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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Industry and Security
15 CFR Part 774
The Commerce Control List
CFR Correction

In Title 15 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 300–799, revised as of January 1, 2011, in Supplement No. 1 to Part 774, in ECCN 1C118, the "Items" paragraph is revised to read as follows:

Supplement No. 1 to PART 774—THE COMMERCE CONTROL LIST
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2B008 Assemblies or Units, Specially Designed for Machine Tools, or Dimensional Inspection or Measuring Systems and Equipment, as Follows (See List of Items Controlled).
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Items:

a. Linear position feedback units (e.g., inductive type devices, graduated scales, infrared systems or “laser” systems) having an overall “accuracy” less (better) than (800 + (600 × L × \(10^{-3}\)) mm (L equals the effective length in mm).

N.B.: For “laser” systems see also 2B006.b.1.c and d.

b. Rotary position feedback units (e.g., inductive type devices, graduated scales, infrared systems or “laser” systems) having an “accuracy” less (better) than 0.00025°:

N.B.: For “laser” systems see also 2B006.b.2.

c. “Compound rotary tables” and “tilting spindles”, capable of upgrading, according to the manufacturer’s specifications, machine tools to or above the levels controlled by 2B001 to 2B009.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Internal Revenue Service
26 CFR Part 301
[TD 9553]
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Disregarded Entities; Excise Taxes and Employment Taxes

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Final regulations and removal of temporary regulations.

SUMMARY: This document contains final regulations relating to disregarded entities and excise taxes. These regulations also make conforming changes to the tax liability rule for disregarded entities and the treatment of entity rule for disregarded entities with respect to employment taxes. These regulations affect disregarded entities in general and, in particular, disregarded entities that pay or pay over certain federal excise taxes that are required to be registered by the IRS.

DATES: Effective Date: These regulations are effective on October 26, 2011.

Applicability Date: For dates of applicability, see §§ 301.7701–2(o)(2), 301.7701–2(o)(5), and 301.7701–2(o)(6).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This document contains amendments to the Procedure and Administration Regulations (26 CFR part 301) under section 7701 of the Internal Revenue Code (Code).

Temporary regulations (TD 9462, 74 FR 46903) and a cross-reference notice of proposed rulemaking (REG–116614–08, 74 FR 46957) were published in the Federal Register on September 14, 2009 (the 2009 proposed regulations). On October 14, 2009, corrections to the temporary regulations (74 FR 52677) and to the cross-reference notice of proposed rulemaking (74 FR 52708) were published in the Federal Register.

The 2009 proposed regulations clarify that a single-owner eligible entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner for any purpose under § 301.7701–2, but regarded as an entity for certain excise tax purposes under § 301.7701–2(c)(2)(v), is treated as a corporation with respect to those excise taxes. In addition, the 2009 proposed regulations make conforming changes to the tax liability rule for disregarded entities in § 301.7701–2(c)(2)(iii) and the
treatment of entity rule for disregarded entities with respect to employment taxes in § 301.7701–2(c)(2)(iv)(B).

No public hearing was requested or held. One written comment was received. After consideration of the comment, the proposed regulations are adopted by this Treasury decision and the temporary regulations are removed.

Summary of the Comment and Explanation of Provisions

A. Air Transportation Excise Tax

The commenter asked whether an amount paid to a single-member limited liability company (SMLLC) by its owner for air transportation provided to its owner will be deemed to be paid to a separate corporation and therefore subject to federal transportation excise taxes under section 4261.

On August 16, 2007, final regulations under § 301.7701–2(c)(2)(v)(A) were published in the Federal Register (TD 9356, 72 FR 45891) (the 2007 final regulations). The 2007 final regulations provided that a single-owner eligible entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner for Federal tax purposes is treated as a separate entity for certain excise tax purposes, including Federal tax liabilities imposed by Chapter 33 of the Code. Under this rule, amounts paid after December 31, 2007, to an SMLLC by its owner for air transportation are subject to the tax imposed by section 4261. The commenter suggested that the rule in the 2007 final regulations created a tax liability where one did not exist before.

Prior to the adoption of the § 301.7701–2 regulations in 1997, amounts paid from one state law entity to another for air transportation were previously taxable transactions no longer subject to excise tax when the owner of an eligible entity elected to be a disregarded entity. The 2007 regulations merely restored the long-standing and reasonable pre-1997 rule. Accordingly, the final regulations retain the rule that excise taxes imposed on amounts paid for covered services (such as air transportation) apply to amounts paid between state law entities for such services (unless a statutory exception applies).

