

(4) Owner

The term “owner” shall, with respect to any software, include the developer of the software.

(5) Related person

A person shall be treated as related to another person if such persons are related persons under section 267 or 707(b).

(6) Tax-related computer software source code

The term “tax-related computer software source code” means the computer source code for any computer software program intended for accounting, tax return preparation or compliance, or tax planning.

(Added Pub. L. 105-206, title III, §3413(a), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 751.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 7612 was renumbered section 7613 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 105-206, title III, §3413(e), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 754, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by this section [enacting this section, amending sections 7213 and 7603 of this title, and renumbering former section 7612 of this title as 7613] shall apply to summonses issued, and software acquired, after the date of the enactment of this Act [July 22, 1998].

“(2) SOFTWARE PROTECTION.—In the case of any software acquired on or before such date of enactment, the requirements of section 7612(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as added by such amendments) shall apply after the 90th day after such date. The preceding sentence shall not apply to the requirement under section 7612(c)(2)(G)(ii) of such Code (as so added).”

§ 7613. Cross references

(a) Inspection of books, papers, records, or other data

For inspection of books, papers, records, or other data in the case of—

- (1) **Wagering, see section 4423.**
- (2) **Alcohol, tobacco, and firearms taxes, see subtitle E.**

(b) Search warrants

For provisions relating to—

- (1) **Searches and seizures, see Rule 41 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.**
- (2) **Issuance of search warrants with respect to subtitle E, see section 5557.**
- (3) **Search warrants with respect to property used in violation of the internal revenue laws, see section 7302.**

(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.

Subchapter B—General Powers and Duties

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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 administering 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 proceeds collected as a result of the action (including any related actions) or from any settlement in response to such action (determined without regard to whether such proceeds are available to the Secretary). 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 proceeds collected as a result of the action (including any related actions) or from any settlement in response to such action (determined without regard to whether such proceeds are available to the Secretary), 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 preceding 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