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## **Sec. 7701. - Definitions**

### **(a)**

When used in this title, where not otherwise distinctly expressed or manifestly incompatible with the intent thereof -

#### **(1) Person**

The term "person" shall be construed to mean and include an individual, a trust, estate, partnership, association, company or corporation.

#### **(2) Partnership and partner**

The term "partnership" includes a syndicate, group, pool, joint venture, or other unincorporated organization, through or by means of which any business, financial operation, or venture is carried on, and which is not, within the meaning of this title, a trust or estate or a corporation; and the term "partner" includes a member in such a syndicate, group, pool, joint venture, or organization.

#### **(3) Corporation**

The term "corporation" includes

associations, joint-stock companies, and insurance companies.

**(4) Domestic**

The term "domestic" when applied to a corporation or partnership means created or organized in the United States or under the law of the United States or of any State unless, in the case of a partnership, the Secretary provides otherwise by regulations.

**(5) Foreign**

The term "foreign" when applied to a corporation or partnership means a corporation or partnership which is not domestic.

**(6) Fiduciary**

The term "fiduciary" means a guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, receiver, conservator, or any person acting in any fiduciary capacity for any person.

**(7) Stock**

The term "stock" includes shares in an association, joint-stock company, or insurance company.

**(8) Shareholder**

The term "shareholder" includes a member in an association, joint-stock company, or insurance company.

**(9) United States**

The term "United States" when used in a geographical sense includes only the States and the District of Columbia.

**(10) State**

The term "State" shall be construed to include the District of Columbia, where such construction is necessary to carry out provisions of this title.

**(11) Secretary of the Treasury and Secretary**

**(A) Secretary of the Treasury**

The term "Secretary of the Treasury" means the Secretary of the Treasury, personally, and shall not include any delegate of his.

**(B) Secretary**

The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Treasury or his delegate.

**(12) Delegate**

**(A) In general**

The term "or his delegate" -

**(i)**

when used with reference to the Secretary of the Treasury, means any officer, employee, or agency of the Treasury Department duly authorized by the Secretary of the Treasury directly, or indirectly by one or more redelegations of authority, to perform

the function mentioned or described in the context; and

**(ii)**

when used with reference to any other official of the United States, shall be similarly construed.

**(B) Performance of certain functions in Guam or American Samoa**

The term "delegate," in relation to the performance of functions in Guam or American Samoa with respect to the taxes imposed by chapters 1, 2, and 21, also includes any officer or employee of any other department or agency of the United States, or of any possession thereof, duly authorized by the Secretary (directly, or indirectly by one or more redelegations of authority) to perform such functions.

**(13) Commissioner**

The term "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

**(14) Taxpayer**

The term "taxpayer" means any person subject to any internal revenue tax.

**(15) Military or naval forces and armed forces of the United States**

The term "military or naval forces of the United States" and the term "Armed Forces of the United States" each includes all

regular and reserve components of the uniformed services which are subject to the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, or the Secretary of the Air Force, and each term also includes the Coast Guard. The members of such forces include commissioned officers and personnel below the grade of commissioned officers in such forces.

**(16) Withholding agent**

The term "withholding agent" means any person required to deduct and withhold any tax under the provisions of section 1441, 1442, 1443, or 1461.

**(17) Husband and wife**

As used in sections 152(b)(4), 682, and 2516, if the husband and wife therein referred to are divorced, wherever appropriate to the meaning of such sections, the term "wife" shall be read "former wife" and the term "husband" shall be read "former husband"; and, if the payments described in such sections are made by or on behalf of the wife or former wife to the husband or former husband instead of vice versa, wherever appropriate to the meaning of such sections, the term "husband" shall be read "wife" and the term "wife" shall be read "husband."

**(18) International organization**

The term "international organization" means a public international organization entitled to enjoy privileges, exemptions, and

immunities as an international organization under the International Organizations Immunities Act ([22 U.S.C. 288-288f](#)).

**(19) Domestic building and loan association**

The term "domestic building and loan association" means a domestic building and loan association, a domestic savings and loan association, and a Federal savings and loan association -

**(A)**

which either

**(i)**

is an insured institution within the meaning of section 401(a) [\[1\]](#) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C., sec. 1724(a)), or

**(ii)**

is subject by law to supervision and examination by State or Federal authority having supervision over such associations;

**(B)**

the business of which consists principally of acquiring the savings of the public and investing in loans; and

**(C)**

at least 60 percent of the amount of the total assets of which (at the close of the

taxable year) consists of -

**(i)**

cash,

**(ii)**

obligations of the United States or of a State or political subdivision thereof, and stock or obligations of a corporation which is an instrumentality of the United States or of a State or political subdivision thereof, but not including obligations the interest on which is excludable from gross income under section 103,

**(iii)**

certificates of deposit in, or obligations of, a corporation organized under a State law which specifically authorizes such corporation to insure the deposits or share accounts of member associations,

**(iv)**

loans secured by a deposit or share of a member,

**(v)**

loans (including redeemable ground rents, as defined in section 1055) secured by an interest in real property which is (or, from the proceeds of the loan, will become) residential real property or real property used primarily

for church purposes, loans made for the improvement of residential real property or real property used primarily for church purposes, provided that for purposes of this clause, residential real property shall include single or multifamily dwellings, facilities in residential developments dedicated to public use or property used on a nonprofit basis for residents, and mobile homes not used on a transient basis,

