

section 3(d)(1) of Pub. L. 93-499, set out as an Effective Date of 1974 Amendment note under section 4401 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 6103 of this title.

CHAPTER 36—CERTAIN OTHER EXCISE TAXES

Table with 2 columns: Subchapter and Sec.1. Rows include Harbor maintenance tax (4461), Transportation by water (4471), Occupational tax on coin-operated devices (24461), Repealed., Tax on use of certain vehicles (4481), Repealed., and Tax on removal of hard mineral resources from deep seabed (4495).

AMENDMENTS

- 1989—Pub. L. 101-239, title VII, §7504(b), Dec. 19, 1989, 103 Stat. 2363, added item for subchapter B "Transportation by water".
1986—Pub. L. 99-662, title XIV, §1402(b), Nov. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 4269, added item for subchapter A.
1982—Pub. L. 97-248, title II, §280(c)(2)(A), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 564, struck out item for subchapter E.
1980—Pub. L. 96-283, title IV, §402(b), June 28, 1980, 94 Stat. 584, added item for subchapter F.
1970—Pub. L. 91-258, title II, §206(d)(1), May 21, 1970, 84 Stat. 246, added item for subchapter E.
1965—Pub. L. 89-44, title IV, §§402, 404, June 21, 1965, 79 Stat. 148, 149, struck out items for subchapters A and C.
1956—Act June 29, 1956, ch. 462, title II, §206(c), 70 Stat. 391, added item for subchapter D.

Subchapter A—Harbor Maintenance Tax

Table with 2 columns: Sec. and Description. Rows include 4461. Imposition of tax. and 4462. Definitions and special rules.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior subchapter A (§§ 4451 to 4457), act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 529, 530, related to tax on playing cards, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 89-44, title IV, §402, June 21, 1965, 79 Stat. 148. Repeal of sections 4451 to 4457 applicable on and after June 22, 1965, see section 701(c)(2) of Pub. L. 89-44, set out in part as an Effective Date of 1965 Amendment note under section 4905 of this title.

SUBCHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This subchapter is referred to in section 9505 of this title.

§ 4461. Imposition of tax

(a) General rule

There is hereby imposed a tax on any port use.

(b) Amount of tax

The amount of the tax imposed by subsection (a) on any port use shall be an amount equal to 0.125 percent of the value of the commercial cargo involved.

(c) Liability and time of imposition of tax

(1) Liability

The tax imposed by subsection (a) shall be paid by—

- (A) in the case of cargo entering the United States, the importer,
(B) in the case of cargo to be exported from the United States, the exporter, or
(C) in any other case, the shipper.

(2) Time of imposition

Except as provided by regulations, the tax imposed by subsection (a) shall be imposed—
(A) in the case of cargo to be exported from the United States, at the time of loading, and
(B) in any other case, at the time of unloading.

(Added Pub. L. 99-662, title XIV, §1402(a), Nov. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 4266; amended Pub. L. 101-508, title XI, §11214(a), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-436.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

For prior section 4461, see Prior Provisions note set out preceding section 4471 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1990—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 101-508 substituted "0.125 percent" for "0.04 percent".

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Section 11214(b) of Pub. L. 101-508 provided that: "The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect on January 1, 1991."

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 1402(c) of Pub. L. 99-662 provided that: "The amendments made by this section [enacting this section and section 4462 of this title] shall take effect on April 1, 1987."

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

Section 1403(b) of Pub. L. 99-662, authorized to be appropriated to Department of the Treasury (from fees collected under section 58c(9), (10) of Title 19, Customs Duties) such sums as necessary to pay all expenses of administration incurred by such Department in administering this subchapter for periods to which such fees apply, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 103-182, title VI, §690(c)(8), Dec. 8, 1993, 107 Stat. 2223.

STUDY OF CARGO DIVERSION

Section 1407 of Pub. L. 99-662, as amended by Pub. L. 100-647, title II, §2002(c), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3597, provided that:

"(a) INITIAL STUDY.—The Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with United States ports, the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of Transportation, the United States Trade Representative and other appropriate Federal agencies, shall conduct a study to determine the impact of the port use tax imposed under section 4461(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 [now 1986] on potential diversions of cargo from particular United States ports to any port in a country contiguous to the United States. The report of the study shall be submitted to the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the United States Senate not later than December 1, 1988.

"(b) REVIEW.—The Secretary of the Treasury may, at any time, review and revise the findings of the study conducted pursuant to subsection (a) with respect to any United States port (or to any transaction or class of transactions at such port).

"(c) IMPLEMENTATION OF FINDINGS.—For purposes of section 4462(d)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 [now 1986], the findings of the study or review conducted pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall be effective 60 days after notification to the ports concerned."

1 Section numbers editorially supplied.

2 Subchapter repealed by Pub. L. 95-600 without corresponding amendment of chapter analysis.

## SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 4462, 9505 of this title.

**§ 4462. Definitions and special rules****(a) Definitions**

For purposes of this subchapter—

**(1) Port use**

The term “port use” means—

- (A) the loading of commercial cargo on, or
- (B) the unloading of commercial cargo from,

a commercial vessel at a port.

**(2) Port****(A) In general**

The term “port” means any channel or harbor (or component thereof) in the United States, which—

- (i) is not an inland waterway, and
- (ii) is open to public navigation.

**(B) Exception for certain facilities**

The term “port” does not include any channel or harbor with respect to which no Federal funds have been used since 1977 for construction, maintenance, or operation, or which was deauthorized by Federal law before 1985.

**(C) Special rule for Columbia River**

The term “port” shall include the channels of the Columbia River in the States of Oregon and Washington only up to the downstream side of Bonneville lock and dam.

**(3) Commercial cargo****(A) In general**

The term “commercial cargo” means any cargo transported on a commercial vessel, including passengers transported for compensation or hire.

**(B) Certain items not included**

The term “commercial cargo” does not include—

- (i) bunker fuel, ship’s stores, sea stores, or the legitimate equipment necessary to the operation of a vessel, or
- (ii) fish or other aquatic animal life caught and not previously landed on shore.

