

Internal Revenue Service, Treasury

§ 1.961-1

1979	
Less: Foreign income taxes allowed as a credit for 1978 which were allowable solely by reason of such section 951(a) inclusion (\$20,000-\$0) ..	20,000
Balance	24,750
But: Such balance not to exceed foreign income taxes paid by N Corporation for 1979 with respect to \$80,000 distribution excluded under section 959(a)(1) (\$10,000 tax withheld)	10,000
Overall limitation for 1979	10,000
U.S. tax payable for 1979:	
U.S. tax before credit ($25,000 \times 0.22$)	5,500
Credit: Foreign income taxes of \$10,000, but not to exceed overall limitation of \$10,000 for 1979	10,000
U.S. tax payable	None
Overpayment of tax for 1979:	
Increase in limitation under section 960(b)(1) for 1979	10,000
Less: Tax imposed for 1979 under chapter 1 of the Code	5,500
Excess treated as overpayment	4,500

[T.D. 7120, 36 FR 10859, June 4, 1971, as amended by T.D. 7649, 44 FR 60089, Oct. 18, 1979]

§ 1.960-7 Effective dates.

(a) *General rule.* Except as provided in paragraph (b), the rules contained in §§ 1.960-1—1.960-6 shall apply to taxable years of foreign corporations beginning after December 31, 1962, and taxable years of U.S. corporate shareholders within which or with which the taxable year of such foreign corporation ends.

(b) *Exception for less developed country corporations.* If for any taxable year beginning after December 31, 1962, and before January 1, 1976, a first-tier foreign corporation qualified as a less developed country corporation as defined in 26 CFR 1.902-2 revised as of April 1, 1978, the rules pertaining to less developed country corporations contained in 26 CFR 1.960-1—1.960-6 revised as of April 1, 1978, shall apply to any amounts required to be included in gross income under section 951 for such taxable year.

(c) *Third-tier credit.* The rules contained in §§ 1.960-1—1.960-6 shall apply

to amounts included in the gross income of a domestic corporation under section 951 with respect to the earnings and profits of third-tier corporations (as defined in § 1.960-1) in taxable years beginning after December 31, 1976.

[T.D. 7649, 44 FR 60089, Oct. 18, 1979, as amended by T.D. 7843, 47 FR 50484, Nov. 8, 1982]

§ 1.961-1 Increase in basis of stock in controlled foreign corporations and of other property.

(a) *Increase in basis—(1) In general.* Except as provided in subparagraph (2) of this paragraph, the basis of a United States shareholder's—

(i) Stock in a controlled foreign corporation; or

(ii) Property (as defined in paragraph (b)(1) of this section) by reason of the ownership of which he is considered under section 958(a)(2) as owning stock in a controlled foreign corporation shall be increased under section 961(a), as of the last day in the taxable year of such corporation on which it is a controlled foreign corporation, by the amount required to be included with respect to such stock or such property in such shareholder's gross income under section 951(a) for his taxable year in which or with which such taxable year of such corporation ends. The increase in basis provided by the preceding sentence shall be made only to the extent to which such amount required to be included in gross income under section 951(a) was so included in gross income.

(2) *Limitation on amount of increase in case of election under section 962.* In the case of a United States shareholder who makes the election under section 962 for the taxable year, the amount of the increase in basis provided by subparagraph (1) of this paragraph shall not exceed the amount of United States tax paid in accordance with such election with respect to the amounts included in such shareholder's gross income under section 951(a) for such year (as determined under § 1.962-1).

(b) *Rules of application—(1) Property defined.* The property of a United States shareholder referred to in paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of this section shall consist of—

- (i) Stock in a foreign corporation;
- (ii) An interest in a foreign partnership; or
- (iii) A beneficial interest in a foreign estate or trust (as defined in section 7701(a)(31)).

(2) *Increase with respect to each share of stock.* Any increase under paragraph (a) of this section in the basis of a United States shareholder's stock in a foreign corporation shall be made in the amount included in gross income under section 951(a) or in the amount of United States tax paid in accordance with an election under section 962, as the case may be, with respect to each share of such stock.

(c) *Illustration.* The application of this section may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example 1. Domestic corporation M owns 800 of the 1,000 shares of the one class of stock in controlled foreign corporation R which owns all of the one class of stock in controlled foreign corporation S. Corporations M, R, and S use the calendar year as a taxable year. In 1964, S Corporation has \$100,000 of earnings and profits after the payment of \$11,250 of foreign income taxes, and \$100,000 of subpart F income. Corporation R has no earnings and profits. With respect to S Corporation, M Corporation is required to include in gross income $\$80,000$ ($800/1,000 \times \$100,000$) under section 951(a), and $\$9,000$ ($\$80,000/\$100,000 \times \$11,250$) under section 78. On December 31, 1964, M Corporation must increase the basis of each share of its stock in R Corporation by $\$100$ ($\$80,000/800$).

Example 2. A, an individual United States shareholder, owns all of the 1,000 shares of the one class of stock in controlled foreign corporation T. Corporation T and A use the calendar year as a taxable year. In 1964, T Corporation has \$80,000 of earnings and profits after the payment of \$20,000 of foreign income taxes, and \$80,000 of subpart F income. A makes the election under section 962 for 1964 and in accordance with such election pays a United States tax of \$23,000 with respect to the \$80,000 included in his gross income under section 951(a). On December 31, 1964, A must increase the basis of each share of his stock in T Corporation by $\$23$ ($\$23,000/1,000$).

[T.D. 6850, 30 FR 11854, Sept. 16, 1978]

§ 1.961-2 Reduction in basis of stock in foreign corporations and of other property.

(a) *Reduction in basis—(1) In general.* Except as provided in subparagraph (2)

of this paragraph, the adjusted basis of a United States person's—

- (i) Stock in a foreign corporation;
- (ii) Interest in a foreign partnership; or
- (iii) Beneficial interest in a foreign estate or trust (as defined in section 7701(a)(31)),

with respect to which such United States person receives an amount which is excluded from gross income under section 959(a), shall be reduced under section 961(b), as of the time such person receives such excluded amount, by the sum of the amount so excluded and any income, war profits, or excess profits taxes imposed by any foreign country or possession of the United States on or with respect to the earnings and profits attributable to such excluded amount when such earnings and profits were actually distributed directly or indirectly through a chain of ownership described in section 958(a)(2).

(2) *Limitation on amount of reduction in case of election under section 962.* In the case of a distribution of earnings and profits attributable to amounts with respect to which an election under section 962 has been made, the amount of the reduction in basis provided by subparagraph (1) of this paragraph shall not exceed the sum of—

- (i) The amount of such distribution which is excluded from gross income under section 959(a) after the application of section 962(d) and § 1.962-3; and
- (ii) Any income, war profits, or excess profits taxes imposed by any foreign country or possession of the United States on or with respect to the earnings and profits attributable to such excluded amount when such earnings and profits were actually distributed directly or indirectly through a chain of ownership described in section 958(a)(2).

(b) *Reduction with respect to each share of stock.* Any reduction under paragraph (a) of this section in the adjusted basis of a United States person's stock in a foreign corporation shall be made with respect to each share of such stock in the sum of—

- (1)(i) The amount excluded from gross income under section 959(a); or
- (ii) The amount excluded from gross income under section 959(a) after the