**(vi)**

loans secured by an interest in real property located within an urban renewal area to be developed for predominantly residential use under an urban renewal plan approved by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development under part A or part B of title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, or located within any area covered by a program eligible for assistance under section 103 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966, as amended, and loans made for the improvement of any such real property,

**(vii)**

loans secured by an interest in educational, health, or welfare institutions or facilities, including structures designed or used primarily for residential purposes for students, residents, and persons under care, employees, or members of the staff of



such institutions or facilities,

**(viii)**

property acquired through the liquidation of defaulted loans described in clause (v), (vi), or (vii),

**(ix)**

loans made for the payment of expenses of college or university education or vocational training, in accordance with such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary,

**(x)**

property used by the association in the conduct of the business described in subparagraph (B), and

**(xi)**

any regular or residual interest in a REMIC, and any regular interest in a FASIT, but only in the proportion which the assets of such REMIC or FASIT consist of property described in any of the preceding clauses of this subparagraph; except that if 95 percent or more of the assets of such REMIC or FASIT are assets described in clauses (i) through (x), the entire interest in the REMIC or FASIT shall qualify.

At the election of the taxpayer, the percentage specified in this subparagraph shall be applied on the basis of the

average assets outstanding during the taxable year, in lieu of the close of the taxable year, computed under regulations prescribed by the Secretary. For purposes of clause (v), if a multifamily structure securing a loan is used in part for nonresidential purposes, the entire loan is deemed a residential real property loan if the planned residential use exceeds 80 percent of the property's planned use (determined as of the time the loan is made). For purposes of clause (v), loans made to finance the acquisition or development of land shall be deemed to be loans secured by an interest in residential real property if, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, there is reasonable assurance that the property will become residential real property within a period of 3 years from the date of acquisition of such land; but this sentence shall not apply for any taxable year unless, within such 3-year period, such land becomes residential real property. For purposes of determining whether any interest in a REMIC qualifies under clause (xi), any regular interest in another REMIC held by such REMIC shall be treated as a loan described in a preceding clause under principles similar to the principles of clause (xi); except that, if such REMIC's are part of a tiered structure, they shall be treated as 1 REMIC for purposes of clause (xi).

## **(20) Employee**

For the purpose of applying the provisions of section 79 with respect to group-term life insurance purchased for employees, for the

purpose of applying the provisions of sections 104, 105, and 106 with respect to accident and health insurance or accident and health plans, and for the purpose of applying the provisions of subtitle A with respect to contributions to or under a stock bonus, pension, profit-sharing, or annuity plan, and with respect to distributions under such a plan, or by a trust forming part of such a plan, and for purposes of applying section 125 with respect to cafeteria plans, the term "employee" shall include a full-time life insurance salesman who is considered an employee for the purpose of chapter 21, or in the case of services performed before January 1, 1951, who would be considered an employee if his services were performed during 1951.

**(21) Levy**

The term "levy" includes the power of distraint and seizure by any means.

**(22) Attorney General**

The term "Attorney General" means the Attorney General of the United States.

**(23) Taxable year**

The term "taxable year" means the calendar year, or the fiscal year ending during such calendar year, upon the basis of which the taxable income is computed under subtitle A. "Taxable year" means, in the case of a return made for a fractional part of a year under the provisions of subtitle A or under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, the period for which such return is made.

**(24) Fiscal year**

The term "fiscal year" means an accounting period of 12 months ending on the last day of any month other than December.

**(25) Paid or incurred, paid or accrued**

The terms "paid or incurred" and "paid or accrued" shall be construed according to the method of accounting upon the basis of which the taxable income is computed under subtitle A.

**(26) Trade or business**

The term "trade or business" includes the performance of the functions of a public office.

**(27) Tax Court**

The term "Tax Court" means the United States Tax Court.

**(28) Other terms**

Any term used in this subtitle with respect to the application of, or in connection with, the provisions of any other subtitle of this title shall have the same meaning as in such provisions.

**(29) Internal Revenue Code**

The term "Internal Revenue Code of 1986" means this title, and the term "Internal Revenue Code of 1939" means the Internal Revenue Code enacted February 10, 1939, as amended.

**(30) United States person**

The term "United States person" means -

**(A)**

a citizen or resident of the United States,

**(B)**

a domestic partnership,

**(C)**

a domestic corporation,

**(D)**

any estate (other than a foreign estate,  
within the meaning of paragraph (31)),  
and

**(E)**

any trust if -

**(i)**

a court within the United States is able  
to exercise primary supervision over  
the administration of the trust, and

**(ii)**

one or more United States persons  
have the authority to control all  
substantial decisions of the trust.

**(31) Foreign estate or trust**

**(A) Foreign estate**

The term "foreign estate" means an estate the income of which, from sources without the United States which is not effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States, is not includible in gross income under subtitle A.

**(B) Foreign trust**

The term "foreign trust" means any trust other than a trust described in subparagraph (E) of paragraph (30).

**(32) Cooperative bank**

The term "cooperative bank" means an institution without capital stock organized and operated for mutual purposes and without profit, which -

**(A)**

either -

**(i)**

is an insured institution within the meaning of section 401(a) [\[2\]](#) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C., sec. 1724(a)), or

**(ii)**

is subject by law to supervision and examination by State or Federal authority having supervision over such

institutions, and

**(B)**

meets the requirements of subparagraphs (B) and (C) of paragraph (19) of this subsection (relating to definition of domestic building and loan association).