**(4) Commercial vessel****(A) In general**

The term “commercial vessel” means any vessel used—

- (i) in transporting cargo by water for compensation or hire, or
- (ii) in transporting cargo by water in the business of the owner, lessee, or operator of the vessel.

**(B) Exclusion of ferries****(i) In general**

The term “commercial vessel” does not include any ferry engaged primarily in the ferrying of passengers (including their vehicles) between points within the United States, or between the United States and contiguous countries.

**(ii) Ferry**

The term “ferry” means any vessel which arrives in the United States on a regular schedule during its operating season at intervals of at least once each business day.

**(5) Value****(A) In general**

The term “value” means, except as provided in regulations, the value of any commercial cargo as determined by standard commercial documentation.

**(B) Transportation of passengers**

In the case of the transportation of passengers for hire, the term “value” means the actual charge paid for such service or the prevailing charge for comparable service if no actual charge is paid.

**(b) Special rule for Alaska, Hawaii, and possessions****(1) In general**

No tax shall be imposed under section 4461(a) with respect to—

(A) cargo loaded on a vessel in a port in the United States mainland for transportation to Alaska, Hawaii, or any possession of the United States for ultimate use or consumption in Alaska, Hawaii, or any possession of the United States,

(B) cargo loaded on a vessel in Alaska, Hawaii, or any possession of the United States for transportation to the United States mainland, Alaska, Hawaii, or such a possession for ultimate use or consumption in the United States mainland, Alaska, Hawaii, or such a possession,

(C) the unloading of cargo described in subparagraph (A) or (B) in Alaska, Hawaii, or any possession of the United States, or in the United States mainland, respectively, or

(D) cargo loaded on a vessel in Alaska, Hawaii, or a possession of the United States and unloaded in the State or possession in which loaded, or passengers transported on United States flag vessels operating solely within the State waters of Alaska or Hawaii and adjacent international waters.

**(2) Cargo does not include crude oil with respect to Alaska**

For purposes of this subsection, the term “cargo” does not include crude oil with respect to Alaska.

**(3) United States mainland**

For purposes of this subsection, the term “United States mainland” means the continental United States (not including Alaska).

**(c) Coordination of tax where transportation subject to tax imposed by section 4042**

No tax shall be imposed under this subchapter with respect to the loading or unloading of any cargo on or from a vessel if any fuel of such vessel has been (or will be) subject to the tax imposed by section 4042 (relating to tax on fuel used in commercial transportation on inland waterways).

**(d) Nonapplicability of tax to certain cargo****(1) In general**

Subject to paragraph (2), the tax imposed by section 4461(a) shall not apply to bonded commercial cargo entering the United States for transportation and direct exportation to a foreign country.

**(2) Imposition of charges**

Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any cargo exported to Canada or Mexico—

(A) during the period—

(i) after the date on which the Secretary determines that the Government of Canada or Mexico (as the case may be) has imposed a substantially equivalent tax, fee, or charge on commercial vessels or commercial cargo utilizing ports of such country, and

(ii) subject to subparagraph (B), before the date on which the Secretary determines that such tax, fee, charge has been discontinued by such country, and

(B) with respect to a particular United States port (or to any transaction or class of transactions at any such port) to the extent that the study made pursuant to section 1407(a) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (or a review thereof pursuant to section 1407(b) of such Act) finds that—

(i) the imposition of the tax imposed by this subchapter at such port (or to any transaction or class of transactions at such port) is not likely to divert a significant amount of cargo from such port to a port in a country contiguous to the United States, or that any such diversion is not likely to result in significant economic loss to such port, or

(ii) the nonapplicability of such tax at such port (or to any transaction or class of transactions at such port) is likely to result in significant economic loss to any other United States port.

**(e) Exemption for United States**

No tax shall be imposed under this subchapter on the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof.

**(f) Extension of provisions of law applicable to customs duty****(1) In general**

Except to the extent otherwise provided in regulations, all administrative and enforcement provisions of customs laws and regulations shall apply in respect of the tax imposed by this subchapter (and in respect of persons liable therefor) as if such tax were a customs duty. For purposes of the preceding sentence, any penalty expressed in terms of a relationship to the amount of the duty shall be treated as not less than the amount which bears a similar relationship to the value of the cargo.

**(2) Jurisdiction of courts and agencies**

For purposes of determining the jurisdiction of any court of the United States or any agency of the United States, the tax imposed by this subchapter shall be treated as if such tax were a customs duty.

**(3) Administrative provisions applicable to tax law not to apply**

The tax imposed by this subchapter shall not be treated as a tax for purposes of subtitle F or any other provision of law relating to the administration and enforcement of internal revenue taxes.

**(g) Special rules**

Except as provided by regulations—

**(1) Tax imposed only once**

Only 1 tax shall be imposed under section 4461(a) with respect to the loading on and unloading from, or the unloading from and the loading on, the same vessel of the same cargo.

**(2) Exception for intraport movements**

Under regulations, no tax shall be imposed under section 4461(a) on the mere movement of cargo within a port.

**(3) Relay cargo**

Only 1 tax shall be imposed under section 4461(a) on cargo (moving under a single bill of lading) which is unloaded from one vessel and loaded onto another vessel at any port in the United States for relay to or from any port in Alaska, Hawaii, or any possession of the United States. For purposes of this paragraph, the term “cargo” does not include any item not treated as cargo under subsection (b)(2).

**(h) Exemption for humanitarian and development assistance cargos**

No tax shall be imposed under this subchapter on any nonprofit organization or cooperative for cargo which is owned or financed by such nonprofit organization or cooperative and which is certified by the United States Customs Service as intended for use in humanitarian or development assistance overseas.

**(i) Regulations**

The Secretary may prescribe such additional regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this subchapter including, but not limited to, regulations—

(1) providing for the manner and method of payment and collection of the tax imposed by this subchapter,

(2) providing for the posting of bonds to secure payment of such tax,

(3) exempting any transaction or class of transactions from such tax where the collection of such tax is not administratively practical, and

(4) providing for the remittance or mitigation of penalties and the settlement or compromise of claims.

