

Example 7. Disposition of partnership interest. X is a C corporation that elects to become an S corporation on January 1, 1996. On that date, X owns a 50 percent interest in partnership P with a RBIG limitation of \$200,000 and a RBIL limitation of \$0. P owns (among other assets) Blackacre with a basis of \$20,000 and a value of \$140,000. In 1996, P sells Blackacre for \$140,000 and recognizes a gain of \$120,000 of which \$60,000 is included in X's distributive share and treated as a partnership 1374 item. X's net recognized built-in gain for 1996 computed without partnership 1374 items is \$95,000 and with partnership 1374 items is \$155,000. Thus, X has a partnership RBIG of \$60,000. In 1999, X sells its entire interest in P for \$350,000 and recognizes a gain of \$250,000. Under paragraph (i)(3) of this section, X's recognized built-in gain on the sale is limited by its RBIG limitation to \$140,000 (\$200,000 - \$60,000 = \$140,000).

Example 8. Section 704(c) case. Y is a C corporation that elects to become an S corporation on January 1, 1996. On that date, Y contributes Asset 1, 5-year property with a value of \$40,000 and a basis of \$0, and an unrelated party contributes \$40,000 in cash, each for a 50 percent interest in partnership P. The partnership adopts the traditional method under § 1.704-3(b). If P sold Asset 1 for \$40,000 immediately after it was contributed by Y, P's \$40,000 gain would be allocated to Y under section 704(c). Instead, Asset 1 is sold by P in 1999 for \$36,000 and P recognizes gain of \$36,000 (\$36,000 - \$0 = \$36,000) on the sale. However, because book depreciation of \$8,000 per year has been taken on Asset 1 in 1996, 1997, and 1998, Y is allocated only \$16,000 of P's \$36,000 gain (\$40,000 - (3 × \$8,000) = (\$16,000 - \$0) = \$16,000) under section 704(c). The remaining \$20,000 of P's \$36,000 gain (\$36,000 - \$16,000 = \$20,000) is allocated 50 percent to each partner under section 704(b). Thus, a total of \$26,000 (\$16,000 + \$10,000 = \$26,000) of P's \$36,000 gain is allocated to Y. However, under paragraph (i)(6) of this section, Y treats \$36,000 as a partnership 1374 item on P's sale of Asset 1.

Example 9. Disposition of distributed partnership asset. X is a C corporation that elects to become an S corporation on January 1, 1996. On that date, X owns a fifty percent interest in partnership P and P owns (among other assets) Blackacre with a basis of \$20,000 and a value of \$40,000. On January 1, 1998, P distributes Blackacre to X, when Blackacre has a basis of \$20,000 and a value of \$50,000. Under section 732(a)(1), X has a transferred basis of \$20,000 in Blackacre. On January 1, 1999, X sells Blackacre for \$60,000 and recognizes a gain of \$40,000. Under paragraph (i)(7) of this section and section 1374(d)(3), X has recognized built-in gain from the sale of \$20,000,

the amount of built-in gain in Blackacre on the first day of the recognition period.

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§ 1.1374-5 Loss carryforwards.

(a) *In general.* The loss carryforwards allowed as deductions against net recognized built-in gain under section 1374(b)(2) are allowed only to the extent their use is allowed under the rules applying to C corporations. Any other loss carryforwards, such as charitable contribution carryforwards under section 170(d)(2), are not allowed as deductions against net recognized built-in gain.

(b) *Example.* The rules of this section are illustrated by the following example.

Example: Section 382 limitation. X is a C corporation that has an ownership change under section 382(g)(1) on January 1, 1994. On that date, X has a fair market value of \$500,000, NOL carryforwards of \$400,000, and a net unrealized built-in gain under section 382(h)(3)(A) of \$0. Assume X's section 382 limitation under section 382(b)(1) is \$40,000. X elects to become an S corporation on January 1, 1998. On that date, X has NOL carryforwards of \$240,000 (having used \$160,000 of its pre-change net operating losses in its 4 preceding taxable years) and a section 1374 net unrealized built-in gain of \$250,000. In 1998, X has net recognized built-in gain of \$100,000. X may use \$40,000 of its NOL carryforwards as a deduction against its \$100,000 net recognized built-in gain, because X's section 382 limitation is \$40,000.

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§ 1.1374-6 Credits and credit carryforwards.

(a) *In general.* The credits and credit carryforwards allowed as credits against the section 1374 tax under section 1374(b)(3) are allowed only to the extent their use is allowed under the rules applying to C corporations. Any other credits or credit carryforwards, such as foreign tax credits under section 901, are not allowed as credits against the section 1374 tax.

