

Tax Reduction Letter

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Internal Revenue Code Section 1411(c)(2) Imposition of tax.

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- (c) Net investment income. For purposes of this chapter [this section]—
 - (1) In general. The term "net investment income" means the excess (if any) of--
 - (A) the sum of--
- (i) gross income from interest, dividends, annuities, royalties, and rents, other than such income which is derived in the ordinary course of a trade or business not described in paragraph (2),
 - (ii) other gross income derived from a trade or business described in paragraph (2), and
- (iii) net gain (to the extent taken into account in computing taxable income) attributable to the disposition of property other than property held in a trade or business not described in paragraph (2), over
- (B) the deductions allowed by this subtitle which are properly allocable to such gross income or net gain.
- (2) Trades and businesses to which tax applies. A trade or business is described in this paragraph if such trade or business is—
 - (A) a passive activity (within the meaning of section 469) with respect to the taxpayer, or
- (B) a trade or business of trading in financial instruments or commodities (as defined in section 475(e)(2)).
- (3) Income on investment of working capital subject to tax. A rule similar to the rule of section 469(e)(1)(B) shall apply for purposes of this subsection.
- (4) Exception for certain active interests in partnerships and S corporations. In the case of a disposition of an interest in a partnership or S corporation—
- (A) gain from such disposition shall be taken into account under clause (iii) of paragraph (1)(A) only to the extent of the net gain which would be so taken into account by the transferor if all property of the partnership or S corporation were sold for fair market value immediately before the disposition of such interest, and

- (B) a rule similar to the rule of subparagraph (A) shall apply to a loss from such disposition.
- (5) Exception for distributions from qualified plans. The term "net investment income" shall not include any distribution from a plan or arrangement described in section 401(a), 403(a), 403(b), 408, 408A, or 457(b).
- (6) Special rule. Net investment income shall not include any item taken into account in determining self-employment income for such taxable year on which a tax is imposed by section 1401(b).

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