(Added Pub. L. 99-662, title XIV, §1402(a), Nov. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 4266; amended Pub. L. 100-647, title II, §2002(b), title VI, §§6109(a), 6110(a), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3597, 3712; Pub. L. 104-188, title I, §1704(i)(1), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1881.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1407(a) and (b) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, referred to in subsec. (d)(2)(B), is section 1407(a) and (b) of Pub. L. 99-662, title XIV, Nov. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 4272, 4273, which is set out as a note under section 4461 of this title.

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

For prior section 4462, see Prior Provisions note set out preceding section 4471 of this title.

## AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (b)(1)(D). Pub. L. 104-188 inserted before period at end “, or passengers transported on United States flag vessels operating solely within the State waters of Alaska or Hawaii and adjacent international waters”.

1988—Subsec. (b)(1)(B). Pub. L. 100-647, §2002(b), amended subpar. (B) generally. Prior to amendment, subpar. (B) read as follows: “cargo loaded on a vessel in Alaska, Hawaii, or any possession of the United States for transportation to the United States mainland for ultimate use or consumption in the United States mainland.”.

Subsec. (g)(3). Pub. L. 100-647, §6110(a), added par. (3).  
Subsecs. (h), (i). Pub. L. 100-647, §6109(a), added subsec. (h) and redesignated former subsec. (h) as (i).

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Section 1704(i)(2) of Pub. L. 104-188 provided that: “The amendment made by paragraph (1) [amending this section] shall take effect as if included in the amendments made by section 1402(a) of the Harbor Maintenance Revenue Act of 1986 [Pub. L. 99-662, title XIV].”

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 2002(b) of Pub. L. 100-647 effective as if included in the provision of the Harbor Maintenance Revenue Act of 1986, Pub. L. 99-662, title XIV, to which it relates, see section 2002(d) of Pub. L. 100-647, set out as a note under section 4042 of this title.

Section 6109(b) of Pub. L. 100-647 provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect on April 1, 1987.”

Section 6110(b) of Pub. L. 100-647 provided that: “The amendment made by this section [amending this section] shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 10, 1988].”

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Apr. 1, 1987, see section 1402(c) of Pub. L. 99-662, set out as a note under section 4461 of this title.

## SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 33 section 988a.

**Subchapter B—Transportation by Water**

Sec.	
4471.	Imposition of tax.
4472.	Definitions.

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior subchapter B, consisted of sections 4461 to 4464 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 95-600, title V, §521(b), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2884, applicable with respect to years beginning after June 30, 1980.

Section 4461, acts Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 531; Sept. 21, 1959, Pub. L. 86-344, §6(a), 73 Stat. 620; June 21, 1965, Pub. L. 89-44, title IV, §403(a), 79 Stat. 148, imposed a special tax on persons who maintained for use or permitted use of coin-operated gaming devices and provided an exception from such tax.

Section 4462, acts Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 531; Sept. 2, 1958, Pub. L. 85-859, title I, §152(a), 72 Stat. 1304; June 21, 1965, Pub. L. 89-44, title IV, §403(b), 79 Stat. 149; Oct. 4, 1976, Pub. L. 94-455, title XII, §1208(b), 90 Stat. 1709, defined coin-operated gaming devices.

Section 4463, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 531, related to administrative provisions.

Section 4464, added Pub. L. 92-178, title IV, §402(a), Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 534, and amended Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834; Pub. L. 95-600, title V, §521(a), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2884, related to credit for State-imposed taxes.

## AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-188, title I, §1704(t)(11), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1888, struck out “and special rules” after “Definitions” in item 4472.

**§ 4471. Imposition of tax****(a) In general**

There is hereby imposed a tax of \$3 per passenger on a covered voyage.

**(b) By whom paid**

The tax imposed by this section shall be paid by the person providing the covered voyage.

**(c) Time of imposition**

The tax imposed by this section shall be imposed only once for each passenger on a covered voyage, either at the time of first embarkation or disembarkation in the United States.

(Added Pub. L. 101-239, title VII, §7504(a), Dec. 19, 1989, 103 Stat. 2362.)

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 4471 was contained in subchapter C of this chapter prior to repeal by Pub. L. 89-44, title IV, §404, June 21, 1965, 79 Stat. 149.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 7504(c) of Pub. L. 101-239 provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by this section [enacting this subchapter] shall apply to voyages beginning after December 31, 1989, which were not paid for before such date.

“(2) NO DEPOSITS REQUIRED BEFORE APRIL 1, 1990.—No deposit of any tax imposed by subchapter B of chapter 36 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as added by this section, shall be required to be made before April 1, 1990.”

**§ 4472. Definitions**

For purposes of this subchapter—

**(1) Covered voyage****(A) In general**

The term “covered voyage” means a voyage of—

- (i) a commercial passenger vessel which extends over 1 or more nights, or
- (ii) a commercial vessel transporting passengers engaged in gambling aboard the vessel beyond the territorial waters of the United States,

during which passengers embark or disembark the vessel in the United States. Such term shall not include any voyage on any vessel owned or operated by the United States, a State, or any agency or subdivision thereof.

**(B) Exception for certain voyages on passenger vessels**

The term “covered voyage” shall not include a voyage of a passenger vessel of less than 12 hours between 2 ports in the United States.

**(2) Passenger vessel**

The term “passenger vessel” means any vessel having berth or stateroom accommodations for more than 16 passengers.

(Added Pub. L. 101-239, title VII, §7504(a), Dec. 19, 1989, 103 Stat. 2362.)

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 4472 was contained in subchapter C of this chapter prior to repeal by Pub. L. 89-44, title IV, §404, June 21, 1965, 79 Stat. 149.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 18 section 1081.

[Subchapter C—Repealed]

[§§ 4471 to 4474. Repealed. Pub. L. 89-44, title IV, § 404, June 21, 1965, 79 Stat. 149]

Section 4471, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 532, imposed a \$20 annual tax upon bowling alleys, billiard tables, and pool tables to be paid by operators of bowling alleys, billiard rooms, and pool rooms.