(b) *Limitations.* The amount of business credit carryforwards and minimum tax credit allowed against the section 1374 tax are subject to the limitations described in section 38(c) and section 53(c), respectively, as modified

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by this paragraph. The tentative tax determined under paragraph (a)(3) of § 1.1374-1 is treated as the regular tax liability described in sections 38(c)(1) and 53(c)(1), and as the net income tax and net regular tax liability described in section 38(c)(1). The tentative minimum tax described in section 55(b) is determined using the rate of tax applicable to corporations and without regard to any alternative minimum tax foreign tax credit described in that section and by treating the net recognized built-in gain determined under § 1.1374-2, modified to take into account the adjustments of sections 56 and 58 applicable to corporations and the preferences of section 57, as the alternative minimum taxable income described in section 55(b)(2).

(c) *Examples.* The rules of this section are illustrated by the following examples.

Example 1. Business credit carryforward. X is a C corporation that elects to become an S corporation effective January 1, 1996. On that date, X has a \$500,000 business credit carryforward from a C year and Asset #1 with a fair market value of \$400,000, a basis for regular tax purposes of \$95,000, and a basis for alternative minimum tax purposes of \$150,000. In 1996, X has net recognized built-in gain of \$305,000 from selling Asset #1 for \$400,000. Thus, X's tentative tax under paragraph (a)(3) of § 1.1374-1 and regular tax liability under paragraph (b) of this section is \$106,750 ($\$400,000 - \$95,000 = \$305,000 \times .35 = \$106,750$, assuming a 35 percent tax rate). Also, X's tentative minimum tax determined under paragraph (b) of this section is \$47,000 [$\$400,000 - \$150,000 = \$250,000 - \$15,000$ (40,000 corporate exemption amount - \$25,000 phase-out = \$15,000) = $\$235,000 \times .20 = \$47,000$, assuming a 20 percent tax rate]. Thus, the business credit limitation under section 38(c) is \$59,750 [$\$106,750 - \$47,000$ (the greater of \$47,000 or $\$20,438 (.25 \times \$81,750 (\$106,750 - \$25,000 = \$81,750))$) = \$59,750]. As a result, X's section 1374 tax is \$47,000 ($\$106,750 - \$59,750 = \$47,000$) for 1996 and X has \$440,250 ($\$500,000 - \$59,750 = \$440,250$) of business credit carryforwards for succeeding taxable years.

Example 2. Minimum tax credit. Y is a C corporation that elects to become an S corporation effective January 1, 1996. On that date, Asset #1 has a fair market value of \$5,000,000, a basis for regular tax purposes of \$4,000,000, and a basis for alternative minimum tax purposes of \$4,750,000. Y also has a minimum tax credit of \$310,000 from 1995. Y has no other assets, no net operating or capital loss carryforwards, and no business credit carryforwards. In 1996, Y's only transaction

is the sale of Asset #1 for \$5,000,000. Therefore, Y has net recognized built-in gain in 1996 of \$1,000,000 ($\$5,000,000 - \$4,000,000 = \$1,000,000$) and a tentative tax under paragraph (a)(3) of § 1.1374-1 of \$350,000 ($\$1,000,000 \times .35 = \$350,000$, assuming a 35 percent tax rate). Also, Y's tentative minimum tax determined under paragraph (b) of this section is \$47,000 [$\$5,000,000 - \$4,750,000 = \$250,000 - \$15,000$ (40,000 corporate exemption amount - \$25,000 phase-out = \$15,000) = $\$235,000 \times .20 = \$47,000$, assuming a 20 percent tax rate]. Thus, Y may use its minimum tax credit in the amount of \$303,000 ($\$350,000 - \$47,000 = \$303,000$) to offset its section 1374 tentative tax. As a result, Y's section 1374 tax is \$47,000 ($\$350,000 - \$303,000 = \$47,000$) in 1996 and Y has a minimum tax credit attributable to years for which Y was a C corporation of \$7,000 ($\$310,000 - \$303,000 = \$7,000$).

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§ 1.1374-7 Inventory.

(a) *Valuation.* The fair market value of the inventory of an S corporation on the first day of the recognition period equals the amount that a willing buyer would pay a willing seller for the inventory in a purchase of all the S corporation's assets by a buyer that expects to continue to operate the S corporation's business. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the buyer and seller are presumed not to be under any compulsion to buy or sell and to have reasonable knowledge of all relevant facts.

(b) *Identity of dispositions.* The inventory method used by an S corporation for tax purposes must be used to identify whether the inventory it disposes of during the recognition period is inventory it held on the first day of that period. Thus, a corporation using the LIFO method does not dispose of inventory it held on the first day of the recognition period unless the carrying value of its inventory for a taxable year during that period is less than the carrying value of its inventory on the first day of the recognition period (determined using the LIFO method as described in section 472). However, if a corporation changes its method of accounting for inventory (for example, from the FIFO method to the LIFO method or from the LIFO method to the FIFO method) with a principal purpose of avoiding the tax imposed under section 1374, it must use its former