§ 1.367(b)-4 Acquisition of foreign corporate stock or assets by a foreign corporation in certain nonrecognition transactions.

(a) Scope. This section applies to an acquisition by a foreign corporation (the foreign acquiring corporation) of the stock or assets of a foreign corporation (the foreign acquired corporation) in an exchange described in section 367(b) or a reorganization described in section 368(a). For rules applicable when, pursuant to section 368(a), a foreign acquiring corporation is treated as acquiring the stock of a foreign acquired corporation in a transaction to which section 351(a) applies, see §1.367(b)-4T(e). In the case of a reorganization described in sections 368(a)(1)(A) and (a)(2)(E), this section applies if stock of the foreign surviving corporation is exchanged for stock of a foreign corporation in control of the merging corporation; in such a case, the foreign surviving corporation is treated as a foreign acquired corporation for purposes of this section. A foreign corporation that undergoes a reorganization described in section...
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Income inclusion. If an exchange is described in paragraph (b)(1)(i), (2)(i) or (3) of this section, the exchanging shareholder shall include in income as a deemed dividend the section 1248 amount attributable to the stock that it exchanges.

(1) Exchange that results in loss of status as section 1248 shareholder—(i) General rule. Except as provided in paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of this section, an exchange is described in this paragraph (b)(1)(i) if—

(A) Immediately before the exchange, the exchanging shareholder is—

(i) A United States person that is a section 1248 shareholder with respect to the foreign acquired corporation; or

(ii) A foreign corporation, and a United States person that is a section 1248 shareholder with respect to such foreign corporation and with respect to the foreign acquired corporation; and

(B) Either of the following conditions is satisfied—

(i) Immediately after the exchange, the stock received in the exchange is not stock in a corporation that is a controlled foreign corporation as to which the United States person described in paragraph (b)(1)(i)(A) of this section is a section 1248 shareholder; or

(ii) Immediately after the exchange, the foreign acquiring corporation or the foreign acquired corporation (if any, such as in a transaction described in section 368(a)(1)(B) and/or section 351), is not a controlled foreign corporation as to which the United States person described in paragraph (b)(1)(i)(A) of this section is a section 1248 shareholder.

(ii) Exception. In the case of a triangular reorganization described in §1.358–6(b)(2), an exchange is not described in paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section if the stock received in the exchange is stock of a domestic corporation and, immediately after the exchange, such domestic corporation is a section 1248 shareholder of the acquired corporation (in the case of a triangular B reorganization) or the surviving corporation (in the case of a triangular C reorganization), a forward triangular merger, a reorganization described in sections 368(a)(1)(G) and (a)(2)(D), or a reverse triangular merger) and such acquired or surviving corporation is a controlled foreign corporation. See §1.367(b)–13(c) for rules regarding such domestic corporation’s basis in the stock of the surviving corporation. See paragraph (b)(1)(iii) of this section, Example 3B for an illustration of this rule.

(iii) Examples. The following examples illustrate the rules of this paragraph (b)(1):

Example 1. (i) Facts. FC1 is a foreign corporation that is owned, directly and indirectly (applying the ownership rules of section 956), solely by foreign persons. DC is a domestic corporation that is unrelated to FC1. DC owns all of the outstanding stock of FC2, a foreign corporation. Thus, under §1.367(b)–2(a) and (b), DC is a section 1248 shareholder with respect to FC2, and FC2 is a controlled foreign corporation. Under §1.367(b)–2(c)(1), the section 1248 amount attributable to the stock of FC2 held by DC is $20. In a reorganization described in section 368(a)(1)(C), FC1 acquires all of the assets and assumes all of the liabilities of FC2 in exchange for FC1 voting stock. The FC1 voting stock received does not represent more than 50 percent of the voting power or value of FC1’s stock. FC2 distributes the FC1 stock to DC, and the FC2 stock held by DC is canceled.

(ii) Result. FC1 is not a controlled foreign corporation immediately after the exchange. As a result, the exchange is described in paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section. Under paragraph (b) of this section, DC must include in income, as a deemed dividend from FC2, the section 1248 amount ($20) attributable to the FC2 stock that DC exchanged.

Example 2. (i) Facts. The facts are the same as in Example 1, except that the voting stock of FC1, which is received by FC2 in exchange for its assets and distributed by FC2 to DC, represents more than 50 percent of the voting power of FC1’s stock under the rules of section 957(a).