Section 4472, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 532, defined bowling alley, billiard room, and pool room.

Section 4473, acts Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 532; Sept. 2, 1958, Pub. L. 85-859, title I, §153(a), 72 Stat. 1305, granted exemptions for hospitals, the armed forces, and certain non-profit and governmental organizations.

Section 4474, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 532, made cross references to chapter 40 and subtitle F for penalties and administrative provisions.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal applicable on and after July 1, 1965, see section 701(c)(2) of Pub. L. 89-44, set out in part as an Effective Date of 1965 Amendment note under section 4402 of this title.

Subchapter D—Tax on Use of Certain Vehicles

- Sec.
- 4481. Imposition of tax.
- 4482. Definitions.
- 4483. Exemptions.
- 4484. Cross references.

AMENDMENTS

1983—Pub. L. 97-473, title II, § 202(b)(11), Jan. 14, 1983, 96 Stat. 2610, substituted “Cross references” for “Cross reference” in item 4484.

1956—Act June 29, 1956, ch. 462, title II, § 206(a), 70 Stat. 389, added subchapter heading and analysis of sections.

SUBCHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This subchapter is referred to in sections 6103, 7871 of this title.

§ 4481. Imposition of tax

(a) Imposition of tax

A tax is hereby imposed on the use of any highway motor vehicle which (together with the semitrailers and trailers customarily used in connection with highway motor vehicles of the same type as such highway motor vehicle) has a taxable gross weight of at least 55,000 pounds at the rate specified in the following table:

Taxable gross weight:	Rate of tax:
At least 55,000 pounds, but not over 75,000 pounds.	\$100 per year plus \$22 for each 1,000 pounds (or fraction thereof) in excess of 55,000 pounds.
Over 75,000 pounds .....	\$550.

(b) By whom paid

The tax imposed by this section shall be paid by the person in whose name the highway motor vehicle is, or is required to be, registered under the law of the State or contiguous foreign country in which such vehicle is, or is required to be, registered, or, in case the highway motor vehicle is owned by the United States, by the agency or instrumentality of the United States operating such vehicle.

(c) Proration of tax

(1) Where first use occurs after first month

If in any taxable period the first use of the highway motor vehicle is after the first month in such period, the tax shall be reckoned proportionately from the first day of the month in which such use occurs to and including the last day in such taxable period.

(2) Where vehicle destroyed or stolen

(A) In general

If in any taxable period a highway motor vehicle is destroyed or stolen before the first day of the last month in such period and not subsequently used during such taxable period, the tax shall be reckoned proportionately from the first day of the month in such period in which the first use of such highway motor vehicle occurs to and including the last day of the month in which such highway motor vehicle was destroyed or stolen.

(B) Destroyed

For purposes of subparagraph (A), a highway motor vehicle is destroyed if such vehicle is damaged by reason of an accident or other casualty to such an extent that it is not economic to rebuild.

(d) One tax liability per period

(1) In general

To the extent that the tax imposed by this section is paid with respect to any highway motor vehicle for any taxable period, no further tax shall be imposed by this section for such taxable period with respect to such vehicle.

(2) Cross reference

For privilege of paying tax imposed by this section in installments, see section 6156.

(e) Period tax in effect

The tax imposed by this section shall apply only to use before October 1, 1999.

(Added June 29, 1956, ch. 462, title II, § 206(a), 70 Stat. 390; amended June 29, 1961, Pub. L. 87-61, title II, § 203(a), (b)(1), (2)(A), (B), 75 Stat. 124; Dec. 31, 1970, Pub. L. 91-605, title III, § 303(a)(7), (8), 84 Stat. 1744; May 5, 1976, Pub. L. 94-280, title III, § 303(a)(7), (8), 90 Stat. 456; Nov. 6, 1978, Pub. L. 95-599, title V, § 502(a)(6), (7), 92 Stat. 2756; Jan. 6, 1983, Pub. L. 97-424, title V, §§ 513(a), (d), 516(a)(4), 96 Stat. 2177, 2179, 2182; July 18, 1984, Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title VII, § 734(f), title IX, § 901(a), 98 Stat. 980, 1003; Apr. 2, 1987, Pub. L. 100-17, title V, §§ 502(a)(5), 507(a), 101 Stat. 256, 260; Nov. 5, 1990, Pub. L. 101-508, title XI, § 11211(c)(5), 104 Stat. 1388-426; Dec. 18, 1991, Pub. L. 102-240, title VIII, § 8002(a)(5), 105 Stat. 2203; Aug. 20, 1996, Pub. L. 104-188, title I, § 1704(t)(57), 110 Stat. 1890.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 104-188 provided that section 8002(a)(5) of Pub. L. 102-240 shall be applied as if “4481(e)” appeared instead of “4481(c)”. See 1991 Amendment note below.

1991—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 102-240, which directed the substitution of “1999” for “1995” in subsec. (c), was executed by making the substitution in subsec. (e). See 1996 Amendment note above.

1990—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 101-508 substituted “1995” for “1993”.

1987—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100-17, §507(a), inserted “or contiguous foreign country” after “State”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 100-17, §502(a)(5), substituted “1993” for “1988”.

1984—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 98-369, §901(a), in amending subsec. (a) generally, substituted “55,000” for “33,000” in provisions preceding table, struck out heading “(1) In general”, substituted table provisions for former table which provided:

Taxable gross weight		Rate of tax
At least	But less than	
33,000 pounds	55,000 .....	\$50 a year, plus \$25 for each 1,000 pounds or fraction thereof in excess of 33,000 pounds.
55,000 pounds	80,000 .....	\$600 a year, plus the applicable rate for each 1,000 pounds or fraction thereof in excess of 55,000 pounds
80,000 pounds or more	.....	The maximum tax a year.

and struck out par. (2) which provided applicable rates and maximum taxes for taxable periods beginning July 1, 1984 through 1988 or thereafter.