In determining whether an institution meets the requirements referred to in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, any reference to an association or to a domestic building and loan association contained in paragraph (19) shall be deemed to be a reference to such institution.

**(33) Regulated public utility**

The term "regulated public utility" means -

**(A)**

A corporation engaged in the furnishing or sale of -

**(i)**

electric energy, gas, water, or sewerage disposal services, or

**(ii)**

transportation (not included in subparagraph (C)) on an intrastate, suburban, municipal, or interurban electric railroad, on an intrastate, municipal, or suburban trackless trolley system, or on a municipal or suburban bus system, or

**(iii)**

transportation (not included in clause (ii)) by motor vehicle - if the rates for such furnishing or sale, as the case may be, have been established or approved by a State or political subdivision thereof, by an agency or instrumentality of the United States, by a public service or public utility commission or other similar body of the District of Columbia or of any State or political subdivision thereof, or by a foreign country or an agency or instrumentality or political subdivision thereof.

**(B)**

A corporation engaged as a common carrier in the furnishing or sale of transportation of gas by pipe line, if subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**(C)**

A corporation engaged as a common carrier

**(i)**

in the furnishing or sale of transportation by railroad, if subject to the jurisdiction of the Surface Transportation Board, or

**(ii)**



in the furnishing or sale of transportation of oil or other petroleum products (including shale oil) by pipe line, if subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or if the rates for such furnishing or sale are subject to the jurisdiction of a public service or public utility commission or other similar body of the District of Columbia or of any State.

**(D)**

A corporation engaged in the furnishing or sale of telephone or telegraph service, if the rates for such furnishing or sale meet the requirements of subparagraph (A).

**(E)**

A corporation engaged in the furnishing or sale of transportation as a common carrier by air, subject to the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Transportation.

**(F)**

A corporation engaged in the furnishing or sale of transportation by a water carrier subject to jurisdiction under subchapter II of chapter [135](#) of title [49](#).

**(G)**

A rail carrier subject to part A of subtitle IV of title 49, if

**(i)**

substantially all of its railroad properties have been leased to another such railroad corporation or corporations by an agreement or agreements entered into before January 1, 1954,

**(ii)**

each lease is for a term of more than 20 years, and

**(iii)**

at least 80 percent or more of its gross income (computed without regard to dividends and capital gains and losses) for the taxable year is derived from such leases and from sources described in subparagraphs (A) through (F), inclusive. For purposes of the preceding sentence, an agreement for lease of railroad properties entered into before January 1, 1954, shall be considered to be a lease including such term as the total number of years of such agreement may, unless sooner terminated, be renewed or continued under the terms of the agreement, and any such renewal or continuance under such agreement shall be considered part of the lease entered into before January 1, 1954.

**(H)**

A common parent corporation which is a common carrier by railroad subject to part A of subtitle IV of title [49](#) if at least 80 percent of its gross income (computed

without regard to capital gains or losses) is derived directly or indirectly from sources described in subparagraphs (A) through (F), inclusive. For purposes of the preceding sentence, dividends and interest, and income from leases described in subparagraph (G), received from a regulated public utility shall be considered as derived from sources described in subparagraphs (A) through (F), inclusive, if the regulated public utility is a member of an affiliated group (as defined in section 1504) which includes the common parent corporation.

The term "regulated public utility" does not (except as provided in subparagraphs (G) and (H)) include a corporation described in subparagraphs (A) through (F), inclusive, unless 80 percent or more of its gross income (computed without regard to dividends and capital gains and losses) for the taxable year is derived from sources described in subparagraphs (A) through (F), inclusive. If the taxpayer establishes to the satisfaction of the Secretary that

**(i)**

its revenue from regulated rates described in subparagraph (A) or (D) and its revenue derived from unregulated rates are derived from the operation of a single interconnected and coordinated system or from the operation of more than one such system, and

**(ii)**

the unregulated rates have been and are substantially as favorable to users and consumers as are the regulated rates, then such revenue from such unregulated rates shall be considered, for purposes of the preceding sentence, as income derived from sources described in subparagraph (A) or (D).

**(34)**

Repealed. [Pub. L. 98-369](#), div. A, title IV, Sec. 4112(b)(11), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 792)

**(35)** Enrolled actuary

The term "enrolled actuary" means a person who is enrolled by the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries established under subtitle C of the title III of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

**(36)** Income tax return preparer

**(A)** In general

The term "income tax return preparer" means any person who prepares for compensation, or who employs one or more persons to prepare for compensation, any return of tax imposed by subtitle A or any claim for refund of tax imposed by subtitle A. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the preparation of a substantial portion of a return or claim for refund shall be treated as if it were the preparation of such return or claim for refund.

## **(B) Exceptions**

A person shall not be an "income tax return preparer" merely because such person -

### **(i)**

furnishes typing, reproducing, or other mechanical assistance,

### **(ii)**

prepares a return or claim for refund of the employer (or of an officer or employee of the employer) by whom he is regularly and continuously employed,

### **(iii)**

prepares as a fiduciary a return or claim for refund for any person, or

### **(iv)**

prepares a claim for refund for a taxpayer in response to any notice of deficiency issued to such taxpayer or in response to any waiver of restriction after the commencement of an audit of such taxpayer or another taxpayer if a determination in such audit of such other taxpayer directly or indirectly affects the tax liability of such taxpayer.

## **(37) Individual retirement plan**

The term "individual retirement plan"

means -

**(A)**

an individual retirement account described in section 408(a), and

**(B)**

an individual retirement annuity described in section 408(b).