(ii) Result. Paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section does not apply to require inclusion in income of the section 1248 amount, because FC1 is a controlled foreign corporation as to which DC is a section 1248 shareholder immediately after the exchange.
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distributes voting stock of FP, a foreign corporation that is in control (within the meaning of section 368(c)) of FC1, instead of receiving and distributing voting stock of FC1.

(ii) Result. For purposes of section 367(a), the transfer is an indirect stock transfer subject to section 367(a). See §1.367(a)-3(d)(1)(iv). Accordingly, DC's exchange of FC2 stock for FP stock under section 367(a) (and section 1248 will be applicable) if DC fails to enter into a gain recognition agreement in accordance with §1.367(a)-8. Under §1.367(a)-3(b)(2), if DC enters into a gain recognition agreement, the exchange will be subject to the provisions of section 367(b) and the regulations thereunder, as well as section 367(a). If FP and FC1 are controlled foreign corporations as to which DC is a (direct or indirect) section 1248 shareholder immediately after the reorganization, then the section 367(b) result is the same as in Example 2—that is, paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section does not apply to require inclusion in income of the section 1248 amount. Under these circumstances, the amount of the gain recognition agreement would equal the amount of the gain realized on the indirect stock transfer. If FP or FC1 is not a controlled foreign corporation as to which DC is a (direct or indirect) section 1248 shareholder immediately after the exchange, then the section 367(b) result is the same as in Example 1—that is, DC must include in income, as a deemed dividend from FC2, the section 1248 amount attributable to the FC2 stock that DC exchanged. Under these circumstances, the amount of the gain recognition agreement would equal the amount of the gain realized on the indirect stock transfer, less the $20 section 1248 amount inclusion.

Example 3A. (i) Facts. The facts are the same as in Example 3, except that FC1 merges into FC2 in a reorganization described in sections 368(a)(1)(A) and (a)(2)(E). Pursuant to the reorganization, DC exchanges its FC2 stock for stock of FP.

(ii) Result. The result is similar to the result in Example 3. The transfer is an indirect stock transfer subject to section 367(a). See §1.367(a)-3(d)(1)(iv). Accordingly, DC's exchange of FC2 stock for FP stock will be taxable under section 367(a) (and section 1248 will be applicable) if DC fails to enter into a gain recognition agreement. If DC enters into a gain recognition agreement, the exchange will be subject to the provisions of section 367(b) and the regulations thereunder, as well as section 367(a). If FP and FC2 are controlled foreign corporations as to which DC is a section 1248 shareholder immediately after the reorganization, then paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section does not apply to require DC to include in income the section 1248 amount attributable to the FC2 stock that was exchanged and the amount of the gain recognition agreement is the amount of gain realized on the indirect stock transfer. If FP or FC2 is not a controlled foreign corporation as to which DC is a section 1248 shareholder immediately after the exchange, then DC must include in income a deemed dividend from FC2 the section 1248 amount ($20) attributable to the FC2 stock that DC exchanged. Under these circumstances, the gain recognition agreement would equal the amount of gain realized on the indirect stock transfer. If FP or FC2 is not a controlled foreign corporation as to which DC is a (direct or indirect) section 1248 shareholder immediately after the exchange, then the section 367(b) result is the same as in Example 2—that is, paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section does not apply to require inclusion in income of the section 1248 amount attributable to the FC2 stock that DC exchanged. Under these circumstances, the gain recognition agreement would equal the amount of the gain realized on the indirect stock transfer, less the $20 section 1248 amount inclusion.

Example 3B. (i) Facts. The facts are the same as Example 3, except that USP, a domestic corporation, owns the controlling interest (within the meaning of section 368(c)) in FC1 stock. In addition, FC2 merges into FC1 in a reorganization described in sections 368(a)(1)(A) and (a)(2)(D). Pursuant to the reorganization, DC exchanges its FC2 stock for USP stock.

(ii) Result. Because DC receives stock of a domestic corporation, USP, in the section 368 exchange, the transfer is not an indirect stock transfer subject to section 367(a). Accordingly, the exchange will be subject only to the provisions of section 367(b) and the regulations thereunder. Under paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section, because the stock received is stock of a domestic corporation (USP) and, immediately after the exchange, USP is a section 1248 shareholder of FC1 (the surviving corporation) and FC1 is a controlled foreign corporation, the exchange is not described in paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section and DC is not required to include in income the section 1248 amount attributable to the FC2 stock that was exchanged. See §1.367(b)-1(b)(ii) for the basis and holding period rules applicable to this transaction, which cause USP's adjusted basis and holding period in the stock of FC1 after the transaction to reflect the basis and holding period that DC had in its FC2 stock.

