

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 113-295, §221(a)(32), struck out “beginning after December 31, 1953” after “for any taxable year”.

1989—Subsecs. (e), (f). Pub. L. 101-239 added subsec. (e) and redesignated former subsec. (e) as (f).

1988—Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 100-647 substituted “section 59(e)” for “section 59(d)”.

1986—Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 99-514 substituted “section 59(d)” for “section 58(i)”.

1982—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 97-248, §201(d)(9)(B), substituted “Cross references” for “Cross reference” in heading, designated existing provisions as par. (1), and added par. (2).

1976—Subsec. (a)(2)(A). Pub. L. 94-455, §1906(b)(13)(A), struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary”.

Subsec. (a)(2)(A)(i). Pub. L. 94-455, §1901(a)(30), substituted “August 16, 1954” for “the date on which this title is enacted” after “ends after”.

Subsecs. (a)(3), (b)(1), (2). Pub. L. 94-455, §1906(b)(13)(A), struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2017 AMENDMENT; APPLICABILITY OF CHANGE IN METHOD OF ACCOUNTING

Pub. L. 115-97, title I, §13206(b), Dec. 22, 2017, 131 Stat. 2112, provided that: “The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall be treated as a change in method of accounting for purposes of section 481 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and—

“(1) such change shall be treated as initiated by the taxpayer,

“(2) such change shall be treated as made with the consent of the Secretary, and

“(3) such change shall be applied only on a cut-off basis for any research or experimental expenditures paid or incurred in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2021, and no adjustments under section 481(a) shall be made.”

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-97 applicable to amounts paid or incurred in taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 2021, see section 13206(e) of Pub. L. 115-97, set out as a note under section 41 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2014 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 113-295 effective Dec. 19, 2014, subject to a savings provision, see section 221(b) of Pub. L. 113-295, set out as a note under section 1 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1989 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-239 applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1989, see section 7110(e) of Pub. L. 101-239, set out as a note under section 41 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-647 effective, except as otherwise provided, as if included in the provision of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, Pub. L. 99-514, to which such amendment relates, see section 1019(a) of Pub. L. 100-647, set out as a note under section 1 of this title.

#### 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 701(f) of Pub. L. 99-514, set out as an Effective Date note under section 55 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1982 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-248 applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1982, see section 201(e)(1) of Pub. L. 97-248, set out as a note under section 5 of this title.

#### APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN AMENDMENTS BY PUB. L. 99-514 IN RELATION TO TREATY OBLIGATIONS OF UNITED STATES

For applicability of amendment by Pub. L. 99-514 notwithstanding any treaty obligation of the United

States in effect on Oct. 22, 1986, with provision that for such purposes any amendment by title I of Pub. L. 100-647 be treated as if it had been included in the provision of Pub. L. 99-514 to which such amendment relates, see section 1012(aa)(2), (4) of Pub. L. 100-647, set out as a note under section 861 of this title.

#### ALLOCATION OR APPORTIONMENT TO SOURCES WITHIN UNITED STATES OF RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTAL EXPENDITURES PAID OR INCURRED FOR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED IN UNITED STATES; 2-YEAR PROGRAM

Pub. L. 97-34, title II, §223(a), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 249, as amended by Pub. L. 99-514, §2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095, provided that: “In the case of the taxpayer’s first 2 taxable years beginning within 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act [Aug. 13, 1981], all research and experimental expenditures (within the meaning of section 174 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [formerly I.R.C. 1954]) which are paid or incurred in such year for research activities conducted in the United States shall be allocated or apportioned to sources within the United States.”

### § 175. Soil and water conservation expenditures; endangered species recovery expenditures

#### (a) In general

A taxpayer engaged in the business of farming may treat expenditures which are paid or incurred by him during the taxable year for the purpose of soil or water conservation in respect of land used in farming, or for the prevention of erosion of land used in farming, or for endangered species recovery, as expenses which are not chargeable to capital account. The expenditures so treated shall be allowed as a deduction.

#### (b) Limitation

The amount deductible under subsection (a) for any taxable year shall not exceed 25 percent of the gross income derived from farming during the taxable year. If for any taxable year the total of the expenditures treated as expenses which are not chargeable to capital account exceeds 25 percent of the gross income derived from farming during the taxable year, such excess shall be deductible for succeeding taxable years in order of time; but the amount deductible under this section for any one such succeeding taxable year (including the expenditures actually paid or incurred during the taxable year) shall not exceed 25 percent of the gross income derived from farming during the taxable year.

