

administrative work directly related to the operations of the company, such as gardeners or construction workers, plus any wages paid for the assembly of dutiable jewelry or for the repair of dutiable jewelry to the extent that such wages exceed the percentage set forth above. No more than two insular producers may have their wages credited for their portion of the wages paid for work on a single piece of jewelry which entered the U.S. free of duty under the program. Wages paid by the two producers will be credited proportionally provided both producers demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Secretaries that they worked on the same piece of jewelry, the jewelry received duty-free treatment into the U.S., and the producers maintained production and payroll records sufficient for the Departments' verification of the creditable wage portion (see § 303.17(b)). * * *

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§ 303.17 [Amended]

5. Section 303.17(b)(4) is amended by adding “, or the certificate of origin for the shipment, or, if a company did not receive such documents from Customs, a certification from the consignee that the jewelry shipment received duty-free treatment, or a certification from the producer, if the producer can attest that the jewelry shipment received duty-free treatment” at the end of the paragraph.

6. Section 303.19(a)(1) is revised to read as follows:

§ 303.19 Issuance and use of production incentive certificates.

(a) *Issuance of certificates.* (1) The total annual amount of the Certificate of Entitlement, Form ITA-360, may be divided and issued on a biannual basis. The first portion of the total annual certificate amount will be based on reported duty-free shipments and creditable wages paid during the first six months of the calendar year, using the formula in § 303.20(b). The Departments require the receipt of the data by July 31 for each producer who wishes to receive an interim duty refund certificate. The interim duty refund certificate will be issued on or before August 31 of the same year in which the wages were earned unless the Departments have unresolved questions. The process of determining the total annual amount of the duty refund will remain the same. The completed annual application (Form ITA-334P) shall be received by the Departments on or before January 31 and the annual verification of data and calculation of each producer's total annual duty refund, based on the verified data, will

continue to take place in February. Once the calculations for each producer's duty refund has been completed, the portion of the duty refund that has already been issued to each producer will be deducted from the total amount of each producer's annual duty refund amount. The duty refund certificate will continue to be issued by March 1 unless the Departments have unresolved questions.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

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Debt Instruments With Original Issue Discount; Annuity Contracts; Hearing Cancellation

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Cancellation of notice of public hearing on proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This document cancels the public hearing on proposed regulations relating to the federal income tax treatment of annuity contracts issued by certain insurance companies.

DATES: The public hearing originally scheduled for Wednesday, May 30, 2001, at 10 a.m., is cancelled.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LaNita Van Dyke of the Regulations Unit, Office of Special Counsel (Modernization & Strategic Planning), (202) 622-7190 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A notice of proposed rulemaking and notice of public hearing that appeared in the **Federal Register** on Friday, January 12, 2001 (66 FR 2852), announced that a public hearing was scheduled for Wednesday, May 30, 2001, at 10 a.m., in room 4718, Internal Revenue Building, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The subject of the public hearing is proposed regulations under sections 163(e) and 1271 through 1275 of the Internal Revenue Code. The public comment period for these

proposed regulations expired on April 12, 2001.

The notice of proposed rulemaking and notice of public hearing, instructed those interested in testifying at the public hearing to submit a request to speak and an outline of the topics to be addressed. As of Wednesday, May 16, 2001, no one has requested to speak. Therefore, the public hearing scheduled for Wednesday, May 30, 2001, is cancelled.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

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Liabilities Assumed in Certain Corporate Transactions

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Cancellation of notice of public hearing on proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice of cancellation of a public hearing on proposed regulations relating to liabilities assumed in certain corporate transactions.

DATES: The public hearing originally scheduled for Thursday, May 31, 2001, at 10 a.m., is cancelled.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Guy R. Traynor of the Regulations Unit, Office of Special Counsel, (202) 622-7180 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A notice of proposed rulemaking and notice of public hearing that appeared in the **Federal Register** on January 4, 2001 (66 FR 748), announced that a public hearing was scheduled for May 31, 2001 at 10 a.m., in room 4718, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The subject of the public hearing is proposed regulations under section 301 of the Internal Revenue Code. The public comment period for these regulations expired on May 10, 2001.

The notice of proposed rulemaking and notice of public hearing, instructed those interested in testifying at the public hearing to submit a request to speak and an outline of the topics to be addressed. As of May 15, 2001, no one