Example 4. (i) Facts. DC1, a domestic corporation, owns all of the outstanding stock of DC2, a domestic corporation. DC2 owns various assets including all of the outstanding stock of FC2, a foreign corporation. The stock of FC2 has a value of $100, and DC2 has a basis of $20 in such stock. The section 1248 amount attributable to the FC2 stock held by DC2 is $20. DC2 does not own any other stock in a foreign corporation. FC1 is a foreign corporation that is unrelated to DC1, DC2 and FC2. In a reorganization described in section 368(a)(1), FC1 acquires all of the assets and liabilities of DC2 in exchange for FC1 voting stock that represents 20 percent of the outstanding voting stock of FC1. DC2 distributes the FC1 stock to DC1, and the DC2 stock held by DC1 is canceled. DC1 properly files a gain recognition agreement under §1.367(a)-8 to qualify for non-recognition treatment under section 367(a) with respect to DC2's transfer of the FC2 stock to FC1. See §1.367(a)-8(e).
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(i) Result. Pursuant to paragraph (b)(1)(i)(A) of this section, DC2 is the exchanging shareholder that is a section 1248 shareholder with respect to FC2, the foreign acquired corporation. Immediately after the exchange, DC2 is not a section 1248 shareholder with respect to FC1, the corporation whose stock is received in the exchange (because the DC2 stock is canceled). Thus, paragraph (b)(1)(i)(B) of this section is satisfied and, as a result, paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section applies to DC2’s section 361 exchange of FC2 stock. Accordingly, under paragraph (b) of this section, DC2 must include in income, as a deemed dividend from FC2, the section 1248 amount ($20) attributable to the FC2 stock that DC2 exchanges. This result arises without regard to whether FC1 and FC2 are controlled foreign corporations immediately after the exchange. For the tax treatment of DC2’s transfer of assets (other than stock) to FC1, see sections 367(a)(1) and (a)(3), and the regulations thereunder. Because the exchange is also described in section 361(a) or (b), see section 367(a)(5) and any regulations thereunder. If any of the assets transferred are intangible assets, see section 367(d) and the regulations thereunder.

(ii) Receipt by exchanging shareholder of preferred or other stock in certain instances.—(1) Rule. An exchange is described in this paragraph (b)(2)(i) if—

(A) Immediately before the exchange, the foreign acquired corporation and the foreign acquiring corporations are not members of the same affiliated group (within the meaning of section 1504(a), but without regard to the exceptions set forth in section 1504(b), and substituting the words “more than 50%” in place of the words “at least 80%” in sections 1504(a)(2)(A) and (B));

(B) Immediately after the exchange, a domestic corporation meets the ownership threshold specified by section 952(a) or (b) such that it may qualify for a deemed paid foreign tax credit if it receives a distribution from the foreign acquiring corporation (directly or through tiers); and

(C) The exchanging shareholder receives preferred stock (other than preferred stock that is fully participating with respect to dividends, redemptions and corporate growth) in consideration for common stock or preferred stock that is fully participating with respect to dividends, redemptions and corporate growth, or, in the discretion of the Commissioner or the Commissioner’s delegate (and without regard to whether the stock exchanged is common stock or preferred stock), receives stock that entitles it to participate (through dividends, redemption payments or otherwise) disproportionately in the earnings generated by particular assets of the foreign acquired corporation or foreign acquiring corporation.

(i) Examples. The following examples illustrate the rules of this paragraph (b)(2):

Example 1. (i) Facts. FC1 is a foreign corporation. DC is a domestic corporation that is unrelated to FC1. DC owns all of the outstanding stock of FC1 and FC2 has no outstanding preferred stock.

