

**Subchapter D—Possessions**

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## AMENDMENTS

1986—Pub. L. 99-514, title XII, §1276(b), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2600, substituted “certain possession” for “Guam” in item 7654.

1972—Pub. L. 92-606, §1(f)(6), Oct. 31, 1972, 86 Stat. 1497, substituted “Coordination of United States and Guam individual income taxes” for “Payment to Guam and American Samoa of proceeds of tax on coconut and palm oil” in item 7654.

**§ 7651. Administration and collection of taxes in possessions**

Except as otherwise provided in this subchapter, and except as otherwise provided in section 28(a) of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands and section 30 of the Organic Act of Guam (relating to the covering of the proceeds of certain taxes into the treasuries of the Virgin Islands and Guam, respectively)—

**(1) Applicability of administrative provisions**

All provisions of the laws of the United States applicable to the assessment and collection of any tax imposed by this title or of any other liability arising under this title (including penalties) shall, in respect of such tax or liability, extend to and be applicable in any possession of the United States in the same manner and to the same extent as if such possession were a State, and as if the term “United States” when used in a geographical sense included such possession.

**(2) Tax imposed in possession**

In the case of any tax which is imposed by this title in any possession of the United States—

**(A) Internal revenue collections**

Such tax shall be collected under the direction of the Secretary, and shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States as internal revenue collections; and

**(B) Applicable laws**

All provisions of the laws of the United States applicable to the administration, collection, and enforcement of such tax (including penalties) shall, in respect of such tax, extend to and be applicable in such possession of the United States in the same manner and to the same extent as if such possession were a State, and as if the term “United States” when used in a geographical sense included such possession.

**(3) Other laws relating to possessions**

This section shall apply notwithstanding any other provision of law relating to any possession of the United States.

**(4) Virgin Islands**

(A) For purposes of this section, the reference in section 28(a) of the Revised Organic

Act of the Virgin Islands to “any tax specified in section 3811 of the Internal Revenue Code” shall be deemed to refer to any tax imposed by chapter 2 or by chapter 21.

(B) For purposes of this title, section 28(a) of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands shall be effective as if such section 28(a) had been enacted before the enactment of this title and such section 28(a) shall have no effect on the amount of income tax liability required to be paid by any person to the United States.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 906; Pub. L. 91-513, title III, §1102(j), Oct. 27, 1970, 84 Stat. 1293; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834; Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title I, §130(c), title VIII, §801(d)(9), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 661, 997; Pub. L. 99-514, title XII, §1275(b), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2598; Pub. L. 110-172, §11(a)(34)(B), Dec. 29, 2007, 121 Stat. 2487.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 28(a) of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, referred to in introductory provisions and par. (4), is classified to section 1642 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

Section 30 of the Organic Act of Guam, referred to in introductory provisions, is classified to section 1421h of Title 48.

## AMENDMENTS

2007—Pars. (4), (5). Pub. L. 110-172 redesignated par. (5) as (4) and struck out heading and text of former par. (4). Text read as follows: “For purposes of this section, the term ‘possession of the United States’ includes the Canal Zone.”

1986—Par. (5)(B). Pub. L. 99-514 amended subpar. (B) generally. Prior to amendment, subpar. (B) read as follows: “For purposes of this title (other than section 881(b)(1) or subpart C of part III of subchapter N of chapter 1), section 28(a) of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands shall be effective as if such section had been enacted subsequent to the enactment of this title.”

1984—Par. (5)(B). Pub. L. 98-369, §801(d)(9), inserted “or subpart C of part III of subchapter N of chapter 1”.

Pub. L. 98-369, §130(c), inserted “(other than section 881(b)(1))”.

1976—Par. (2)(A). Pub. L. 94-455 struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary”.

1970—Pub. L. 91-513 struck out reference to exceptions provided for in sections 4705(b), 4735, and 4762 (relating to taxes on narcotic drugs and marijuana) in provisions preceding par. (1).

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-514 applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1986, with certain exceptions and qualifications, see section 1277 of Pub. L. 99-514, set out as a note under section 931 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 130(c) of Pub. L. 98-369 applicable to payments made after Mar. 1, 1984, in taxable years ending after such date, see section 130(d) of Pub. L. 98-369, set out as a note under section 881 of this title.

Amendment by section 801(d)(9) of Pub. L. 98-369 applicable to transactions after Dec. 31, 1984, in taxable years ending after such date, see section 805(a)(1) of Pub. L. 98-369, as amended, set out as a note under section 245 of this title.

## 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 Effec-

tive Date note under section 951 of Title 21, Food and Drugs.