**(38) Joint return**

The term "joint return" means a single return made jointly under section 6013 by a husband and wife.

**(39) Persons residing outside United States**

If any citizen or resident of the United States does not reside in (and is not found in) any United States judicial district, such citizen or resident shall be treated as residing in the District of Columbia for purposes of any provision of this title relating to -

**(A)**

jurisdiction of courts, or

**(B)**

enforcement of summons.

**(40) Indian tribal government**

**(A) In general**

The term "Indian tribal government" means the governing body of any tribe, band, community, village, or group of Indians, or (if applicable) Alaska Natives, which is determined by the Secretary, after consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, to exercise governmental functions.

**(B) Special rule for Alaska Natives**

No determination under subparagraph (A) with respect to Alaska Natives shall grant or defer any status or powers other than those enumerated in section 7871.

Nothing in the Indian Tribal Governmental Tax Status Act of 1982, or in the amendments made thereby, shall validate or invalidate any claim by Alaska Natives of sovereign authority over lands or people.

**(41) TIN**

The term "TIN" means the identifying number assigned to a person under section 6109.

**(42) Substituted basis property**

The term "substituted basis property" means property which is -

**(A)**

transferred basis property, or

**(B)**

exchanged basis property.

### **(43) Transferred basis property**

The term "transferred basis property" means property having a basis determined under any provision of subtitle A (or under any corresponding provision of prior income tax law) providing that the basis shall be determined in whole or in part by reference to the basis in the hands of the donor, grantor, or other transferor.

### **(44) Exchanged basis property**

The term "exchanged basis property" means property having a basis determined under any provision of subtitle A (or under any corresponding provision of prior income tax law) providing that the basis shall be determined in whole or in part by reference to other property held at any time by the person for whom the basis is to be determined.

### **(45) Nonrecognition transaction**

The term "nonrecognition transaction" means any disposition of property in a transaction in which gain or loss is not recognized in whole or in part for purposes of subtitle A.

### **(46) Determination of whether there is a collective bargaining agreement**

In determining whether there is a collective bargaining agreement between employee representatives and 1 or more employers, the term "employee representatives" shall not include any organization more than one-half of the members of which are employees



who are owners, officers, or executives of the employer. An agreement shall not be treated as a collective bargaining agreement unless it is a bona fide agreement between bona fide employee representatives and 1 or more employers.

**(b)** Definition of resident alien and nonresident alien

**(1)** In general

For purposes of this title (other than subtitle B) -

**(A)** Resident alien

An alien individual shall be treated as a resident of the United States with respect to any calendar year if (and only if) such individual meets the requirements of clause (i), (ii), or (iii):

**(i)** Lawfully admitted for permanent residence

Such individual is a lawful permanent resident of the United States at any time during such calendar year.

**(ii)** Substantial presence test

Such individual meets the substantial presence test of paragraph (3).

**(iii)** First year election

Such individual makes the election provided in paragraph (4).

**(B) Nonresident alien**

An individual is a nonresident alien if such individual is neither a citizen of the United States nor a resident of the United States (within the meaning of subparagraph (A)).

**(2) Special rules for first and last year of residency**

**(A) First year of residency**

**(i) In general**

If an alien individual is a resident of the United States under paragraph (1) (A) with respect to any calendar year, but was not a resident of the United States at any time during the preceding calendar year, such alien individual shall be treated as a resident of the United States only for the portion of such calendar year which begins on the residency starting date.

**(ii) Residency starting date for individuals lawfully admitted for permanent residence**

In the case of an individual who is a lawfully permanent resident of the United States at any time during the calendar year, but does not meet the substantial presence test of paragraph (3), the residency starting date shall be the first day in such calendar year on which he was present in the United States while a lawful permanent resident of the United States.

**(iii)** Residency starting date for individuals meeting substantial presence test

In the case of an individual who meets the substantial presence test of paragraph (3) with respect to any calendar year, the residency starting date shall be the first day during such calendar year on which the individual is present in the United States.

**(iv)** Residency starting date for individuals making first year election

In the case of an individual who makes the election provided by paragraph (4) with respect to any calendar year, the residency starting date shall be the 1st day during such calendar year on which the individual is treated as a resident of the United States under that paragraph.

**(B)** Last year of residency

An alien individual shall not be treated as a resident of the United States during a portion of any calendar year if -

**(i)**

such portion is after the last day in such calendar year on which the individual was present in the United States (or, in the case of an individual described in paragraph (1)(A)(i), the last day on which he was so described),

**(ii)**

during such portion the individual has a closer connection to a foreign country than to the United States, and

**(iii)**

the individual is not a resident of the United States at any time during the next calendar year.

**(C) Certain nominal presence disregarded**

**(i) In general**

For purposes of subparagraphs (A) (iii) and (B), an individual shall not be treated as present in the United States during any period for which the individual establishes that he has a closer connection to a foreign country than to the United States.

**(ii) Not more than 10 days disregarded**

Clause (i) shall not apply to more than 10 days on which the individual is present in the United States.