Pub. L. 98-369, §734(f), struck out from subsec. (a), as subsec. (a) was in effect before the amendments made by section 513(a) of Pub. L. 97-424: “In case of the taxable period beginning on July 1, 1984, and ending on September 30, 1984, the tax shall be at the rate of 75 cents for such period for each 1,000 pounds of taxable gross weight or fraction thereof.” See 1983 Amendment note below.

1983—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-424, §513(a), substituted “at least 33,000 pounds at the rate specified in the following table:” for “more than 26,000 pounds, at the rate of \$3.00 a year for each 1,000 pounds of taxable gross weight or fraction thereof.” and added pars. (1) and (2).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 97-424, §513(d), designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added par. (2).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 97-424, §516(a)(4), substituted “1988” for “1984” after “October 1.”

1978—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-599, §502(a)(6), substituted “1984” for “1979” in two places.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 95-599, §502(a)(7), substituted “1984” for “1979”.

1976—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-280, §303(a)(7), substituted “1979” for “1977” in two places.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 94-280, §303(a)(8), substituted “1979” for “1977”.

1970—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 91-605, §303(a)(7), substituted “1977” for “1972” in two places.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 91-605, §303(a)(8), substituted “1977” for “1972”.

1961—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 87-61, §203(a), (b)(2)(A), increased rate of tax from \$1.50 to \$3.00 a year, and provided for a tax at the rate of 75 cents for each 1,000 pounds during the period beginning on July 1, 1972, and ending on September 30, 1972.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 87-61, §203(b)(2)(B), substituted “any taxable period” for “any year”, “after the first month in such period” for “after July 31”, and “the last day in such taxable period” for “the last day of June following”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 87-61, §203(b)(2)(B), made conforming changes to refer to payment of tax for a taxable period instead of payment for a year, and inserted cross reference to section 6156.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 87-61, §203(b)(1), substituted “before October 1, 1972” for “after June 30, 1956, and before July 1, 1972”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Section 507(d) of Pub. L. 100-17 provided that: “The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) [amending

this section and section 4483 of this title] shall take effect on July 1, 1987.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 734(f) of Pub. L. 98-369 effective, except as otherwise provided, as if included in the provisions of the Highway Revenue Act of 1982, title V of Pub. L. 97-424, to which such amendment relates, see section 736 of Pub. L. 98-369, set out as a note under section 4051 of this title.

Section 901(c) of Pub. L. 98-369 provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] (and the provisions of subsection (b) [set out below]) shall take effect on July 1, 1984.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1983 AMENDMENT

Section 513(f) of Pub. L. 97-424, as amended by Pub. L. 99-514, §2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 4482 and 4483 of this title and enacting provisions set out below] shall take effect on July 1, 1984.

“(2) SPECIAL RULE IN THE CASE OF CERTAIN OWNER-OPERATORS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a small owner-operator, paragraph (1) of this subsection and paragraph (2) of section 4481(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [formerly I.R.C. 1954] (as added by this section) shall be applied by substituting for each date contained in such paragraphs a date which is 1 year after the date so contained.

“(B) SMALL OWNER-OPERATOR.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term “small owner-operator” means any person who owns and operates at any time during the taxable period no more than 5 highway motor vehicles with respect to which a tax is imposed by section 4481 of such Code for such taxable period.

“[No subpar. (C) has been enacted.]

“(D) AGGREGATION OF VEHICLE OWNERSHIPS.—For purposes of subparagraph (B), all highway motor vehicles with respect to which a tax is imposed by section 4481 of such Code which are owned by—

“(i) any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) which is under common control with the taxpayer (within the meaning of section 52(b)), or

“(ii) any member of any controlled groups of corporations of which the taxpayer is a member, for any taxable period shall be treated as being owned by the taxpayer during such period. The Secretary shall prescribe regulations which provide attribution rules that take into account, in addition to the persons and entities described in the preceding sentence, taxpayers who own highway motor vehicles through partnerships, joint ventures, and corporations.

“(E) CONTROLLED GROUPS OF CORPORATIONS.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘controlled group of corporations’ has the meaning given to such term by section 1563(a), except that—

“(i) ‘more than 50 percent’ shall be substituted for ‘at least 80 percent’ each place it appears in section 1563(a)(1), and

“(ii) the determination shall be made without regard to subsections (a)(4) and (e)(3)(C) of section 1563.

“(F) HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLES.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘highway motor vehicle’ has the meaning given to such term by section 4482(a) of such Code.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1961 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 87-61 effective July 1, 1961, see section 208 of Pub. L. 87-61, set out as a note under section 4041 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective June 29, 1956, see section 211 of act June 29, 1956, set out as an Effective Date of 1956 Amendment note under section 4041 of this title.

## REGULATIONS

Section 507(c) of Pub. L. 100-17 provided that: "The Secretary of the Treasury or the delegate of the Secretary shall within 120 days after the date of the enactment of this section [Apr. 2, 1987] prescribe regulations governing payment of the tax imposed by section 4481 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 on any highway motor vehicle operated by a motor carrier domiciled in any contiguous foreign country or owned or controlled by persons of any contiguous foreign country. Such regulations shall include a procedure by which the operator of such motor vehicle shall evidence that such operator has paid such tax at the time such motor vehicle enters the United States. In the event of the failure to provide evidence of payment, such regulations may provide for denial of entry of such motor vehicle into the United States."

## SPECIAL RULES IN THE CASE OF CERTAIN OWNER-OPERATORS

Section 901(b) of Pub. L. 98-369, as amended by Pub. L. 99-514, § 2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095, provided that:

"(1) SPECIAL RULE FOR TAXABLE PERIOD BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 1984.—In the case of a small owner-operator, the amount of the tax imposed by section 4481 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [formerly I.R.C. 1954] on the use of any highway motor vehicle subject to tax under section 4481(a) of such Code (as amended by subsection (a)) for the taxable period which begins on July 1, 1984, shall be the lesser of—

"(A) \$3 for each 1,000 pounds of taxable gross weight (or fraction thereof), or

"(B) the amount of the tax which would be imposed under such section 4481(a) without regard to this paragraph.

