

XYZ stock. On December 1, 1996, when the applicable imputed income amount for the transaction is \$7,000, A sells the 1,000 shares of XYZ stock for \$95,000. On the same day, A terminates its forward contract with its counterparty, receiving \$10,200. No dividends were received on the stock during the time it was part of the conversion transaction.

(ii) The XYZ stock and forward contract are positions of a conversion transaction. Under section 1258(c)(1), substantially all of A's expected return from the overall transaction is attributable to the time value of the net investment in the transaction. Under section 1258(c)(2)(B), the transaction is an applicable straddle as defined in section 1258(d)(1).

(iii) A disposed of or terminated all the positions of the conversion transaction within 14 days and within the same taxable year as required by paragraph (b)(1) of this section. The transaction is an identified netting transaction because it meets the identification requirement of paragraph (b)(2) of this section. Solely for purposes of section 1258(a), the \$5,000 loss realized (\$100,000 basis less \$95,000 amount realized) on the disposition of the XYZ stock is netted against the \$10,200 gain recognized on the disposition of the forward contract. Thus, the net gain from the conversion transaction for purposes of section 1258(a) is \$5,200 (\$10,200 gain less \$5,000 loss). Only the \$5,200 net gain is recharacterized as ordinary income under section 1258(a) even though the applicable imputed income amount is \$7,000. For Federal tax purposes other than section 1258(a), A has recognized a \$10,200 gain on the disposition of the forward contract (\$5,200 of which is treated as ordinary income) and realized a separate \$5,000 loss on the sale of the XYZ stock.

Example 2. Identified netting transaction with built-in loss. (i) The facts are the same as in *Example 1*, except that A had purchased the XYZ stock for \$104,000 on May 15, 1995. The XYZ stock had a fair market value of \$100,000 on December 1, 1995, the date it became part of a conversion transaction.

(ii) The results are the same as in *Example 1*, except that A has built-in loss (in addition to the \$5,000 loss that arose economically during the period of the conversion transaction), as defined in section 1258(d)(3)(B), of \$4,000 on the XYZ stock. That \$4,000 built-in loss is not netted against the \$10,200 gain on the forward contract for purposes of section 1258(a). Thus, the net gain from the conversion transaction for purposes of section 1258(a) is \$5,200, the same as in *Example 1*. The \$4,000 built-in loss is recognized and has a character determined without regard to section 1258.

(e) *Effective date and transition rule—*
(1) *In general.* These regulations are effective for conversion transactions

that are outstanding on or after December 21, 1995.

(2) *Transition rule for identification requirements.* In the case of a conversion transaction entered into before February 20, 1996, paragraph (b)(2) of this section is treated as satisfied if the identification is made before the close of business on February 20, 1996.

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§ 1.1271-0 Original issue discount; effective date; table of contents.

(a) *Effective date.* Except as otherwise provided, §§ 1.1271-1 through 1.1275-5 apply to debt instruments issued on or after April 4, 1994. Taxpayers, however, may rely on these sections (as contained in 26 CFR part 1 revised April 1, 1996) for debt instruments issued after December 21, 1992, and before April 4, 1994.

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§ 1.1271-1 Special rules applicable to amounts received on retirement, sale, or exchange of debt instruments.

(a) *Intention to call before maturity*—(1) *In general.* For purposes of section 1271(a)(2), all or a portion of gain realized on a sale or exchange of a debt instrument to which section 1271 applies is treated as interest income if there was an intention to call the debt instrument before maturity. An intention to call a debt instrument before maturity means a written or oral agreement or understanding not provided for in the debt instrument between the issuer and the original holder of the debt instrument that the issuer will redeem the debt instrument before maturity. In the case of debt instruments that are part of an issue, the agreement or understanding must be between the issuer and the original holders of a substantial amount of the debt instruments in the issue. An intention to call before maturity can exist even if the intention is conditional (e.g., the issuer's decision to call depends on the financial condition of the issuer on the potential call date) or is not legally binding. For purposes of this section, original holder means the first holder (other than an underwriter or dealer that purchased the debt instrument for resale in the ordinary course of its trade or business).

(2) *Exceptions.* In addition to the exceptions provided in sections 1271(a)(2)(B) and 1271(b), section 1271(a)(2) does not apply to—