

Listed Transactions Update

Notice 2001-51

On February 28, 2000, the Internal Revenue Service issued Notice 2000-15, 2000-12 I.R.B. 826, identifying certain transactions as “listed transactions” for purposes of § 1.6011-4T(b)(2) of the temporary Income Tax Regulations and § 301.6111-2T(b)(2) of the temporary Procedure and Administration Regulations. This notice restates the list of transactions identified in Notice 2000-15 as “listed transactions” effective February 28, 2000, and updates the list by adding transactions identified in notices released subsequent to February 28, 2000.

Transactions that are the same as or substantially similar to transactions described in the list below have been determined by the Service to be tax avoidance transactions and are identified as “listed transactions” for purposes of § 1.6011-4T(b)(2) and § 301.6111-2T(b)(2). As a result, corporate taxpayers may need to disclose their participation in these listed transactions as prescribed in § 1.6011-4T, and promoters (or other persons responsible for registering tax shelter transactions) may need to register these transactions under § 301.6111-2T. In addition, promoters must maintain lists of investors and other information with respect to these listed transactions pursuant to § 301.6112-1T.

(1) Rev. Rul. 90-105, 1990-2 C.B. 69 (transactions in which taxpayers claim deductions for contributions to a qualified cash or deferred arrangement or matching contributions to a defined contribution plan where the contributions are attributable to compensation earned by plan participants after the end of the taxable year (identified as “listed transactions” on February 28, 2000));

(2) Notice 95-34, 1995-1 C.B. 309 (certain trust arrangements purported to qualify as multiple employer welfare benefit funds exempt from the limits of §§ 419 and 419A of the Internal Revenue Code (identified as “listed transactions” on February 28, 2000));

(3) Notice 95-53, 1995-2 C.B. 334 (certain multiple-party transactions intended to allow one party to realize rental or other income from property or service contracts and to allow another party to report deductions related to that income

(often referred to as “lease strips”) (identified as “listed transactions” on February 28, 2000));

(4) Transactions described in Part II of Notice 98–5, 1998–1 C.B. 334 (transactions in which the reasonably expected economic profit is insubstantial in comparison to the value of the expected foreign tax credits (identified as “listed transactions” on February 28, 2000));

(5) Transactions substantially similar to those at issue in *ASA Investering's Partnership v. Commissioner*, 201 F.3d 505 (D.C. Cir. 2000), and *ACM Partnership v. Commissioner*, 157 F.3d 231 (3d Cir. 1998) (transactions involving contingent installment sales of securities by partnerships in order to accelerate and allocate income to a tax-indifferent partner, such as a tax-exempt entity or foreign person, and to allocate later losses to another partner (identified as “listed transactions” on February 28, 2000));

(6) Treas. Reg. § 1.643(a)–8 (transactions involving distributions described in § 1.643(a)–8 from charitable remainder trusts (identified as “listed transactions” on February 28, 2000));

(7) Rev. Rul. 99–14, 1999–1 C.B. 835 (transactions in which a taxpayer purports to lease property and then purports to immediately sublease it back to the lessor (that is, lease-in/lease-out or LILO transactions) (identified as “listed transactions” on February 28, 2000));

(8) Notice 99–59, 1999–2 C.B. 761 (transactions involving the distribution of encumbered property in which taxpayers claim tax losses for capital outlays that they have in fact recovered (identified as “listed transactions” on February 28, 2000));

(9) Treas. Reg. § 1.7701(l)–3, (transactions involving fast-pay arrangements as defined in § 1.7701(l)–3(b) (identified as “listed transactions” on February 28, 2000));

(10) Rev. Rul. 2000–12, 2000–11 I.R.B. 744 (certain transactions involving the acquisition of two debt instruments the values of which are expected to change significantly at about the same time in opposite directions (identified as “listed transactions” on February 28, 2000));

(11) Notice 2000–44, 2000–36 I.R.B. 255 (transactions generating losses resulting from artificially inflating the basis of

partnership interests (identified as “listed transactions” on August 11, 2000));

(12) Notice 2000–60, 2000–49 I.R.B. 568 (transactions involving the purchase of a parent corporation’s stock by a subsidiary, a subsequent transfer of the purchased parent stock from the subsidiary to the parent’s employees, and the eventual liquidation or sale of the subsidiary (identified as “listed transactions” on November 16, 2000));

(13) Notice 2000–61, 2000–49 I.R.B. 569 (transactions purporting to apply § 935 to Guamanian trusts (identified as “listed transactions” on November 21, 2000));

(14) Notice 2001–16, 2001–9 I.R.B. 730 (transactions involving the use of an intermediary to sell the assets of a corporation (identified as “listed transactions” on January 18, 2001));

(15) Notice 2001–17, 2001–9 I.R.B. 730 (transactions involving a loss on the sale of stock acquired in a purported § 351 transfer of a high basis asset to a corporation and the corporation’s assumption of a liability that the transferor has not yet taken into account for federal income tax purposes (identified as “listed transactions” on January 18, 2001)); and

(16) Notice 2001–45, 2001–33 I.R.B. 129 (certain redemptions of stock in transactions not subject to U.S. tax in which the basis of the redeemed stock is purported to shift to a U.S. taxpayer (identified as “listed transactions” on July 26, 2001)).

Notice 2000–15 is supplemented and superseded.

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