**(3) Substantial presence test**

**(A) In general**

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, an individual meets the substantial presence test of this paragraph with respect to any calendar year (hereinafter in this subsection referred to as the "current year") if -

**(i)**

such individual was present in the United States on at least 31 days during the calendar year, and

**(ii)**

the sum of the number of days on which such individual was present in the United States during the current year and the 2 preceding calendar years (when multiplied by the applicable multiplier determined under the following table) equals or exceeds 183 days: The applicable In the case of days in: multiplier is: Current year 1 1st preceding year 1/3 2nd preceding year 1/6

**(B)** Exception where individual is present in the United States during less than one-half of current year and closer connection to foreign country is established

An individual shall not be treated as meeting the substantial presence test of this paragraph with respect to any current year if -

**(i)**

such individual is present in the United States on fewer than 183 days during the current year, and

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**(ii)**

it is established that for the current year such individual has a tax home (as

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defined in section 911(d)(3) without regard to the second sentence thereof) in a foreign country and has a closer connection to such foreign country than to the United States.

**(C) Subparagraph (B) not to apply in certain cases**

Subparagraph (B) shall not apply to any individual with respect to any current year if at any time during such year -

**(i)**

such individual had an application for adjustment of status pending, or

**(ii)**

such individual took other steps to apply for status as a lawful permanent resident of the United States.

**(D) Exception for exempt individuals or for certain medical conditions**

An individual shall not be treated as being present in the United States on any day if -

**(i)**

such individual is an exempt individual for such day, or

**(ii)**

such individual was unable to leave the United States on such day because of a

medical condition which arose while such individual was present in the United States.

**(4) First-year election**

**(A)**

An alien individual shall be deemed to meet the requirements of this subparagraph if such individual -

**(i)**

is not a resident of the United States under clause (i) or (ii) of paragraph (1)(A) with respect to a calendar year (hereinafter referred to as the "election year"),

**(ii)**

was not a resident of the United States under paragraph (1)(A) with respect to the calendar year immediately preceding the election year,

**(iii)**

is a resident of the United States under clause (ii) of paragraph (1)(A) with respect to the calendar year immediately following the election year, and

**(iv)**

is both -

**(I)**

present in the United States for a period of at least 31 consecutive days in the election year, and

**(II)**

present in the United States during the period beginning with the first day of such 31-day period and ending with the last day of the election year (hereinafter referred to as the "testing period") for a number of days equal to or exceeding 75 percent of the number of days in the testing period (provided that an individual shall be treated for purposes of this subclause as present in the United States for a number of days during the testing period not exceeding 5 days in the aggregate, notwithstanding his absence from the United States on such days).

**(B)**

An alien individual who meets the requirements of subparagraph (A) shall, if he so elects, be treated as a resident of the United States with respect to the election year.

**(C)**

An alien individual who makes the election provided by subparagraph (B) shall be treated as a resident of the United States for the portion of the election year which begins on the 1st day



of the earliest testing period during such year with respect to which the individual meets the requirements of clause (iv) of subparagraph (A).

**(D)**

The rules of subparagraph (D) (i) of paragraph (3) shall apply for purposes of determining an individual's presence in the United States under this paragraph.

**(E)**

An election under subparagraph (B) shall be made on the individual's tax return for the election year, provided that such election may not be made before the individual has met the substantial presence test of paragraph (3) with respect to the calendar year immediately following the election year.

**(F)**

An election once made under subparagraph (B) remains in effect for the election year, unless revoked with the consent of the Secretary.

**(5) Exempt individual defined**

For purposes of this subsection -

**(A) In general**

An individual is an exempt individual for any day if, for such day, such individual is

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**(i)**

a foreign government-related individual,

**(ii)**

a teacher or trainee,

**(iii)**

a student, or

**(iv)**

a professional athlete who is temporarily in the United States to compete in a charitable sports event described in section 274(l)(1)(B).

**(B) Foreign government-related individual**

The term "foreign government-related individual" means any individual temporarily present in the United States by reason of -

**(i)**

diplomatic status, or a visa which the Secretary (after consultation with the Secretary of State) determines represents full-time diplomatic or consular status for purposes of this subsection,

**(ii)**

being a full-time employee of an international organization, or

**(iii)**

being a member of the immediate family of an individual described in clause (i) or (ii).

**(C) Teacher or trainee**

The term "teacher or trainee" means any individual -

**(i)**

who is temporarily present in the United States under subparagraph (J) or (Q) of section 101(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (other than as a student), and

**(ii)**

who substantially complies with the requirements for being so present.

**(D) Student**

The term "student" means any individual -

**(i)**

who is temporarily present in the United States -

**(I)**

under subparagraph (F) or (M) of section 101(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, or

## **(II)**

as a student under subparagraph (J) or (Q) of such section 101(15), and (ii) who substantially complies with the requirements for being so present.

### **(E) Special rules for teachers, trainees, and students**

#### **(i) Limitation on teachers and trainees**

An individual shall not be treated as an exempt individual by reason of clause (ii) of subparagraph (A) for the current year if, for any 2 calendar years during the preceding 6 calendar years, such person was an exempt person under clause (ii) or (iii) of subparagraph (A). In the case of an individual all of whose compensation is described in section 872(b)(3), the preceding sentence shall be applied by substituting "4 calendar years" for "2 calendar years".

#### **(ii) Limitation on students**

For any calendar year after the 5th calendar year for which an individual was an exempt individual under clause (ii) or (iii) of subparagraph (A), such individual shall not be treated as an exempt individual by reason of clause (iii) of subparagraph (A), unless such individual establishes to the satisfaction of the Secretary that such individual does not intend to permanently reside in the United States and that such individual meets the requirements of

subparagraph (D) (ii).