"(2) EXEMPTION FOR VEHICLES USED FOR LESS THAN 5,000 MILES (AND CERTAIN OTHER AMENDMENTS) TO TAKE EFFECT ON JULY 1, 1984.—In the case of a small owner-operator, notwithstanding subsection (f)(2) of section 513 of the Highway Revenue Act of 1982 [section 513(f)(2) of Pub. L. 97-424, set out as an Effective Date of 1983 Amendment note above], the amendments made by subsections (b), (c), and (d) of such section [amending sections 4481 to 4483 of this title] shall take effect on July 1, 1984.

"(3) SMALL OWNER-OPERATOR DEFINED.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'small owner-operator' has the meaning given such term by section 513(f)(2) of the Highway Revenue Act of 1982.

"(4) TAXABLE GROSS WEIGHT.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'taxable gross weight' has the same meaning as when used in section 4481 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986."

## STUDIES RELATING TO HEAVY VEHICLE USE TAX

Part I [§§ 931-934] of subtitle D of title IX of div. A of Pub. L. 98-369, as amended by Pub. L. 99-514, § 2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095, provided that:

"SEC. 931. WHETHER HEAVY VEHICLES BEAR FAIR SHARE OF HIGHWAY COSTS.

"The Secretary of Transportation shall conduct a study of whether highway motor vehicles with taxable gross weights of 80,000 pounds or more bear their fair share of the costs of the highway system.

"SEC. 932. TRANS-BORDER TRUCKING.

"The Secretary of Transportation shall conduct a study to determine the significance of the tax imposed by section 4481 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to tax on use of certain vehicles) on trans-border trucking operations.

"SEC. 933. WEIGHT-DISTANCE TAXES.

"The Secretary of Transportation shall conduct a study to evaluate the feasibility and ability of weight-distance truck taxes to provide the greatest degree of equity among highway users, to ease the costs of compliance of such taxes, and to improve the efficiency by which such taxes might be administered. Such study

shall also include an evaluation of the evasion potential for weight-distance taxes and an assessment of the benefits to interstate commerce of replacing all Federal truck taxes (other than fuel taxes) with a weight-distance tax.

"SEC. 934. REPORTS, ETC.

"(a) CONSULTATION WITH TREASURY.—Studies conducted under this part shall be conducted in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury.

"(b) REPORT.—Not later than October 1, 1987, the Secretary of Transportation shall submit to the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate a report on each study conducted under this part together with such recommendations as the Secretary may deem advisable."

## STUDY OF ALTERNATIVES TO TAX ON USE OF HEAVY TRUCKS

Section 513(g) of Pub. L. 97-424 provided that the Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, conduct a study of alternatives to the tax on heavy vehicles imposed by section 4481(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, and plans for improving the collecting and enforcement of such tax and alternatives to such tax, such alternatives to include taxes based either singly or in suitable combinations on vehicle size or configuration; vehicle weight, both registered and actual operating weight; and distance traveled, and such plans for improving tax collection and enforcement to provide for Federal and State co-operation in such activities. The study was to be conducted in consultation with State officials, motor carriers, and other affected parties, and the Secretary of Transportation was to submit a report and recommendations to the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate not later than Jan. 1, 1985.

## SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 4482, 4483, 6156, 6302, 9503 of this title; title 23 section 141; title 49 section 13902.

## § 4482. Definitions

## (a) Highway motor vehicle

For purposes of this subchapter, the term "highway motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle which is a highway vehicle.

## (b) Taxable gross weight

For purposes of this subchapter, the term "taxable gross weight" when used with respect to any highway motor vehicle, means the sum of—

(1) the actual unloaded weight of—

(A) such highway motor vehicle fully equipped for service, and

(B) the semitrailers and trailers (fully equipped for service) customarily used in connection with highway motor vehicles of the same type as such highway motor vehicle, and

(2) the weight of the maximum load customarily carried on highway motor vehicles of the same type as such highway motor vehicle and on the semitrailers and trailers referred to in paragraph (1)(B).

Taxable gross weight shall be determined under regulations prescribed by the Secretary (which regulations may include formulas or other methods for determining the taxable gross weight of vehicles by classes, specifications, or otherwise).

**(c) Other definitions and special rule**

For purposes of this subchapter—

**(1) State**

The term “State” means a State and the District of Columbia.

**(2) Year**

The term “year” means the one-year period beginning on July 1.

**(3) Use**

The term “use” means use in the United States on the public highways.

**(4) Taxable period**

The term “taxable period” means any year beginning before July 1, 1999, and the period which begins on July 1, 1999, and ends at the close of September 30, 1999.

**(5) Customary use**

A semitrailer or trailer shall be treated as customarily used in connection with a highway motor vehicle if such vehicle is equipped to tow such semitrailer or trailer.

**(d) Special rule for taxable period in which termination date occurs**

In the case of the taxable period which ends on September 30, 1999, the amount of the tax imposed by section 4481 with respect to any highway motor vehicle shall be determined by reducing each dollar amount in the table contained in section 4481(a) by 75 percent.

(Added June 29, 1956, ch. 462, title II, §206(a), 70 Stat. 390; amended June 29, 1961, Pub. L. 87–61, title II, §203(b)(2)(C), 75 Stat. 125; Dec. 31, 1970, Pub. L. 91–605, title III, §303(a)(9), 84 Stat. 1744; May 5, 1976, Pub. L. 94–280, title III, §303(a)(9), 90 Stat. 456; Oct. 4, 1976, Pub. L. 94–455, title XIX, §§1904(c), 1906(b)(13)(A), 90 Stat. 1818, 1834; Nov. 6, 1978, Pub. L. 95–599, title V, §502(a)(8), 92 Stat. 2756; Jan. 6, 1983, Pub. L. 97–424, title V, §§513(c), (e), 516(a)(4), 96 Stat. 2179, 2182; Apr. 2, 1987, Pub. L. 100–17, title V, §502(a)(5), 101 Stat. 256; Nov. 5, 1990, Pub. L. 101–508, title XI, §11211(c)(5), 104 Stat. 1388–426; Dec. 18, 1991, Pub. L. 102–240, title VIII, §8002(a)(5), 105 Stat. 2203.)

