interest, additions to tax, and additional amounts) resulting from the action (including any related actions) or from any settlement in response to such action, taking into account the significance of the individual's information and the role of such individual and any legal representative of such individual in contributing to such action.

(B) Nonapplication of paragraph where individual is original source of information

Subparagraph (A) shall not apply if the information resulting in the initiation of the action described in paragraph (1) was originally provided by the individual described in paragraph (1).

(3) Reduction in or denial of award

If the Whistleblower Office determines that the claim for an award under paragraph (1) or (2) is brought by an individual who planned and initiated the actions that led to the underpayment of tax or actions described in subsection (a)(2), then the Whistleblower Office may appropriately reduce such award. If such individual is convicted of criminal conduct arising from the role described in the preced-

ing sentence, the Whistleblower Office shall deny any award.

(4) Appeal of award determination

Any determination regarding an award under paragraph (1), (2), or (3) may, within 30 days of such determination, be appealed to the Tax Court (and the Tax Court shall have jurisdiction with respect to such matter).

(5) Application of this subsection

This subsection shall apply with respect to any action—

(A) against any taxpayer, but in the case of any individual, only if such individual's gross income exceeds \$200,000 for any taxable year subject to such action, and

(B) if the tax, penalties, interest, additions to tax, and additional amounts in dispute exceed \$2,000,000.

(6) Additional rules

(A) No contract necessary

No contract with the Internal Revenue Service is necessary for any individual to receive an award under this subsection.

(B) Representation

Any individual described in paragraph (1) or (2) may be represented by counsel.

(C) Submission of information

No award may be made under this subsection based on information submitted to the Secretary unless such information is submitted under penalty of perjury.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 904; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834; Pub. L. 104-168, title XII, §1209(a), July 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 1473; Pub. L. 109-432, div. A, title IV, §406(a)(1), Dec. 20, 2006, 120 Stat. 2958.)

AMENDMENTS

2006—Pub. L. 109-432 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, in par. (1), substituted “or” for “and” at end, in concluding provisions, struck out “(other than interest)” after “amounts”, and added subsec. (b).

1996—Pub. L. 104-168 substituted “of underpayments and fraud, etc.” for “and punishment of frauds” in section catchline and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Secretary, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, is authorized to pay such sums, not exceeding in the aggregate the sum appropriated therefor, as he may deem necessary for detecting and bringing to trial and punishment persons guilty of violating the internal revenue laws, or conniving at the same, in cases where such expenses are not otherwise provided for by law.”

1976—Pub. L. 94-455 struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary” wherever appearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 109-432 applicable to information provided on or after Dec. 20, 2006, see section 406(d) of Pub. L. 109-432, set out as a note under section 62 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 104-168, title XII, §1209(c), July 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 1474, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section] shall take effect on the date which is 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act [July 30, 1996].”

WHISTLEBLOWER OFFICE

Pub. L. 109-432, div. A, title IV, §406(b), Dec. 20, 2006, 120 Stat. 2959, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the date which is 12 months after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 20, 2006], the Secretary of the Treasury shall issue guidance for the operation of a whistleblower program to be administered in the Internal Revenue Service by an office to be known as the ‘Whistleblower Office’ which—

“(A) shall at all times operate at the direction of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and coordinate and consult with other divisions in the Internal Revenue Service as directed by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue,

“(B) shall analyze information received from any individual described in section 7623(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and either investigate the matter itself or assign it to the appropriate Internal Revenue Service office, and

“(C) in its sole discretion, may ask for additional assistance from such individual or any legal representative of such individual.

“(2) REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE.—The guidance issued under paragraph (1) shall specify that any assistance requested under paragraph (1)(C) shall be under the direction and control of the Whistleblower Office or the office assigned to investigate the matter under paragraph (1)(A). No individual or legal representative whose assistance is so requested may by reason of such request represent himself or herself as an employee of the Federal Government.”

REPORT BY SECRETARY

Pub. L. 109-432, div. A, title IV, §406(c), Dec. 20, 2006, 120 Stat. 2960, provided that: “The Secretary of the Treasury shall each year conduct a study and report to Congress on the use of section 7623 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, including—

“(1) an analysis of the use of such section during the preceding year and the results of such use, and

“(2) any legislative or administrative recommendations regarding the provisions of such section and its application.”

STUDY OF PAYMENTS MADE FOR DETECTION OF UNDERPAYMENTS AND FRAUD

Pub. L. 105-206, title III, §3804, July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 783, provided that: “Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act [July 22, 1998], the Secretary of the Treasury shall conduct a study and report to Congress on the use of section 7623 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 including—

“(1) an analysis of the present use of such section and the results of such use; and

“(2) any legislative or administrative recommendations regarding the provisions of such section and its application.”

ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS ON PAYMENTS MADE UNDER THIS SECTION AND RESULTANT COLLECTIONS

Pub. L. 104-168, title XII, §1209(d), July 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 1474, provided that: “The Secretary of the Treasury or his delegate shall submit an annual report to the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate on the payments under section 7623 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 during the year and on the amounts collected for which such payments were made.”

§ 7624. Reimbursement to State and local law enforcement agencies**(a) Authorization of reimbursement**

Whenever a State or local law enforcement agency provides information to the Internal Revenue Service that substantially contributes

to the recovery of Federal taxes imposed with respect to illegal drug-related activities (or money laundering in connection with such activities), such agency may be reimbursed by the Internal Revenue Service for costs incurred in the investigation (including but not limited to reasonable expenses, per diem, salary, and overtime) not to exceed 10 percent of the sum recovered.

(b) Records; 10 percent limitation

The Internal Revenue Service shall maintain records of the receipt of information from a contributing agency and shall notify the agency when monies have been recovered as the result of such information. Following such notification, the agency shall submit a statement detailing the investigative costs it incurred. Where more than 1 State or local agency has given information that substantially contributes to the recovery of Federal taxes, the Internal Revenue Service shall equitably allocate investigative costs among such agencies not to exceed an aggregate amount of 10 percent of the taxes recovered.

(c) No reimbursement where duplicative

No State or local agency may receive reimbursement under this section if reimbursement has been received by such agency under a Federal or State forfeiture program or under State revenue laws.

(Added Pub. L. 100-690, title VII, §7602(a), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4507.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section applicable to information first provided more than 90 days after Nov. 18, 1988, see section 7602(e) of Pub. L. 100-690, set out as an Effective Date of 1988 Amendment note under section 6103 of this title.

REGULATIONS

Pub. L. 100-690, title VII, §7602(g), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4508, provided that: “The Secretary of the Treasury shall, not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act [Nov. 18, 1988], prescribe such rules and regulations as shall be necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of this section [enacting section 7624 of this title, amending sections 6103 and 7809 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 6103 and 7809 of this title], including regulations relating to the definition of information which substantially contributes to the recovery of Federal taxes and the substantiation of expenses required in order to receive a reimbursement.”

[Subchapter C—Repealed]**[§ 7641. Repealed. Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, § 1906(a)(54), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1832]**

Section, acts Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 905; Oct. 27, 1970, Pub. L. 91-513, title III, §1102(i), 84 Stat. 1293; Oct. 26, 1974, Pub. L. 93-490, §3(b)(8), 88 Stat. 1467, related to supervision of operations of every manufacturer of oleomargarine, process or renovated butter or adulterated butter, or white phosphorous matches by the officers or employees of the Treasury Department.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective on first day of first month which begins more than 90 days after Oct. 4, 1976, see section 1906(d)(1) of Pub. L. 94-455, set out as an Effective Date of 1976 Amendment note under section 6013 of this title.