#### 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.

#### COMPENSATION TO GUAM AND VIRGIN ISLANDS FOR UNEXPECTED REVENUE LOSSES OCCASIONED BY TAX REDUCTION ACT OF 1975 AND TAX REFORM ACT OF 1976

Pub. L. 95-134, title IV, §402, Oct. 15, 1977, 91 Stat. 1163, provided that: "In order to compensate the territories of Guam and the Virgin Islands for unexpected revenue losses occasioned by the Tax Reduction Act of 1975 [Pub. L. 94-12, Mar. 29, 1975, 89 Stat. 26, see Tables] and the Tax Reform Act of 1976 [Pub. L. 94-455, Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1525, see Tables] there is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for grants to the government of Guam not to exceed \$15,000,000 and after October 1, 1977, for grants to the government of the Virgin Islands not to exceed \$14,000,000, such sums being in addition to those previously authorized for such purposes."

#### PAYMENTS TO GOVERNMENT OF AMERICAN SAMOA, GUAM, AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Pub. L. 95-30, title IV, §407, May 23, 1977, 91 Stat. 156, provided that:

"(a) The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to make separate payments to the government of American Samoa, the government of Guam, and the government of the Virgin Islands. The payment to the government of a particular possession shall be in an amount equal to the loss to that possession with respect to tax returns for the first taxable year beginning after December 31, 1976, by reason of sections 101 and 102 of this Act [amending sections 1, 3, 21, 42, 57, 63, 143, 161, 172, 211, 402, 441, 443, 511, 584, 613A, 641, 642, 667, 703, 861, 862, 873, 904, 911, 931, 1034, 1211, 1302, 6014, 6212, 6504, and 6654 of this title and repealing sections 36, 141, 142, 144 and 145 of this title]. Such amount shall be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury upon certification to the Secretary by the United States Government Comptrollers for Guam and the Virgin Islands.

"(b) There are hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section."

### § 7652. Shipments to the United States

#### (a) Puerto Rico

##### (1) Rate of tax

Except as provided in section 5314, articles of merchandise of Puerto Rican manufacture coming into the United States and withdrawn for consumption or sale shall be subject to a tax equal to the internal revenue tax imposed in the United States upon the like articles of merchandise of domestic manufacture.

##### (2) Payment of tax

The Secretary shall by regulations prescribe the mode and time for payment and collection of the tax described in paragraph (1), including any discretionary method described in section 6302(b) and (c). Such regulations shall authorize the payment of such tax before shipment from Puerto Rico, and the provisions of section 7651(2)(B) shall be applicable to the payment and collection of such tax in Puerto Rico.

#### (3) Deposit of internal revenue collections

All taxes collected under the internal revenue laws of the United States on articles produced in Puerto Rico and transported to the United States (less the estimated amount necessary for payment of refunds and drawbacks), or consumed in the island, shall be covered into the treasury of Puerto Rico.

#### (b) Virgin Islands

##### (1) Taxes imposed in the United States

Except as provided in section 5314, there shall be imposed in the United States, upon articles coming into the United States from the Virgin Islands, a tax equal to the internal revenue tax imposed in the United States upon like articles of domestic manufacture.

##### (2) Exemption from tax imposed in the Virgin Islands

Such articles shipped from such islands to the United States shall be exempt from the payment of any tax imposed by the internal revenue laws of such islands.

##### (3) Disposition of internal revenue collections

The Secretary shall determine the amount of all taxes imposed by, and collected under the internal revenue laws of the United States on articles produced in the Virgin Islands and transported to the United States. The amount so determined less 1 percent and less the estimated amount of refunds or credits shall be subject to disposition as follows:

(A) The payment of an estimated amount shall be made to the government of the Virgin Islands before the commencement of each fiscal year as set forth in section 4(c)(2) of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize appropriations for certain insular areas of the United States, and for other purposes", approved August 18, 1978 (48 U.S.C. 1645), as in effect on the date of the enactment of the Trade and Development Act of 2000. The payment so made shall constitute a separate fund in the treasury of the Virgin Islands and may be expended as the legislature may determine.

(B) Any amounts remaining shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts.

If at the end of any fiscal year the total of the Federal contribution made under subparagraph (A) with respect to the four calendar quarters immediately preceding the beginning of that fiscal year has not been obligated or expended for an approved purpose, the balance shall continue available for expenditure during any succeeding fiscal year, but only for emergency relief purposes and essential public projects. The aggregate amount of moneys available for expenditure for emergency relief purposes and essential public projects only shall not exceed the sum of \$5,000,000 at the end of any fiscal year. Any unobligated or unexpended balance of the Federal contribution remaining at the end of a fiscal year which would cause the moneys available for emergency relief purposes and essential public projects only to exceed the sum of \$5,000,000 shall thereupon be transferred and paid over to