**(6) Lawful permanent resident**

For purposes of this subsection, an individual is a lawful permanent resident of the United States at any time if -

**(A)**

such individual has the status of having been lawfully accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant in accordance with the immigration laws, and

**(B)**

such status has not been revoked (and has not been administratively or judicially determined to have been abandoned).

**(7) Presence in the United States**

For purposes of this subsection -

**(A) In general**

Except as provided in subparagraph (B), (C), or (D), an individual shall be treated as present in the United States on any day if such individual is physically present in the United States at any time during such day.

**(B) Commuters from Canada or Mexico**

If an individual regularly commutes to employment (or self-employment) in the United States from a place of residence in

Canada or Mexico, such individual shall not be treated as present in the United States on any day during which he so commutes.

**(C) Transit between 2 foreign points**

If an individual, who is in transit between 2 points outside the United States, is physically present in the United States for less than 24 hours, such individual shall not be treated as present in the United States on any day during such transit.

**(D) Crew members temporarily present**

An individual who is temporarily present in the United States on any day as a regular member of the crew of a foreign vessel engaged in transportation between the United States and a foreign country or a possession of the United States shall not be treated as present in the United States on such day unless such individual otherwise engages in any trade or business in the United States on such day.

**(8) Annual statements**

The Secretary may prescribe regulations under which an individual who (but for subparagraph (B) or (D) of paragraph (3)) would meet the substantial presence test of paragraph (3) is required to submit an annual statement setting forth the basis on which such individual claims the benefits of subparagraph (B) or (D) of paragraph (3), as the case may be.

**(9) Taxable year**

**(A) In general**

For purposes of this title, an alien individual who has not established a taxable year for any prior period shall be treated as having a taxable year which is the calendar year.

**(B) Fiscal year taxpayer**

If -

**(i)**

an individual is treated under paragraph (1) as a resident of the United States for any calendar year, and

**(ii)**

after the application of subparagraph (A), such individual has a taxable year other than a calendar year,

he shall be treated as a resident of the United States with respect to any portion of a taxable year which is within such calendar year.

**(10) Coordination with section 877**

If -

**(A)**

an alien individual was treated as a resident of the United States during any

period which includes at least 3 consecutive calendar years (hereinafter referred to as the "initial residency period"), and

**(B)**

such individual ceases to be treated as a resident of the United States but subsequently becomes a resident of the United States before the close of the 3rd calendar year beginning after the close of the initial residency period,

such individual shall be taxable for the period after the close of the initial residency period and before the day on which he subsequently became a resident of the United States in the manner provided in section 877(b). The preceding sentence shall apply only if the tax imposed pursuant to section 877(b) exceeds the tax which, without regard to this paragraph, is imposed pursuant to section 871.

**(11) Regulations**

The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this subsection.

**(c) Includes and including**

The terms "includes" and "including" when used in a definition contained in this title shall not be deemed to exclude other things otherwise within the meaning of the term defined.



**(d) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico**

Where not otherwise distinctly expressed or manifestly incompatible with the intent thereof, references in this title to possessions of the United States shall be treated as also referring to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

**(e) Treatment of certain contracts for providing services, etc.**

For purposes of chapter 1 -

**(1) In general**

A contract which purports to be a service contract shall be treated as a lease of property if such contract is properly treated as a lease of property, taking into account all relevant factors including whether or not -

**(A)**

the service recipient is in physical possession of the property,

**(B)**

the service recipient controls the property,

**(C)**

the service recipient has a significant economic or possessory interest in the property,

**(D)**

the service provider does not bear any

risk of substantially diminished receipts or substantially increased expenditures if there is nonperformance under the contract,

**(E)**

the service provider does not use the property concurrently to provide significant services to entities unrelated to the service recipient, and

**(F)**

the total contract price does not substantially exceed the rental value of the property for the contract period.

**(2) Other arrangements**

An arrangement (including a partnership or other pass-thru entity) which is not described in paragraph (1) shall be treated as a lease if such arrangement is properly treated as a lease, taking into account all relevant factors including factors similar to those set forth in paragraph (1).

**(3) Special rules for contracts or arrangements involving solid waste disposal, energy, and clean water facilities**

**(A) In general**

Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), and except as provided in paragraph (4), any contract or arrangement between a service provider and a service recipient -

**(i)**

with respect to -

**(I)**

the operation of a qualified solid waste disposal facility,

**(II)**

the sale to the service recipient of electrical or thermal energy produced at a cogeneration or alternative energy facility, or

**(III)**

the operation of a water treatment works facility, and

**(ii)**

which purports to be a service contract, shall be treated as a service contract.

**(B) Qualified solid waste disposal facility**

For purposes of subparagraph (A), the term "qualified solid waste disposal facility" means any facility if such facility provides solid waste disposal services for residents of part or all of 1 or more governmental units and substantially all of the solid waste processed at such facility is collected from the general public.

**(C) Cogeneration facility**

For purposes of subparagraph (A), the term "cogeneration facility" means a facility which uses the same energy source for the sequential generation of electrical or mechanical power in combination with steam, heat, or other forms of useful energy.

**(D) Alternative energy facility**

For purposes of subparagraph (A), the term "alternative energy facility" means a facility for producing electrical or thermal energy if the primary energy source for the facility is not oil, natural gas, coal, or nuclear power.