## AMENDMENTS

1991—Subsecs. (c)(4), (d). Pub. L. 102–240 substituted “1999” for “1995” wherever appearing.

1990—Subsecs. (c)(4), (d). Pub. L. 101–508 substituted “1995” for “1993” wherever appearing.

1987—Subsecs. (c)(4), (d). Pub. L. 100–17 substituted “1993” for “1988” wherever appearing.

1983—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 97–424, §513(c)(2), inserted “and special rule” in heading.

Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 97–424, §516(a)(4), substituted “1988” for “1984” wherever appearing.

Subsec. (c)(5). Pub. L. 97–424, §513(c)(1), added par. (5).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 97–424, §513(e), added subsec. (d).

1978—Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 95–599 substituted “1984” for “1979” wherever appearing.

1976—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94–455, §1906(b)(13)(A), struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary”.

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 94–455, §1904(c), substituted “State and the District of Columbia” for “State, a Territory of the United States, and the District of Columbia”.

Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 94–280 substituted “1979” for “1977” wherever appearing.

1970—Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 91–605 substituted “1977” for “1972” wherever appearing.

1961—Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 87–61 added par. (4).

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1983 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 513(c), (e) of Pub. L. 97–424 effective July 1, 1984, see section 513(f) of Pub. L. 97–424, set out as a note under section 4481 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 1904(c) of Pub. L. 94–455 effective on first day of first month which begins more than 90 days after Oct. 4, 1976, see section 1904(d) of Pub. L. 94–455, set out as a note under section 4041 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1961 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 87–61 effective July 1, 1961, see section 208 of Pub. L. 87–61, set out as a note under section 4041 of this title.

## SPECIAL RULES IN THE CASE OF SMALL OWNER-OPERATORS

Amendment by section 513(c) of Pub. L. 97–424 effective July 1, 1984, in the case of a small owner-operator, notwithstanding section 513(f)(2) of Pub. L. 97–424, see section 901(b)(2) of Pub. L. 98–369, set out as a note under section 4481 of this title.

**§ 4483. Exemptions****(a) State and local governmental exemption**

Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, no tax shall be imposed by section 4481 on the use of any highway motor vehicle by any State or any political subdivision of a State.

**(b) Exemption for United States**

The Secretary of the Treasury may authorize exemption from the tax imposed by section 4481 as to the use by the United States of any particular highway motor vehicle, or class of highway motor vehicles, if he determines that the imposition of such tax with respect to such use will cause substantial burden or expense which can be avoided by granting tax exemption and that full benefit of such exemption, if granted, will accrue to the United States.

**(c) Certain transit-type buses**

Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, no tax shall be imposed by section 4481 on the use of any bus which is of the transit type (rather than of the intercity type) by a person who, for the last 3 months of the preceding year (or for such other period as the Secretary may by regulations prescribe for purposes of this subsection), met the 60-percent passenger fare revenue test set forth in section 6421(b)(2) (as in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of the Energy Tax Act of 1978) as applied to the period prescribed for purposes of this subsection.

**(d) Exemption for trucks used for less than 5,000 miles on public highways****(1) Suspension of tax****(A) In general**

If—

(i) it is reasonable to expect that the use of any highway motor vehicle on public highways during any taxable period will be less than 5,000 miles, and

(ii) the owner of such vehicle furnishes such information as the Secretary may by forms or regulations require with respect to the expected use of such vehicle,

then the collection of the tax imposed by section 4481 with respect to the use of such

vehicle shall be suspended during the taxable period.

**(B) Suspension ceases to apply where use exceeds 5,000 miles**

Subparagraph (A) shall cease to apply with respect to any highway motor vehicle whenever the use of such vehicle on public highways during the taxable period exceeds 5,000 miles.

**(2) Exemption**

If—

(A) the collection of the tax imposed by section 4481 with respect to any highway motor vehicle is suspended under paragraph (1),

(B) such vehicle is not used during the taxable period on public highways for more than 5,000 miles, and

(C) except as otherwise provided in regulations, the owner of such vehicle furnishes such information as the Secretary may require with respect to the use of such vehicle during the taxable period,

then no tax shall be imposed by section 4481 on the use of such vehicle for the taxable period.

**(3) Refund where tax paid and vehicle not used for more than 5,000 miles**

If—

(A) the tax imposed by section 4481 is paid with respect to any highway motor vehicle for any taxable period, and

(B) the requirements of subparagraphs (B) and (C) of paragraph (2) are met with respect to such taxable period,

the amount of such tax shall be credited or refunded (without interest) to the person who paid such tax.

**(4) Relief from liability for tax under certain circumstances where truck is transferred**

Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, the owner of a highway motor vehicle with respect to which the collection of the tax imposed by section 4481 is suspended under paragraph (1) shall not be liable for the tax imposed by section 4481 (and the new owner shall be liable for such tax) with respect to such vehicle if—

(A) such vehicle is transferred to a new owner,

(B) such suspension is in effect at the time of such transfer, and

(C) the old owner furnishes such information as the Secretary by forms and regulations requires with respect to the transfer of such vehicle.

**(5) 7,500-mile exemption for agricultural vehicles**

**(A) In general**

In the case of an agricultural vehicle, paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be applied by substituting “7,500” for “5,000” each place it appears.

**(B) Definitions**

For purposes of this paragraph—

**(i) Agricultural vehicle**

The term “agricultural vehicle” means any highway motor vehicle—

(I) used primarily for farming purposes, and

(II) registered (under the laws of the State in which such vehicle is required to be registered) as a highway motor vehicle used for farming purposes.

**(ii) Farming purposes**

The term “farming purposes” means the transporting of any farm commodity to or from a farm or the use directly in agricultural production.