Example 2. (i) Facts. The facts are the same as in Example 1, except that DC owns all of the outstanding stock of FC1 immediately before the transaction.
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Certain recapitalizations. An exchange pursuant to a recapitalization under section 368(a)(1)(E) shall be deemed to be an exchange described in this paragraph (b)(2) if the following conditions are satisfied—

(i) During the 24-month period immediately preceding or following the date of the recapitalization, the corporation that undergoes the recapitalization (or a predecessor of, or successor to, such corporation) also engages in a transaction that would be described in paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section but for paragraph (b)(2)(i)(C) of this section, either the foreign acquired corporation or the foreign acquiring corporation, as the case may be, is not a controlled foreign corporation immediately after the exchange. If DC fails to enter into a gain recognition agreement in accordance with §1.367(a)–8, the amount of such agreement is $50. As in Example 1, if DC fails to enter into a gain recognition agreement, it must include in income $50, $20 of which will be treated as a dividend under section 1248. (within the meaning of such paragraph). Thus, if DC enters into a gain recognition agreement in accordance with §1.367(a)–8, the amount of such agreement is $50. As in Example 1, if DC fails to enter into a gain recognition agreement, it must include in income $50, $20 of which will be treated as a dividend under section 1248.

Example 1. (i) Facts. FCI is a foreign corporation. DC is a domestic corporation that is unrelated to FCI. DC owns all of the outstanding stock of FC2, a foreign corporation. The section 1248 amount attributable to the stock of FC2 held by DC is $20. In a reorganization described in section 368(a)(1)(B), FCI acquires all of the stock of FC2 in exchange for FCI voting stock that constitutes 10 percent of the voting stock of FCI for purposes of section 962(a). The FCI voting stock received by DC in the exchange carries voting rights in FCI, but by agreement of the parties the shares entitle the holder to dividends, amounts to be paid on redemption, and amounts to be paid on liquidation, that are to be determined by reference to the earnings or value of FC2 as of the date of such event, and that are affected by the earnings or value of FCI only if FCI becomes insolvent or has insufficient capital surplus to pay dividends.

(ii) Result. Under §1.367(a)–3(b)(1), DC will not be subject to tax under section 367(a)(1) if it enters into a gain recognition agreement with respect to the transfer of FC2 stock to FCI. Under §1.367(a)–3(b)(2), the exchange will be subject to the provisions of section 367(b) and the regulations thereunder to the extent that it is not subject to tax under section 367(a)(1). Furthermore, even if DC would not otherwise be required to recognize income under section 367(b), the Commissioner or the Commissioner’s delegate may nevertheless require that DC include the $20 section 1248 amount in income as a deemed dividend from FC2 under paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section.

Example 2. (i) Facts. Example 1 illustrates the rule of this paragraph (c): FCI1 is a foreign corporation immediately after the exchange. Under paragraph (b)(1) of this section, FCI2 must include in income, as a deemed dividend from FC3, the section 1248 amount ($20) attributable to the FC3 stock that FC2 exchanged. The deemed dividend is treated as a dividend for purposes of the Internal Revenue Code as provided in §1.367(b)–2(e)(2); however, under this paragraph (c) the deemed dividend is not foreign personal holding company income to FC2.

(ii) The exchange in the recapitalization is described in paragraph (b)(2)(i)(C) of this section.

(c) Exclusion of deemed dividend from foreign personal holding company income—(1) Rule. In the event the section 1248 amount is included in income as a deemed dividend by a foreign corporation under paragraph (b) of this section, such deemed dividend shall not be included as foreign personal holding company income under section 954(c).

(2) Example. The following example illustrates the rule of this paragraph (c):

Example. (i) Facts. FCI is a foreign corporation that is owned, directly and indirectly (applying the ownership rules of section 956), solely by foreign persons. DC is a domestic corporation that is unrelated to FCI. DC owns all of the outstanding stock of FC2, a foreign corporation. FC2 owns all of the outstanding stock of FC3, a foreign corporation. Under §1.367(b)–2(c)(1), the section 1248 amount attributable to the stock of FC3 held by FC2 is $30. In a reorganization described in section 368(a)(1)(B), FCI acquires from FC2 all of the stock of FC3 in exchange for FCI voting stock. The FCI voting stock received by FC2 does not represent more than 50 percent of the voting power or value of FCI’s stock.

(ii) Rule. Under §1.367(a)–3(b)(1), DC will not be subject to tax under section 367(a)(1) if it enters into a gain recognition agreement with respect to the transfer of FC2 stock to FCI. Under §1.367(a)–3(b)(2), the exchange will be subject to the provisions of section 367(b) and the regulations thereunder to the extent that it is not subject to tax under section 367(a)(1). Furthermore, even if DC would not otherwise be required to recognize income under section 367(b), the Commissioner or the Commissioner’s delegate may nevertheless require that DC include the $20 section 1248 amount in income as a deemed dividend from FC2 under paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section.

