

period during which the return or claim for refund was presented for signature to the taxpayer (or nontaxable entity). However, in the case of a return which becomes due (with extensions, if any) during a return period following the return period during which the return was presented for signature, the material shall be retained and kept available for inspection or the 3-year period following the close of the later return period in which the return became due. For the definition of "return period" see section 6060(c). If the person subject to the record retention requirement of this paragraph (b) is a corporation or a partnership which is dissolved before completion of the 3-year period, then all persons who under state law are responsible for the winding up of the affairs of the corporation or partnership shall be subject, on behalf of the corporation or partnership, to these record retention requirements until completion of the 3-year period. If state law does not specify any person or persons as responsible for winding up, then, collectively, the directors or general partners shall be subject, on behalf of the corporation or partnership, to the record retention requirements of this paragraph (b). For purposes of the penalty imposed by section 6695(d), such designated persons shall be deemed to be the income tax return preparer and will be jointly and severally liable for each failure.

(c) *Preparer.* For the definition of "income tax return preparer", see section 7701(a)(36) and §3071.7701-15. For purposes of applying this section, in the case of:

(1) An employment arrangement between two or more income tax return preparers, the person who employs (or engages) one or more other preparers to prepare for compensation any return or claim for refund other than for the person shall be considered to be the sole income tax return preparer; and

(2) A partnership arrangement for the preparation of returns and claims for refund, the partnership shall be considered to be the sole income tax return preparer.

(d) *Penalties.* (1) For the civil penalty for failure to furnish a copy of the return or claim for refund to the taxpayers (or nontaxable entity) as re-

quired under paragraphs (a) and (c) of this section, see section 6695(a) and §1.6695-(a).

(2) For the civil penalty for failure to retain a copy of the return or claim for refund, or to retain a record as required under paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, see section 6695(d) and §1.6695-1(d).

(Sec. 6060(b), Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (90 Stat. 1691, (26 U.S.C. 6060(b))); sec. 7805, Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (68A Stat. 917, (26 U.S.C. 7805))

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#### § 1.6107-2 Form and manner of furnishing copy of return and retaining copy or record.

(a) *In general.* The Commissioner may prescribe the form and manner of satisfying the requirements imposed by section 6107(a) and (b) and §1.6107-1(a) and (b) in forms, instructions, or other appropriate guidance (see §601.601(d)(2) of this chapter).

(b) *Effective date.* To the extent this section relates to section 6107(a) and §1.6107-1(a), it applies to income tax returns and claims for refund presented to a taxpayer for signature after December 31, 2002. To the extent this section relates to section 6107(b) and §1.6107-1(b), it applies after December 31, 2002, to returns and claims for refund for which the 3-year period described in section 6107(b) expires after December 31, 2002.

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#### § 1.6109-1 Identifying numbers.

(a) *Information to be furnished after April 15, 1974.* For provisions concerning the requesting and furnishing of identifying numbers with respect to returns, statements, and other documents which must be filed after April 15, 1974, see §301.6109-1 of this chapter (Regulations on Procedure and Administration).

(b) *Information to be furnished before April 15, 1974.* For provisions concerning the requesting and furnishing of identifying numbers with respect to returns, statements, and other documents which must be filed before April 16,