

manufacturer incentive payments and to clarify the proper treatment of such incentive payments under the intercompany transaction regulations.

On April 25, 2005, the IRS and Treasury Department published Rev. Rul. 2005-28 (2005-19 IRB 997), which suspends, in part, Rev. Rul. 76-96 (1976-1 CB 23). Rev. Rul. 2005-28 states that the IRS will not apply, and taxpayers may not rely upon, the conclusion reached in Rev. Rul. 76-96 that certain rebates made by a manufacturer to retail customers are ordinary and necessary business expenses deductible under section 162, pending the IRS's reconsideration of the issue and publication of subsequent guidance.

The example in paragraph (c) of the proposed regulations relies, in part, upon the premise that the manufacturer incentive payment is an ordinary and necessary business expense deductible under section 162. To the extent that this premise is correct, paragraph (d) of the proposed regulations illustrates the proper application of the intercompany transaction regulations. However, because Rev. Rul. 2005-28 suspends Rev. Rul. 76-96, in pertinent part, these paragraphs of the proposed regulations are withdrawn pending further guidance on the section 162 issue considered in Rev. Rul. 76-96.

The example in paragraph (e) of the proposed regulations illustrates the application of the original issue discount rules to the facts described in paragraph (e) and, based on these facts, concludes that the transaction is not an intercompany transaction. This conclusion is not dependent upon the issue being reconsidered in Rev. Rul. 76-96. Nevertheless, because the example in paragraph (e), standing alone, does not provide guidance with respect to the application of the intercompany transaction regulations to an intercompany transaction, paragraph (e) of the proposed regulations is also withdrawn.

List of Subjects in 26 CFR Part 1

Income taxes, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Withdrawal of Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Accordingly, under the authority of 26 U.S.C. 7805, the notice of proposed rulemaking (REG-131264-04) that was published in the **Federal Register** on

August 13, 2004 (69 FR 50112) is withdrawn.

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Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Part 1

[REG-146384-05]

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Application of Section 338 to Insurance Companies; Correction

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Correction to notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This document corrects a notice of proposed rulemaking that was published in the **Federal Register** on Monday, April 10, 2006 (71 FR 18053).

The document contains temporary regulations providing guidance under section 197 that apply to the treatment of certain insurance contracts assumed in an assumption reinsurance transaction and section 338 that apply to a deemed sale or acquisition of an insurance company's assets pursuant to an election under section 338 of the Internal Revenue Code, to a sale or acquisition of an insurance trade or business subject to section 1060, and to the acquisition of insurance contracts through assumption reinsurance.

DATES: This correction is effective April 10, 2006.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The notice of proposed rulemaking (REG-146384-05), that is the subject of this correction, is under sections 197, 338, and 846 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Need for Correction

As published, the notice of proposed rulemaking (REG-146384-05) contains errors that may prove to be misleading and are in need of clarification.

List of Subjects in 26 CFR Part 1

Income taxes, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Correction of Publication

Accordingly, the publication of the notice of proposed rulemaking (REG-146384-05), which was the subject of FR Doc. 06-3321, is corrected as follows:

PART 1—INCOME TAXES

Paragraph 1. The authority citation for part 1 continues to read, in part, as follows:

Authority: 26 U.S.C. 7805 * * *

§ 1.846-2 [Corrected]

On page 18054, column 3, paragraph instruction Par. 5., the language "Par. 5. Section 1.846-2 as amended by adding new paragraph (d) to read is follows:" is corrected to read "Par. 5. Section 1.846-2 is amended by adding new paragraph (d) to read as follows:".

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R03-OAR-2006-0314; FRL-8165-3]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Amendments to Stage II Vapor Recovery at Gasoline Dispensing Facilities

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Maryland for the purpose of amending the regulations pertaining to Stage II Vapor Recovery at Gasoline Dispensing Facilities. In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's SIP submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this action, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will