

Tax Reduction Letter

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Internal Revenue Code Section 56(a)(1)(A)(ii)

Adjustments in computing alternative minimum taxable income

- (a) Adjustments applicable to all taxpayers. In determining the amount of the alternative minimum taxable income for any taxable year the following treatment shall apply (in lieu of the treatment applicable for purposes of computing the regular tax):
 - (1) Depreciation.

(A) In general.

(i) Property other than certain personal property. Except as provided in clause (ii), the depreciation deduction allowable under section 167 with respect to any tangible property placed in service after December 31, 1986, shall be determined under the alternative system of section 168(g). In the case of property placed in service after December 31, 1998, the preceding sentence shall not apply but clause (ii) shall continue to apply.



- (ii) 150-percent declining balance method for certain property. The method of depreciation used shall be—
 - (I) the 150 percent declining balance method,
 - (II) switching to the straight line method for the 1st taxable year for which using the straight line method with respect to the adjusted basis as of the beginning of the year will yield a higher allowance.

The preceding sentence shall not apply to any section 1250 property (as defined in section 1250(c)) (and the straight line method shall be used for such section 1250 property) or to any other property if the depreciation deduction determined under section 168 with respect to such other property for purposes of the regular tax is determined by using the straight line method.