**(E) Water treatment works facility**

For purposes of subparagraph (A), the term "water treatment works facility" means any treatment works within the meaning of section 212(2) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

**(4) Paragraph (3) not to apply in certain cases**

**(A) In general**

Paragraph (3) shall not apply to any qualified solid waste disposal facility, cogeneration facility, alternative energy facility, or water treatment works facility used under a contract or arrangement if -

**(i)**

the service recipient (or a related entity) operates such facility,

**(ii)**

the service recipient (or a related entity) bears any significant financial burden if there is nonperformance under the contract or arrangement (other than for reasons beyond the control of the service provider),

**(iii)**

the service recipient (or a related entity) receives any significant financial benefit if the operating costs of such facility are less than the standards of performance or operation under the contract or arrangement, or

**(iv)**

the service recipient (or a related entity) has an option to purchase, or may be required to purchase, all or a part of such facility at a fixed and determinable price (other than for fair market value).

For purposes of this paragraph, the term "related entity" has the same meaning as when used in section 168(h).

**(B)** Special rules for application of subparagraph (A) with respect to certain rights and allocations under the contract

For purposes of subparagraph (A), there shall not be taken into account -

**(i)**

any right of a service recipient to inspect any facility, to exercise any sovereign power the service recipient may possess, or to act in the event of a breach of contract by the service provider, or

**(ii)**

any allocation of any financial burden or benefits in the event of any change in any law.

**(C) Special rules for application of subparagraph (A) in the case of certain events**

**(i) Temporary shut-downs, etc.**

For purposes of clause (ii) of subparagraph (A), there shall not be taken into account any temporary shut-down of the facility for repairs, maintenance, or capital improvements, or any financial burden caused by the bankruptcy or similar financial difficulty of the service provider.

**(ii) Reduced costs**

For purposes of clause (iii) of subparagraph (A), there shall not be taken into account any significant financial benefit merely because payments by the service recipient under the contract or arrangement are decreased by reason of increased production or efficiency or the recovery of energy or other products.

## **(5) Exception for certain low-income housing**

This subsection shall not apply to any property described in clause (i), (ii), (iii), or (iv) of section 1250(a)(1)(B) (relating to low-income housing) if -

### **(A)**

such property is operated by or for an organization described in paragraph (3) or (4) of section 501(c), and

### **(B)**

at least 80 percent of the units in such property are leased to low-income tenants (within the meaning of section 167(k)(3)(B)) (as in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of the Revenue Reconciliation [\[3\]](#) Act of 1990). "Reconciliation".

## **(6) Regulations**

The Secretary may prescribe such regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

## **(f) Use of related persons or pass-thru entities**

The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to prevent the avoidance of those provisions of this title which deal with -

### **(1)**

the linking of borrowing to investment, or

**(2)**

diminishing risks,

through the use of related persons, pass-thru entities, or other intermediaries.

**(g)** Clarification of fair market value in the case of nonrecourse indebtedness

For purposes of subtitle A, in determining the amount of gain or loss (or deemed gain or loss) with respect to any property, the fair market value of such property shall be treated as being not less than the amount of any nonrecourse indebtedness to which such property is subject.

**(h)** Motor vehicle operating leases

**(1)** In general

For purposes of this title, in the case of a qualified motor vehicle operating agreement which contains a terminal rental adjustment clause -

**(A)**

such agreement shall be treated as a lease if (but for such terminal rental adjustment clause) such agreement would be treated as a lease under this title, and

**(B)**

the lessee shall not be treated as the owner of the property subject to an



agreement during any period such agreement is in effect.

**(2) Qualified motor vehicle operating agreement defined**

For purposes of this subsection -

**(A) In general**

The term "qualified motor vehicle operating agreement" means any agreement with respect to a motor vehicle (including a trailer) which meets the requirements of subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D) of this paragraph.

**(B) Minimum liability of lessor**

An agreement meets the requirements of this subparagraph if under such agreement the sum of -

**(i)**

the amount the lessor is personally liable to repay, and

**(ii)**

the net fair market value of the lessor's interest in any property pledged as security for property subject to the agreement,

equals or exceeds all amounts borrowed to finance the acquisition of property subject to the agreement. There shall not be taken into account under clause (ii) any property pledged which is property

subject to the agreement or property directly or indirectly financed by indebtedness secured by property subject to the agreement.

**(C) Certification by lessee; notice of tax ownership**

An agreement meets the requirements of this subparagraph if such agreement contains a separate written statement separately signed by the lessee -

**(i)**

under which the lessee certifies, under penalty of perjury, that it intends that more than 50 percent of the use of the property subject to such agreement is to be in a trade or business of the lessee, and

**(ii)**

which clearly and legibly states that the lessee has been advised that it will not be treated as the owner of the property subject to the agreement for Federal income tax purposes.

**(D) Lessor must have no knowledge that certification is false**

An agreement meets the requirements of this subparagraph if the lessor does not know that the certification described in subparagraph (C) (i) is false.

**(3) Terminal rental adjustment clause defined**

**(A) In general**

For purposes of this subsection, the term "terminal rental adjustment clause" means a provision of an agreement which permits or requires the rental price to be adjusted upward or downward by reference to the amount realized by the lessor under the agreement upon sale or other disposition of such property.

**(B) Special rule for lessee dealers**

The term "terminal rental adjustment clause" also includes a provision of an agreement which requires a lessee who is a dealer in motor vehicles to purchase the motor vehicle for a predetermined price and then resell such vehicle where such provision achieves substantially the same results as a provision described in subparagraph (A).

