

4 percent per annum for period of an extension under section 6601(j) of this title, and redesignated pars. (2) and (3) as (1) and (2), respectively.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 1902(b)(2)(B) of Pub. L. 94-455 applicable to estates of decedents dying after Oct. 4, 1976, see section 1902(c)(1) of Pub. L. 94-455, set out as a note under section 2011 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1975 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-625 effective July 1, 1975, and applicable to amounts outstanding on such date or arising thereafter, see section 7(e) of Pub. L. 93-625, set out as an Effective Date note under section 6621 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section applicable with respect to amounts received after Dec. 31, 1964, in respect of foreign expropriation losses (as defined in section 1351(b) of this title) sustained after Dec. 31, 1958, see section 2 of Pub. L. 89-384, set out as a note under section 1351 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 6503 of this title.

CHAPTER 63—ASSESSMENT

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AMENDMENTS

1982—Pub. L. 97-354, §4(b), Oct. 19, 1982, 96 Stat. 1692, added item for subchapter D.

Pub. L. 97-248, title IV, §402(b), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 667, added item for subchapter C.

1969—Pub. L. 91-172, title I, §101(j)(63), Dec. 30, 1969, 83 Stat. 532, inserted reference to certain excise taxes in item for subchapter B.

CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This chapter is referred to in section 6867 of this title.

Subchapter A—In General

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AMENDMENTS

1983—Pub. L. 97-424, title V, §515(b)(3)(B), Jan. 6, 1983, 96 Stat. 2181, struck out reference to section 6424 in item 6206.

1970—Pub. L. 91-258, title II, §207(d)(11), May 21, 1970, 84 Stat. 249, inserted reference to section 6427 in item 6206.

1965—Pub. L. 89-44, title II, §202(c)(2)(B), June 21, 1965, 79 Stat. 139, substituted “6420, 6421, and 6424” for “6420 and 6421” in item 6206.

1956—Act June 29, 1956, ch. 462, title II, §208(e)(3), 70 Stat. 397, substituted “sections 6420 and 6421” for “section 6420” in item 6206.

¹ Section numbers editorially supplied.

Act Apr. 2, 1956, ch. 160, §4(b)(2), 70 Stat. 91, inserted item “6206. Special rules applicable to excessive claims under section 6420”, and renumbered former item 6206 as 6207.

SUBCHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This subchapter is referred to in section 7851 of this title.

§ 6201. Assessment authority

(a) Authority of Secretary

The Secretary is authorized and required to make the inquiries, determinations, and assessments of all taxes (including interest, additional amounts, additions to the tax, and assessable penalties) imposed by this title, or accruing under any former internal revenue law, which have not been duly paid by stamp at the time and in the manner provided by law. Such authority shall extend to and include the following:

(1) Taxes shown on return

The Secretary shall assess all taxes determined by the taxpayer or by the Secretary as to which returns or lists are made under this title.

(2) Unpaid taxes payable by stamp

(A) Omitted stamps

Whenever any article upon which a tax is required to be paid by means of a stamp is sold or removed for sale or use by the manufacturer thereof or whenever any transaction or act upon which a tax is required to be paid by means of a stamp occurs without the use of the proper stamp, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, upon such information as he can obtain, to estimate the amount of tax which has been omitted to be paid and to make assessment therefor upon the person or persons the Secretary determines to be liable for such tax.

(B) Check or money order not duly paid

In any case in which a check or money order received under authority of section 6311 as payment for stamps is not duly paid, the unpaid amount may be immediately assessed as if it were a tax imposed by this title, due at the time of such receipt, from the person who tendered such check or money order.

(3) Erroneous income tax prepayment credits

If on any return or claim for refund of income taxes under subtitle A there is an overstatement of the credit for income tax withheld at the source, or of the amount paid as estimated income tax, the amount so overstated which is allowed against the tax shown on the return or which is allowed as a credit or refund may be assessed by the Secretary in the same manner as in the case of a mathematical or clerical error appearing upon the return, except that the provisions of section 6213(b)(2) (relating to abatement of mathematical or clerical error assessments) shall not apply with regard to any assessment under this paragraph.