1989—Pub. L. 101–239 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section read as follows: "If any tax required under this chapter to be deducted and withheld is paid by the recipient of the income, it shall not be re-collected from the withholding agent; nor in cases in which the tax is so paid shall any penalty be imposed on or collected from the recipient of the income or the withholding agent for failure to return or pay the same, unless such failure was fraudulent and for the purpose of evading payment."

### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1989 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 101-239, title VII, §7743(b), Dec. 19, 1989, 103 Stat. 2406, provided that: "The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply to failures after December 31, 1989."

#### § 1464. Refunds and credits with respect to withheld tax

Where there has been an overpayment of tax under this chapter, any refund or credit made under chapter 65 shall be made to the withholding agent unless the amount of such tax was actually withheld by the withholding agent.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 360.)

# [§ 1465. Repealed. Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, § 1901(a)(156), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1789]

Section, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 360, defined withholding agent.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1976, see section 1901(d) of Pub. L. 94-455, set out as an Effective Date of 1976 Amendment note under section 2 of this title.

# CHAPTER 4—TAXES TO ENFORCE REPORTING ON CERTAIN FOREIGN ACCOUNTS

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### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior chapter 4, consisting of sections 1481 and 1482, which related to rules applicable to recovery of excessive profits on government contracts, was repealed by Pub. L. 101–508, title XI, §11801(a)(37), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388–521.

Section 1481, acts Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 362; June 21, 1965, Pub. L. 89-44, title VIII, §809(d)(5)(B), 79 Stat. 168; Oct. 4, 1976, Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §§1901(a)(157), 1906(b)(13)(A), 1951(b)(14)(A), 90 Stat. 1789, 1834, 1840, related to mitigation of effect of renegotiation of government contracts.

Section 1482, added Pub. L. 85–866, title I, §62(a), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1648, related to readjustment for repayments made pursuant to price redeterminations.

#### § 1471. Withholdable payments to foreign financial institutions

### (a) In general

In the case of any withholdable payment to a foreign financial institution which does not

meet the requirements of subsection (b), the withholding agent with respect to such payment shall deduct and withhold from such payment a tax equal to 30 percent of the amount of such payment.

### (b) Reporting requirements, etc.

#### (1) In general

The requirements of this subsection are met with respect to any foreign financial institution if an agreement is in effect between such institution and the Secretary under which such institution agrees—

- (A) to obtain such information regarding each holder of each account maintained by such institution as is necessary to determine which (if any) of such accounts are United States accounts,
- (B) to comply with such verification and due diligence procedures as the Secretary may require with respect to the identification of United States accounts,
- (C) in the case of any United States account maintained by such institution, to report on an annual basis the information described in subsection (c) with respect to such account.
- (D) to deduct and withhold a tax equal to 30 percent of—
  - (i) any passthru payment which is made by such institution to a recalcitrant account holder or another foreign financial institution which does not meet the requirements of this subsection, and
- (ii) in the case of any passthru payment which is made by such institution to a foreign financial institution which has in effect an election under paragraph (3) with respect to such payment, so much of such payment as is allocable to accounts held by recalcitrant account holders or foreign financial institutions which do not meet the requirements of this subsection,
- (E) to comply with requests by the Secretary for additional information with respect to any United States account maintained by such institution, and
- (F) in any case in which any foreign law would (but for a waiver described in clause (i)) prevent the reporting of any information referred to in this subsection or subsection (c) with respect to any United States account maintained by such institution—
- (i) to attempt to obtain a valid and effective waiver of such law from each holder of such account, and
- (ii) if a waiver described in clause (i) is not obtained from each such holder within a reasonable period of time, to close such account.

Any agreement entered into under this subsection may be terminated by the Secretary upon a determination by the Secretary that the foreign financial institution is out of compliance with such agreement.

# (2) Financial institutions deemed to meet requirements in certain cases

A foreign financial institution may be treated by the Secretary as meeting the requirements of this subsection if—