#### (c) Definitions

For purposes of subsection (a)—

(1) The term “expenditures which are paid or incurred by him during the taxable year for the purpose of soil or water conservation in respect of land used in farming, or for the prevention of erosion of land used in farming, or for endangered species recovery” means expenditures paid or incurred for the treatment or moving of earth, including (but not limited to) leveling, grading and terracing, contour furrowing, the construction, control, and protection of diversion channels, drainage ditches, earthen dams, watercourses, outlets, and ponds, the eradication of brush, and the planting of windbreaks. Such term shall include expenditures paid or incurred for the purpose of achieving site-specific management actions recommended in recovery plans ap-

proved pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973. Such term does not include—

(A) the purchase, construction, installation, or improvement of structures, appliances, or facilities which are of a character which is subject to the allowance for depreciation provided in section 167, or

(B) any amount paid or incurred which is allowable as a deduction without regard to this section.

Notwithstanding the preceding sentences, such term also includes any amount, not otherwise allowable as a deduction, paid or incurred to satisfy any part of an assessment levied by a soil or water conservation or drainage district to defray expenditures made by such district (i) which, if paid or incurred by the taxpayer, would without regard to this sentence constitute expenditures deductible under this section, or (ii) for property of a character subject to the allowance for depreciation provided in section 167 and used in the soil or water conservation or drainage district's business as such (to the extent that the taxpayer's share of the assessment levied on the members of the district for such property does not exceed 10 percent of such assessment).

(2) The term "land used in farming" means land used (before or simultaneously with the expenditures described in paragraph (1)) by the taxpayer or his tenant for the production of crops, fruits, or other agricultural products or for the sustenance of livestock.

(3) ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS.—

(A) EXPENDITURES MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH SOIL CONSERVATION PLAN OR ENDANGERED SPECIES RECOVERY PLAN.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, subsection (a) shall not apply to any expenditures unless such expenditures are consistent with—

(i) the plan (if any) approved by the Soil Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture or the recovery plan approved pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 for the area in which the land is located, or

(ii) if there is no plan described in clause (i), any soil conservation plan of a comparable State agency.

(B) CERTAIN WETLAND, ETC., ACTIVITIES NOT QUALIFIED.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to any expenditures in connection with the draining or filling of wetlands or land preparation for center pivot irrigation systems.

**(d) When method may be adopted**

**(1) Without consent**

A taxpayer may, without the consent of the Secretary, adopt the method provided in this section for the taxpayer's first taxable year for which expenditures described in subsection (a) are paid or incurred.

**(2) With consent**

A taxpayer may, with the consent of the Secretary, adopt at any time the method provided in this section.

**(e) Scope**

The method adopted under this section shall apply to all expenditures described in subsection

(a). The method adopted shall be adhered to in computing taxable income for the taxable year and for all subsequent taxable years unless, with the approval of the Secretary, a change to a different method is authorized with respect to part or all of such expenditures.

**(f) Rules applicable to assessments for depreciable property**

**(1) Amounts treated as paid or incurred over 9-year period**

In the case of an assessment levied to defray expenditures for property described in clause (ii) of the last sentence of subsection (c)(1), if the amount of such assessment paid or incurred by the taxpayer during the taxable year (determined without the application of this paragraph) is in excess of an amount equal to 10 percent of the aggregate amounts which have been and will be assessed as the taxpayer's share of the expenditures by the district for such property, and if such excess is more than \$500, the entire excess shall be treated as paid or incurred ratably over each of the 9 succeeding taxable years.

**(2) Disposition of land during 9-year period**

If paragraph (1) applies to an assessment and the land with respect to which such assessment was made is sold or otherwise disposed of by the taxpayer (other than by the reason of his death) during the 9 succeeding taxable years, any amount of the excess described in paragraph (1) which has not been treated as paid or incurred for a taxable year ending on or before the sale or other disposition shall be added to the adjusted basis of such land immediately prior to its sale or other disposition and shall not thereafter be treated as paid or incurred ratably under paragraph (1).

**(3) Disposition by reason of death**

If paragraph (1) applies to an assessment and the taxpayer dies during the 9 succeeding taxable years, any amount of the excess described in paragraph (1) which has not been treated as paid or incurred for a taxable year ending before his death shall be treated as paid or incurred in the taxable year in which he dies.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 67; Pub. L. 90-630, §5(a), (b), Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1329; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §§1901(a)(30), 1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1769, 1834; Pub. L. 99-514, title IV, §401(a), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2221; Pub. L. 110-234, title XV, §15303(a)(1)-(2)(B), (b), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1501, 1502; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title XV, §15303(a)(1)-(2)(B), (b), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2263, 2264; Pub. L. 113-295, div. A, title II, §221(a)(33), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 4042.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, referred to in subsec. (c)(1), (3)(A)(i), is Pub. L. 93-205, Dec. 28, 1973, 87 Stat. 884, which is classified principally to chapter 35 (§1531 et seq.) of Title 16, Conservation. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1531 of Title 16 and Tables.

#### CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

## AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 113-295 amended par. (1) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “A taxpayer may, without the consent of the Secretary, adopt the method provided in this section for his first taxable year—

“(A) which begins after December 31, 1953, and ends after August 16, 1954, and

“(B) for which expenditures described in subsection (a) are paid or incurred.”

2008—Pub. L. 110-246, § 15303(a)(2)(B), inserted “; endangered species recovery expenditures” after “conservation expenditures” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-246, § 15303(a)(2)(A), inserted “, or for endangered species recovery” after “erosion of land used in farming”.

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 110-246, § 15303(a)(1), (2)(A), in introductory provisions, inserted “, or for endangered species recovery” after “erosion of land used in farming” and “Such term shall include expenditures paid or incurred for the purpose of achieving site-specific management actions recommended in recovery plans approved pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973.” after first sentence.

Subsec. (c)(3)(A). Pub. L. 110-246, § 15303(b)(1), inserted “or endangered species recovery plan” after “conservation plan” in heading.

Subsec. (c)(3)(A)(i). Pub. L. 110-246, § 15303(b)(2), inserted “or the recovery plan approved pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973” after “Department of Agriculture”.

1986—Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 99-514 added par. (3).

1976—Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 94-455, § 1906(b)(13)(A), struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary”.

Subsec. (d)(1)(A). Pub. L. 94-455, § 1901(a)(30), substituted “August 16, 1954” for “the date on which this title is enacted” after “and ends after”.

Subsecs. (d)(2), (e). Pub. L. 94-455, § 1906(b)(13)(A), struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary”.

1968—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 90-630, § 5(a), in text following subpar. (B), designated as cl. (i) existing provisions covering amounts which, if paid or incurred by the taxpayer, would without regard to the exception constitute deductible expenditures, and added cl. (ii).

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 90-630, § 5(b), added subsec. (f).

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2014 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 113-295 effective Dec. 19, 2014, subject to a savings provision, see section 221(b) of Pub. L. 113-295, set out as a note under section 1 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, except as otherwise provided, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of Title 7, Agriculture.

Pub. L. 110-234, title XV, § 15303(c), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1502, and Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title XV, § 15303(c), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2264, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section] shall apply to expenditures paid or incurred after December 31, 2008.”

[Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 enacted identical provisions. Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 8701 of Title 7, Agriculture.]

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 99-514, title IV, § 401(b), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2221, provided that: “The amendment made by this section [amending this section] shall apply to amounts paid or incurred after December 31, 1986, in taxable years ending after such date.”

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 1901(a)(30) of Pub. L. 94-455 applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after

Dec. 31, 1976, see section 1901(d) of Pub. L. 94-455, set out as a note under section 2 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1968 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 90-630, § 5(c), Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1330, provided that: “The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) [amending this section] shall apply to assessments levied after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 22, 1968] in taxable years ending after such date.”

**§ 176. Payments with respect to employees of certain foreign corporations**

In the case of a domestic corporation, there shall be allowed as a deduction amounts (to the extent not compensated for) paid or incurred pursuant to an agreement entered into under section 3121(l) with respect to services performed by United States citizens employed by foreign subsidiary corporations. Any reimbursement of any amount previously allowed as a deduction under this section shall be included in gross income for the taxable year in which received.

(Added Sept. 1, 1954, ch. 1206, title II, § 210(a), 68 Stat. 1096.)

**[§ 177. Repealed. Pub. L. 99-514, title II, § 241(a), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2181]**

Section, added June 29, 1956, ch. 464, § 4(a), 70 Stat. 406; amended Oct. 4, 1976, Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, § 1906(b)(13)(A), 90 Stat. 1834, related to deductions for trademark and trade name expenditures.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Pub. L. 99-514, title II, § 241(c), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2181, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section [amending sections 312 and 1016 of this title and repealing this section] shall apply to expenditures paid or incurred after December 31, 1986.

“(2) TRANSITIONAL RULE.—The amendments made by this section shall not apply to any expenditure incurred—

“(A) pursuant to a binding contract entered into before March 2, 1986, or

“(B) with respect to the development, protection, expansion, registration, or defense of a trademark or trade name commenced before March 2, 1986, but only if not less than the lesser of \$1,000,000 or 5 percent of the aggregate cost of such development, protection, expansion, registration, or defense has been incurred or committed before such date.

The preceding sentence shall not apply to any expenditure with respect to a trademark or trade name placed in service after December 31, 1987.”

**§ 178. Amortization of cost of acquiring a lease****(a) General rule**

In determining the amount of the deduction allowable to a lessee for exhaustion, wear and tear, obsolescence, or amortization in respect of any cost of acquiring the lease, the term of the lease shall be treated as including all renewal options (and any other period for which the parties reasonably expect the lease to be renewed) if less than 75 percent of such cost is attributable to the period of the term of the lease remaining on the date of its acquisition.

**(b) Certain periods excluded**

For purposes of subsection (a), in determining the period of the term of the lease remaining on