B. Indoor Tanning Services Excise Tax

After the 2009 proposed regulations were published, section 10907 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111–148 (124 Stat. 119 (2010)) added new Chapter 49 to the Code, which contains an excise tax on amounts paid for indoor tanning services under new section 5000B. The IRS and Treasury Department are aware of issues relating to the treatment of qualified subchapter S subsidiaries and single-owner eligible entities that are disregarded as entities separate from their owners with respect to tax liabilities imposed by Chapter 49 of the Code. The issues are similar to those addressed in § 301.7701–2(c)(2)(v).

Accordingly, the IRS and the Treasury Department plan to issue regulations addressing the treatment of those entities with respect to tax liabilities imposed by Chapter 49 of the Code.

C. Firearms Excise Tax and Harbor Maintenance Tax

The rules in the final regulations do not apply to the firearms excise tax administered by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) and the harbor maintenance tax administered by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (Customs). Rules in 26 CFR part 301 generally do not apply for purposes of these taxes and taxpayers should not assume that a single owner entity will be disregarded under applicable TTB or Customs rules.

Availability of IRS Documents

The IRS revenue rulings cited in this preamble are published in the Internal Revenue Cumulative Bulletin and are available from the Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250–7954.

Special Analyses

It has been determined that this Treasury decision is not a significant regulatory action as defined in Executive Order 12866. Therefore, a regulatory assessment is not required. It has also been determined that section 553(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 5) does not apply to these regulations, and, because the regulations do not impose a collection of information on small entities, the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 6) does not apply. Pursuant to section 7805(f) of the Code, the proposed regulations preceding these regulations were submitted to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration for comment on its impact on small business.

Drafting Information

The principal author of these regulations is Michael H. Beker, Office of the Associate Chief Counsel (Passthroughs and Special Industries). However, other personnel from the IRS and the Treasury Department participated in their development.

List of Subjects in 26 CFR Part 301

Employment taxes, Estate taxes, Excise taxes, Gift taxes, Income taxes, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Adoption of Amendments to the Regulations

Accordingly, 26 CFR part 301 is amended as follows:

PART 301—PROCEDURE AND ADMINISTRATION

■ Paragraph 1. The authority citation for part 301 continues to read in part as follows:

Authority: 26 U.S.C. 7805. * * * 

■ Par. 2. Section 301.7701–2 is amended by:

■ 1. Revising paragraphs (c)(2)(iii), (c)(2)(iv)(B), (c)(2)(v)(B), (c)(2)(v)(C) Example (iv), (e)(2), and (e)(6).

■ 2. Adding two sentences at the end of paragraph (e)(5).

The additions and revisions read as follows:

§ 301.7701–2 Business entities; definitions.

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(2) * * * 

(iii) Tax liabilities of certain disregarded entities—(A) In general. An entity that is disregarded as separate from its owner for any purpose under this section is treated as an entity separate from its owner for purposes of—

(1) Federal tax liabilities of the entity with respect to any taxable period for which the entity was not disregarded;

(2) Federal tax liabilities of any other entity for which the entity is liable; and

(3) Refunds or credits of Federal tax.
September 14, 2009. For rules that apply before September 14, 2009, see 26 CFR part 301 revised as of April 1, 2009.

§ 301.7701–2T [Removed]

Par. 3. Section 301.7701–2T is removed.

Steven T. Miller, Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement.

Approved: October 18, 2011.

Emily S. McMahon, Acting, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury (Tax Policy).

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG–2011–0960]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Trent River, New Bern, NC

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the regulations governing the operation of the US 70 (Alfred Cunningham) Bridge, at mile 0.0, over the Trent River, at New Bern, NC. The deviation restricts the operation of the draw span to facilitate the general maintenance of the Bridge.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 8 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. on October 26, 2011 and October 27, 2011. There are no alternate routes for vessels transiting this section of the Trent River.

The Coast Guard reviewed the 2010 drawbridge logs provided by NCDOT. In the month of October 2010, between the hours of 8 p.m. and 11:59 p.m., there were approximately four recorded vessel openings of the drawbridge. The drawbridge will be able to open for emergencies. Most vessel traffic utilizing this bridge consists of recreational boaters. October is outside of the high recreational boating season therefore, only a small number of boaters may be affected by this temporary closure. There are no alternate routes on this section of Trent River. Vessels that can pass through the bridge in the closed position may do so at any time.

The Coast Guard will inform all users of the waterway through our Local and Broadcast Notice to Mariners of the closure periods for the bridge so that vessels can arrange their transits to minimize any impacts caused by the temporary deviation.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the draw must return to its original operating schedule immediately at the end of the designated time period. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.