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as that allowed mutual insurance companies subject to the tax imposed by section 821; see section 822(c)(6) and the regulation thereunder. Insurance companies, other than mutual fire insurance companies described in section 831(a)(3)(A) and the regulations thereunder, are also allowed a deduction for dividends and similar distributions paid or declared to policyholders in their capacity as such. Similar distributions include such payments as the so-called unabsorbed premium deposits returned to policyholders by factory mutual insurance companies. The deduction is otherwise the same as that allowed mutual insurance companies subject to the tax imposed by section 821; see section 822(f)(2) and the regulations thereunder.

(b) Among the items which may not be deducted are income and profits taxes imposed by the United States, income and profits taxes imposed by any foreign country or possession of the United States (in cases where the company chooses to claim to any extent a credit for such taxes), taxes assessed against local benefits, decrease during the year due to adjustments in the book value of capital assets, decrease in liabilities during the year on account of reinsurance treaties, dividends paid to shareholders in their capacity as such, remittances to the home office of a foreign insurance company by the United States branch, and borrowed money repaid.

(c) In computing taxable income of insurance companies, losses sustained during the taxable year from the sale or other disposition of property are deductible subject to the limitation contained in section 1211. Insurance companies are entitled to the alternative taxes provided in section 1201.

[T.D. 6681, 28 FR 11130, Oct. 17, 1963, as amended by T.D. 6867, 30 FR 15094, Dec. 7, 1965]

**§ 1.832-6 Policyholders of mutual fire or flood insurance companies operating on the basis of premium deposits.**

For purposes of determining his taxable income for any taxable year, a taxpayer insured by a mutual fire or flood insurance company under a policy for which the premium deposit is

the same regardless of the length of the term for which the policy is written, and who is entitled to have returned or credited to him on the cancellation or expiration of such policy the unabsorbed portion of the premium deposit not required for losses, expenses, or establishment of reserves, may, if such amount is otherwise deductible under this chapter, deduct so much of his premium deposit as was absorbed by the company during the taxpayer's taxable year. The amount of the premium deposit absorbed during the taxpayer's taxable year shall be determined in accordance with the schedule of unabsorbed premium deposit returns in effect for the company during such taxable year. If the taxpayer is unable to determine the applicable rate of absorption in effect during his taxable year, he shall compute his deduction on the basis of the rate of absorption in effect at the end of the company's taxable year which next preceded the end of the taxpayer's taxable year. In such a case, an appropriate adjustment will be made upon the final determination of the rate of absorption applicable to the taxable year.

[T.D. 6681, 28 FR 11130, Oct. 17, 1963]

**§ 1.832-7T Treatment of salvage and reinsurance in computing "losses incurred" deduction, taxable years beginning before January 1, 1990 (temporary).**

(a) In computing "losses incurred" the determination of unpaid losses at the close of each year must represent actual unpaid losses as nearly as it is possible to ascertain them.

(b) Every insurance company to which this section applies must be prepared to establish to the satisfaction of the district director that the part of the deduction for "losses incurred" which represents unpaid losses at the close of the taxable year comprises only actual unpaid losses stated in amounts which, based upon the facts in each case and the company's experience with similar cases, can be said to represent a fair and reasonable estimate of the amount the company will be required to pay. Amounts included in, or added to, the estimates of such

losses which in the opinion of the district director are in excess of the actual liability determined as provided in the preceding sentence will be disallowed as a deduction. The district director may require any such insurance company to submit such detailed information with respect to its actual experience as is deemed necessary to establish the reasonableness of the deduction for "losses incurred".

(c) That part of the deduction for "losses incurred" which represents an adjustment to losses paid for salvage and reinsurance recoverable shall, except as hereinafter provided, include all salvage in course of liquidation, and all reinsurance in process of collection not otherwise taken into account as a reduction of losses paid, outstanding at the end of the taxable year. Salvage in course of liquidation includes all property (other than cash), real or personal, tangible or intangible, except that which may not be included by reason of express statutory provisions (or rules and regulations of an insurance department) of any State or Territory or the District of Columbia in which the company transacts business. Such salvage in course of liquidation shall be taken into account to the extent of the value thereof at the end of the taxable year as determined from a fair and reasonable estimate based upon either the facts in each case or the company's experience with similar cases. Cash received during the taxable year with respect to items of salvage or reinsurance shall be taken into account in computing losses paid during such taxable year.

(d) This section is effective for taxable years beginning before January 1, 1990.

[T.D. 8266, 54 FR 38970, Sept. 22, 1989; T.D. 8293, 55 FR 9425, Mar. 14, 1990]

#### § 1.846-0 Outline of provisions.

The following is a list of the headings in §§ 1.846-1 through 1.846-4.

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- (b) Applicable discount factors.
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##### *§ 1.846-2 Election by taxpayer to use its own historical loss payment pattern.*

- (a) In general.
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- (a) In general.
- (b) Applicable discount factors.
  - (1) Calculation of beginning balance.
  - (2) Example.
  - (c) Rules for determining the amount of reserve strengthening.
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      - (i) In general.
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      - (ii) Exceptions.
      - (iii) Certain transactions deemed to be reinsurance assumed (ceded) in 1986.
  - (d) Section 845.
  - (e) Treatment of reserve strengthening.
  - (f) Examples.

##### *§ 1.846-4 Effective dates.*

- (a) In general.
- (b) Section 338 election.

[T.D. 8433, 57 FR 40843, Sept. 8, 1992; 57 FR 48563, Oct. 27, 1992; T.D. 9257, 71 FR 18005, Apr. 10, 2006; T.D. 9377, 73 FR 3873, Jan. 23, 2008]

#### § 1.846-1 Application of discount factors.

(a) *In general*—(1) *Rules*. A separate series of discount factors are computed for, and applied, to undiscounted unpaid losses attributable to each accident year of each line of business