

the amount of opening or closing inventory) inadvertently included in data compiled by the various divisions of a multidivisional corporation or in financial books and records prepared by those divisions would, in general, indicate reasonable cause and good faith, provided the corporation had internal controls and procedures, reasonable under the circumstances, that were designed to identify factual errors. Accordingly, waiver of the section 6661 penalty attributable to an understatement caused by such an error would be appropriate. Similarly, a taxpayer's reliance on erroneous information reported on a Form 1099 would indicate reasonable cause and good faith, and waiver would be appropriate, if the taxpayer did not know or have reason to know that the information was incorrect. Generally, a taxpayer would know or have reason to know that the information on a Form 1099 is incorrect only if such information is inconsistent with other information reported to the taxpayer or is inconsistent with the taxpayer's knowledge concerning the amount and rate of return of the payor's obligation. In the case of an understatement that is related to an item on the return of a pass-through entity (as defined in § 1.6661-4(e)), the good faith or lack of good faith of the entity generally will be imputed to the taxpayer that has the understatement. Any good faith imputed to the taxpayer under the preceding sentence, however, may be refuted by other factors indicating lack of good faith on the part of the taxpayer.

(c) *Automatic waiver; qualified amended returns*—(1) *In general.* If the taxpayer shows an additional amount of tax or makes adequate disclosure with respect to an item in the manner prescribed in § 1.6661-4 on a qualified amended return, the Commissioner will waive any penalty that would not have been imposed if the additional amount of tax had been shown or the adequate disclosure had been made on the return of the taxpayer. Thus, the entire penalty will be waived if there would not have been a substantial understatement (as defined in paragraph (b) of § 1.6661-2) had the taxpayer shown the additional amount of tax or made the

adequate disclosure on the taxpayer's original return.

(2) *Qualified amended return.* For purposes of this paragraph, a "qualified amended return" is an amended return, so-called, or a timely request for an administrative adjustment under section 6227, filed after the due date of the return and before the earlier of—

(i) The time the taxpayer is first contacted by the Internal Revenue Service concerning an examination of the return; or

(ii) The time any person described in section 6700(a) (relating to the penalty for promoting abusive tax shelters) is first contacted by the Internal Revenue Service concerning an examination of an activity described in section 6700(a) with respect to which the taxpayer claimed any tax benefit on the return directly or indirectly through the entity, plan, or arrangement described in section 6700(a)(1)(A).

(3) *Pass-through entities.* For purposes of paragraph (c)(1) of this section, no account is taken of an additional amount of tax shown or disclosure made with respect to an item attributable to a pass-through entity (as defined in § 1.6661-4(e)), unless the qualified amended return is filed by the taxpayer before the date such pass-through entity is first contacted by the Internal Revenue Service concerning an examination of the return of which the item is attributable.

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§ 1.6662-1 Overview of the accuracy-related penalty.

Section 6662 imposes an accuracy-related penalty on any portion of an underpayment of tax required to be shown on a return that is attributable to one or more of the following:

- (a) Negligence or disregard of rules or regulations;
- (b) Any substantial understatement of income tax;
- (c) Any substantial valuation misstatement under chapter 1;
- (d) Any substantial overstatement of pension liabilities; or
- (e) Any substantial estate or gift tax valuation understatement.

Sections 1.6662-1 through 1.6662-5 address only the first three components of the accuracy-related penalty, *i.e.*, the penalties for negligence or disregard of rules or regulations, substantial understatements of income tax, and substantial (or gross) valuation misstatements under chapter 1. The penalties for disregard of rules or regulations and for a substantial understatement of income tax may be avoided by adequately disclosing certain information as provided in § 1.6662-3(c) and §§ 1.6662-4(e) and (f), respectively. The penalties for negligence and for a substantial (or gross) valuation misstatement under chapter 1 may not be avoided by disclosure. No accuracy-related penalty may be imposed on any portion of an underpayment if there was reasonable cause for, and the taxpayer acted in good faith with respect to, such portion. The reasonable cause and good faith exception to the accuracy-related penalty is set forth in § 1.6664-4.

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