

### § 1.831-3

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only with respect to the companies described therein, and only with respect to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1961.

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**§ 1.831-3 Tax on insurance companies (other than life or mutual), mutual marine insurance companies, mutual fire insurance companies issuing perpetual policies, and mutual fire or flood insurance companies operating on the basis of premium deposits; taxable years beginning after December 31, 1962.**

(a) All insurance companies, other than life or mutual or foreign insurance companies not carrying on an insurance business within the United States, and all mutual marine insurance companies and mutual fire or flood insurance companies exclusively issuing perpetual policies or whose principal business is the issuance of policies for which the premium deposits are the same regardless of the length of the term for which the policies are written, are subject to the tax imposed by section 831 if the unabsorbed portion of such premium deposits not required for losses, expenses or reserves is returned or credited to the policyholder on cancellation or expiration of the policy. For purposes of section 831 and this section, in the case of a mutual flood insurance company, the premium deposits will be considered to be the same if the payment of a premium increases the total insurance under the policy in an amount equal to the amount of such premium and the omission of any annual premium does not result in the reduction or suspension of coverage under the policy. As used in this section and section 832 and the regulations thereunder, the term "insurance companies" means only those companies which qualify as insurance companies under the definition provided by paragraph (b) of § 1.801-1 and which are subject to the tax imposed by section 831.

(b) All provisions of the Code and of the regulations in this part not inconsistent with the specific provisions of section 831 are applicable to the assessment and collection of the tax imposed by section 831(a), and insurance companies are subject to the same penalties

as are provided in the case of returns and payment of income tax by other corporations.

(c) Since section 832 provides that the underwriting and investment exhibit of the annual statement approved by the National Convention of Insurance Commissioners shall be the basis for computing gross income and since the annual statement is rendered on the calendar year basis, the returns under section 831 shall be made on the basis of the calendar year and shall be on Form 1120. Insurance companies are entitled, in computing insurance company taxable income, to the deductions provided in part VIII (section 241 and following), subchapter B, chapter 1 of the Code.

(d) Foreign insurance companies not carrying on an insurance business within the United States are not taxable under section 831 but are taxable as other foreign corporations. See section 881.

(e) Insurance companies are subject to both normal tax and surtax. The normal tax shall be computed as provided in section 11(b) and the surtax shall be computed as provided in section 11(c). For the circumstances under which the \$25,000 exemption from surtax for certain taxable years may be disallowed in whole or in part, see section 1551. For alternative tax where the net long-term capital gain for any taxable year exceeds the net short-term capital loss, see section 1201(a) and the regulations thereunder.

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**§ 1.831-4 Election of multiple line companies to be taxed on total income.**

(a) *In general.* Section 831(c) provides that any mutual insurance company engaged in writing marine, fire, and casualty insurance which, for any 5-year period beginning after December 31, 1941, and ending before January 1, 1962, was subject to the tax imposed by section 831 (or the tax imposed by corresponding provisions of prior law) may elect, in the manner provided by paragraph (b) of this section, to be subject to the tax imposed by section 831, whether or not marine insurance is its predominant source of premium income. A company making an election under section 831(c) and this section

will be subject to the tax imposed by section 831 for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1961, rather than subject to the tax imposed by section 821.

(b) *Time and manner of making election.* The election provided by section 831(c) and paragraph (a) of this section shall be made in a statement attached to the taxpayer's return for the taxable year 1962. The statement shall indicate that the taxpayer has made the election provided by section 831(c) and this section; shall include the name and address of the taxpayer, and shall be signed by the taxpayer or his duly authorized representative. In addition, the statement shall list the 5 consecutive taxable years prior to 1962 for which the taxpayer was subject to tax under section 831 (or the corresponding provisions of prior law); the types of insurance written by the company; and the percentage of marine insurance to total insurance written. The return and statement must be filed not later than the date prescribed by law (including extensions thereof) for filing the return for the taxable year 1962. However, if the last date prescribed by law (including extensions thereof) for filing the income tax return for the taxable year 1962 falls before October 17, 1963, the election provided by section 831(c) and this section may be made for such year by filing the statement and an amended return for such taxable year (and all subsequent taxable years for which returns have been filed) before January 16, 1964.

(c) *Scope of election.* An election made under section 831(c) and paragraph (b) of this section shall be binding for all taxable years beginning after December 31, 1961, unless consent to revoke the election is obtained from the Commissioner. However, if a taxpayer made the election provided by section 831(c) and this section for taxable years beginning prior to October 17, 1963, the taxpayer may revoke such election without obtaining consent from the Commissioner by filing, before January 16, 1964, a statement that the taxpayer desires to revoke such election. Such statement shall be signed by the taxpayer or its duly authorized representative. An amended return reflecting such revocation must accompany the

statement for all taxable years for which returns have been filed with respect to such election.

(d) *Limitation on certain net operating loss carryovers and carrybacks.* In the case of a taxpayer making the election allowed under section 831(c) and this section, a net operating loss shall not be carried:

(1) To or from any taxable year for which the insurance company is not subject to the tax imposed by section 831(a) (or predecessor sections); or

(2) To any taxable year if, between the loss year and such taxable year, there is an intervening taxable year for which the insurance company was not subject to the tax imposed by section 831(a) (or predecessor sections).

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#### § 1.832-1 Gross income.

(a) Gross income as defined in section 832(b)(1) means the gross amount of income earned during the taxable year from interest, dividends, rents, and premium income, computed on the basis of the underwriting and investment exhibit of the annual statement approved by the National Convention of Insurance Commissioners, as well as the gain derived from the sale or other disposition of property, and all other items constituting gross income under section 61, except that in the case of a mutual fire insurance company described in § 1.831-1 the amount of single deposit premiums received, but not assessments, shall be excluded from gross income. Gross income does not include increase in liabilities during the year on account of reinsurance treaties, remittances from the home office of a foreign insurance company to the United States branch, borrowed money, or gross increase due to adjustments in book value of capital assets. The underwriting and investment exhibit is presumed to reflect the true net income of the company, and insofar as it is not inconsistent with the provisions of the Code will be recognized and used as a basis for that purpose. All items of the exhibit, however, do not reflect an insurance company's income as defined in the Code. By reason of the definition of investment income, miscellaneous items which are intended to reflect surplus but do not properly enter into the