

## **Tax Reduction Letter**

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## Internal Revenue Code Section 1361(b)(1)(C)

- S Corporation defined.
- (a) S Corporation defined.
- (1) In general. For purposes of this title, the term "S corporation" means, with respect to any taxable year, a small business corporation for which an election under section 1362(a) is in effect for such year.
- (2) C corporation. For purposes of this title, the term "C corporation" means, with respect to any taxable year, a corporation which is not an S corporation for such year.
- (b) Small business corporation.
- (1) In general. For purposes of this subchapter, the term "small business corporation" means a domestic corporation which is not an ineligible corporation and which does not--
  - (A) have more than 100 shareholders,
- (B) have as a shareholder a person (other than an estate, a trust described in subsection (c)(2), or an organization described in subsection (c)(6)) who is not an individual,



- (C) have a nonresident alien as a shareholder, and
- (D) have more than 1 class of stock.
- (2) Ineligible corporation defined. For purposes of paragraph (1), the term "ineligible corporation" means any corporation which is—
- (A) a financial institution which uses the reserve method of accounting for bad debts described in section 585,
  - (B) an insurance company subject to tax under subchapter L,
  - (C) a corporation to which an election under section 936 applies, or
  - (D) a DISC or former DISC.
  - (3) Treatment of certain wholly owned subsidiaries.
- (A) In general. Except as provided in regulations prescribed by the Secretary, for purposes of this title--

- (i) a corporation which is a qualified subchapter S subsidiary shall not be treated as a separate corporation, and
- (ii) all assets, liabilities, and items of income, deduction, and credit of a qualified subchapter S subsidiary shall be treated as assets, liabilities, and such items (as the case may be) of the S corporation.
- (B) Qualified subchapter S subsidiary. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "qualified subchapter S subsidiary" means any domestic corporation which is not an ineligible corporation (as defined in paragraph (2)), if—
  - (i) 100 percent of the stock of such corporation is held by the S corporation, and
  - (ii) the S corporation elects to treat such corporation as a qualified subchapter S subsidiary.
  - (C) Treatment of terminations of qualified subchapter S subsidiary status.
- (i) In general. For purposes of this title, if any corporation which was a qualified subchapter S subsidiary ceases to meet the requirements of subparagraph (B), such corporation shall be treated as a new corporation acquiring all of its assets (and assuming all of its liabilities) immediately before such cessation from the S corporation in exchange for its stock.
- (ii) Termination by reason of sale of stock. If the failure to meet the requirements of subparagraph (B) is by reason of the sale of stock of a corporation which is a qualified subchapter S subsidiary, the sale of such stock shall be treated as if—
- (I) the sale were a sale of an undivided interest in the assets of such corporation (based on the percentage of the corporation's stock sold), and
- (II) the sale were followed by an acquisition by such corporation of all of its assets (and the assumption by such corporation of all of its liabilities) in a transaction to which section 351 applies.
- (D) Election after termination. If a corporation's status as a qualified subchapter S subsidiary terminates, such corporation (and any successor corporation) shall not be eligible to make—
- (i) an election under subparagraph (B)(ii) to be treated as a qualified subchapter S subsidiary, or
- (ii) an election under section 1362(a) to be treated as an S corporation, before its 5th taxable year which begins after the 1st taxable year for which such termination was effective, unless the Secretary consents to such election.
- (E) Information returns. Except to the extent provided by the Secretary, this paragraph shall not apply to part III of subchapter A of chapter 61 (relating to information returns).

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