**(i) Taxable mortgage pools**

**(1) Treated as separate corporations**

A taxable mortgage pool shall be treated as a separate corporation which may not be treated as an includible corporation with any other corporation for purposes of section 1501.

**(2) Taxable mortgage pool defined**

For purposes of this title -

**(A) In general**

Except as otherwise provided in this

paragraph, a taxable mortgage pool is any entity (other than a REMIC or a FASIT) if -

**(i)**

substantially all of the assets of such entity consists of debt obligations (or interests therein) and more than 50 percent of such debt obligations (or interests) consists of real estate mortgages (or interests therein),

**(ii)**

such entity is the obligor under debt obligations with 2 or more maturities, and

**(iii)**

under the terms of the debt obligations referred to in clause (ii) (or underlying arrangement), payments on such debt obligations bear a relationship to payments on the debt obligations (or interests) referred to in clause (i).

**(B)** Portion of entities treated as pools

Any portion of an entity which meets the definition of subparagraph (A) shall be treated as a taxable mortgage pool.

**(C)** Exception for domestic building and loan

Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to treat any domestic building and loan association (or portion thereof) as a taxable mortgage pool.

**(D)** Treatment of certain equity interests

To the extent provided in regulations, equity interest of varying classes which correspond to maturity classes of debt shall be treated as debt for purposes of this subsection.

**(3)** Treatment of certain REIT's

If -

**(A)**

a real estate investment trust is a taxable mortgage pool, or

**(B)**

a qualified REIT subsidiary (as defined in section 856(i)(2)) of a real estate investment trust is a taxable mortgage pool,

under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, adjustments similar to the adjustments provided in section 860E(d) shall apply to the shareholders of such real estate investment trust.

**(j)** Tax treatment of Federal Thrift Savings Fund

**(1)** In general

For purposes of this title -

**(A)**

the Thrift Savings Fund shall be treated

as a trust described in section 401 (a) which is exempt from taxation under section 501 (a);

**(B)**

any contribution to, or distribution from, the Thrift Savings Fund shall be treated in the same manner as contributions to or distributions from such a trust; and

**(C)**

subject to section 401 (k) (4) (B) and any dollar limitation on the application of section 402 (e) (3), contributions to the Thrift Savings Fund shall not be treated as distributed or made available to an employee or Member nor as a contribution made to the Fund by an employee or Member merely because the employee or Member has, under the provisions of subchapter III of chapter [84](#) of title [5](#), United States Code, and section 8351 of such title [5](#), an election whether the contribution will be made to the Thrift Savings Fund or received by the employee or Member in cash.

**(2) Nondiscrimination requirements**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Thrift Savings Fund is not subject to the nondiscrimination requirements applicable to arrangements described in section 401 (k) or to matching contributions (as described in section 401 (m)), so long as it meets the requirements of this section.

**(3) Coordination with Social Security Act**

Paragraph (1) shall not be construed to provide that any amount of the employee's or Member's basic pay which is contributed to the Thrift Savings Fund shall not be included in the term "wages" for the purposes of section 209 of the Social Security Act or section [3121](#)(a) of this title.

#### **(4) Definitions**

For purposes of this subsection, the terms "Member", "employee", and "Thrift Savings Fund" shall have the same respective meanings as when used in subchapter III of chapter [84](#) of title [5](#), United States Code.

#### **(5) Coordination with other provisions of law**

No provision of law not contained in this title shall apply for purposes of determining the treatment under this title of the Thrift Savings Fund or any contribution to, or distribution from, such Fund.

#### **(k) Treatment of certain amounts paid to charity**

In the case of any payment which, except for section 501(b) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, might be made to any officer or employee of the Federal Government but which is made instead on behalf of such officer or employee to an organization described in section 170(c) -

#### **(1)**

such payment shall not be treated as received by such officer or employee for all purposes of this title and for all purposes of

any tax law of a State or political subdivision thereof, and

**(2)**

no deduction shall be allowed under any provision of this title (or of any tax law of a State or political subdivision thereof) to such officer or employee by reason of having such payment made to such organization.

For purposes of this subsection, a Senator, a Representative in, or a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress shall be treated as an officer or employee of the Federal Government.

**(l) Regulations relating to conduit arrangements**

The Secretary may prescribe regulations recharacterizing any multiple-party financing transaction as a transaction directly among any 2 or more of such parties where the Secretary determines that such recharacterization is appropriate to prevent avoidance of any tax imposed by this title.

**(m) Designation of contract markets**

Any designation by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission of a contract market which could not have been made under the law in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of the Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000 shall apply for purposes of this title except to the extent provided in regulations prescribed by the Secretary.

**(n) Cross references**



**(1)** Other definitions For other definitions, see the following sections of Title 1

For other definitions, see the following sections of Title [1](#) of the United States Code:

**(1)**

Singular as including plural, section 1.

**(2)**

Plural as including singular, section 1.

**(3)**

Masculine as including feminine, section 1.

**(4)**

Officer, section 1.

**(5)**

Oath as including affirmation, section 1.

**(6)**

County as including parish, section 2.

**(7)**

Vessel as including all means of water transportation, section 3.

**(8)**

Vehicle as including all means of land transportation, section 4.

**(9)**

Company or association as including successors and assigns, section 5.

**(2)** Effect of cross references For effect of cross references in this title, see section

For effect of cross references in this title, see section 7806(a)

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[\[1\]](#) See References in Text note below.

[\[2\]](#) See References in Text note below.

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