(3) Certain recapitalizations. An exchange pursuant to a recapitalization under section 368(a)(1)(E) shall be deemed to be an exchange described in this paragraph (b)(3) if the following conditions are satisfied—

(iii) During the 24-month period immediately preceding or following the date of the recapitalization, the corporation that undergoes the recapitalization (or a predecessor of, or successor to, such corporation) also engages in a transaction that would be described in paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section but for paragraph (b)(2)(i)(C) of this section, either the foreign acquired corporation or the foreign acquiring corporation, as the case may be, is not a controlled foreign corporation immediately after the exchange.
shall be determined pursuant to the rules of section 1248 and the regulations under that section.

(2) Example. The following example illustrates the rules of this section. For purposes of the example, assume that—

(i) There is no immediate gain recognition pursuant to section 367(a)(1) and the regulations under that section (either through operation of the rules or because the appropriate parties have entered into a gain recognition agreement under §§1.367(a)-3(b) and 1.367(a)-8);

(ii) References to earnings and profits are to earnings and profits that would be includible in income as a dividend under section 1248 and the regulations under that section if stock to which the earnings and profits are attributable were sold or exchanged by its shareholder;

(iii) Each corporation has only a single class of stock outstanding and uses the calendar year as its taxable year; and

(iv) Each transaction is unrelated to all other transactions.

Example. Acquisition of the stock of a foreign corporation that controls a foreign acquiring corporation in a reorganization described in section 368(a)(1)(C). (i) Facts. DC1, a domestic corporation, has owned all the stock of CFC1, a controlled foreign corporation, since its formation on January 1, year 1. CFC1 has owned all the stock of FC2, a controlled foreign corporation, since its formation on January 1, year 1. FC, a foreign corporation that is not a controlled foreign corporation, has owned all of the stock of FC2, a foreign corporation, since its formation on January 1, year 2. On December 31, year 3, pursuant to a restructuring transaction that was a triangular reorganization described in section 368(a)(1)(C), CFC1 transfers all of its assets, including the FC2 stock, to FC in exchange for 80% of the voting stock of FC. CFC1 transfers the voting stock of FC to DC1 and the CFC1 stock is cancelled. Pursuant to section 1223(1), DC1 is considered to have held the stock of FC since January 1, year 1. Under section 1223(2), FC2 is considered to have held the stock of CFC2 since January 1, year 1. On December 31, year 3, CFC1 has $100 of earnings and profits. From January 1, year 4, until December 31, year 5, FC (a controlled foreign corporation after the restructuring transaction) accumulates an additional $50 of earnings and profits. FC2, a controlled foreign corporation after the restructuring transaction, accumulates $100 of earnings and profits from January 1, year 4, until December 31, year 5. On December 31, year 5, FC is liquidated into DC1 in a transaction described in section 332.

(ii) Result. Generally, this paragraph (d) requires that DC1 include in income the earnings and profits attributable to its stock in FC as determined under §1.1248-8. However, since the liquidation of FC into DC1 is a transaction described in §1.367(b)-3, the earnings and profits attributable to the stock of FC are limited by §1.367(b)-2(d) (3)(i) to that portion of the earnings and profits accumulated by FC itself before or after the restructuring transaction, and do not include the earnings and profits of FC’s subsidiaries accumulated before or after the restructuring transaction. Thus, DC1 will include $40 of earnings and profits in income (80% of the $50 of earnings and profits accumulated by FC after the restructuring transaction).

(e) [Reserved] For further guidance, see §1.367(b)-4T(e).

(f) [Reserved] For further guidance, see §1.367(b)-4T(f).

(g) [Reserved] For further guidance, see §1.367(b)-4T(g).

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(a) through (d) [Reserved] For further guidance, see §1.367(b)-4T(a) through (d).

(e) Application of section 367(b) to transactions described in section 304(a)(1)—(1) Scope and general rule. This section applies to the extent that, pursuant to section 304(a)(1), an exchanging shareholder is treated as transferring the stock of a foreign acquired corporation to a foreign acquiring corporation in a transaction to which section 351 applies (deemed section 351 exchange). Except to the extent provided in paragraph (e)(2) of this section, a transfer of stock of a foreign acquired corporation by an exchanging shareholder in a deemed section 351 exchange shall not be subject to paragraph (b) of this section.

(2) Special rule. Notwithstanding paragraph (e)(1) of this section, a transfer of stock of a foreign acquired corporation by an exchanging shareholder to a foreign acquiring corporation in a