**(iii) Farm commodity**

The term “farm commodity” means any agricultural or horticultural commodity, feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock, bees, poultry, fur-bearing animals, or wildlife.

**(6) Owner defined**

For purposes of this subsection, the term “owner” means, with respect to any highway motor vehicle, the person described in section 4481(b).

**(e) Reduction in tax for trucks used in logging**

The tax imposed by section 4481 shall be reduced by 25 percent with respect to any highway motor vehicle if—

(1) the exclusive use of such vehicle during any taxable period is the transportation, to and from a point located on a forested site, of products harvested from such forested site, and

(2) such vehicle is registered (under the laws of the State in which such vehicle is required to be registered) as a highway motor vehicle used in the transportation of harvested forest products.

**(f) Reduction in tax for trucks base-plated in a contiguous foreign country**

If the base for registration purposes of any highway motor vehicle is in a contiguous foreign country for any taxable period, the tax imposed by section 4481 for such period shall be 75 percent of the tax which would (but for this subsection) be imposed by section 4481 for such period.

**(g) Termination of exemptions**

Subsections (a) and (c) shall not apply on and after October 1, 1999.

(Added June 29, 1956, ch. 462, title II, §206(a), 70 Stat. 391; amended Oct. 4, 1976, Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), (B), 90 Stat. 1834; Nov. 9, 1978, Pub. L. 95-618, title II, §233(a)(3)(C), 92 Stat. 3191; Jan. 6, 1983, Pub. L. 97-424, title V, §§513(b), 516(b)(3), 96 Stat. 2177, 2183; July 18, 1984, Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title IX, §§902(a), 903(a), 98 Stat. 1004; Apr. 2, 1987, Pub. L. 100-17, title V, §§502(b)(5), 507(b), 101 Stat. 257, 260; Nov. 5, 1990, Pub. L. 101-508, title XI, §11211(d)(4), 104 Stat. 1388-427; Dec. 18, 1991, Pub. L. 102-240, title VIII, §8002(b)(4), 105 Stat. 2203.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of the enactment of the Energy Tax Act of 1978, referred to in subsec. (c), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 95-618, which was approved Nov. 9, 1978.

AMENDMENTS

1991—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 102-240 substituted “1999” for “1995”.

1990—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 101-508 substituted “1995” for “1993”.

1987—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 100-17, § 507(b), added subsec. (f). Former subsec. (f) redesignated (g).

Pub. L. 100-17, § 502(b)(5), substituted “1993” for “1988”.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 100-17, § 507(b), redesignated former subsec. (f) as (g).

1984—Subsec. (d)(5), (6). Pub. L. 98-369, § 903(a), added par. (5) and redesignated former par. (5) as (6).

Subsecs. (e), (f). Pub. L. 98-369, § 902(a), added subsec. (e) and redesignated former subsec. (e) as (f).

1983—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 97-424, § 513(b), added subsec. (d).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 97-424, § 516(b)(3), added subsec. (e).

1978—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 95-618 inserted “(as in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of the Energy Tax Act of 1978)” after “section 6421(b)(2)”.

1976—Subsecs. (a), (c). Pub. L. 94-455, § 1906(b)(13)(A), struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary” wherever appearing.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-455, § 1906(b)(13)(B), inserted “of the Treasury” after “Secretary”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 507(b) of Pub. L. 100-17 effective July 1, 1987, see section 507(d) of Pub. L. 100-17, set out as a note under section 4481 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Section 902(b) of Pub. L. 98-369 provided that: “The amendment made by this section [amending this section] shall take effect on July 1, 1984.”

Section 903(b) of Pub. L. 98-369 provided that: “The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect as if included in the amendments made by section 513 of the Highway Revenue Act of 1982 [Pub. L. 97-424, see section 513(f) of Pub. L. 97-424, set out as an Effective Date of 1983 Amendment note under section 4481 of this title].”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1983 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 513(b) of Pub. L. 97-424 effective July 1, 1984, see section 513(f) of Pub. L. 97-424, set out as a note under section 4481 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-618 effective on first day of first calendar month which begins more than 10 days after Nov. 9, 1978, see section 233(d) of Pub. L. 95-618, set out as a note under section 34 of this title.

#### SPECIAL RULES IN THE CASE OF SMALL OWNER-OPERATORS

Amendment by section 513(b) of Pub. L. 97-424 effective July 1, 1984, in the case of a small owner-operator, notwithstanding section 513(f)(2) of Pub. L. 97-424, see section 901(b)(2) of Pub. L. 98-369, set out as a note under section 4481 of this title.

### § 4484. Cross references

(1) For penalties and administrative provisions applicable to this subchapter, see subtitle F.

(2) For exemption for uses by Indian tribal governments (or their subdivisions), see section 7871.

(Added June 29, 1956, ch. 462, title II, § 206(a), 70 Stat. 391; amended Jan. 14, 1983, Pub. L. 97-473, title II, § 202(b)(10), 96 Stat. 2610.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1983—Pub. L. 97-473 designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added par. (2).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1983 AMENDMENT

For effective date of amendment by Pub. L. 97-473, see section 204(5) of Pub. L. 97-473, set out as an Effective Date note under section 7871 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective June 29, 1956, see section 211 of act June 29, 1956, set out as an Effective Date of 1956 Amendment note under section 4041 of this title.

### [Subchapter E—Repealed]

### [§§ 4491 to 4494. Repealed. Pub. L. 97-248, title II, § 280(c)(1), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 564]

Section 4491, added Pub. L. 91-258, title II, § 206(a), May 21, 1970, 84 Stat. 243; amended Pub. L. 91-614, title III, § 305(a), Dec. 31, 1970, 84 Stat. 1846; Pub. L. 96-298, § 1(c)(1), July 1, 1980, 94 Stat. 829, provided for imposition of a tax on use of civil aircraft.

Section 4492, added Pub. L. 91-258, title II, § 206(a), May 21, 1970, 84 Stat. 243; amended Pub. L. 94-530, § 2(a), Oct. 17, 1976, 90 Stat. 2488; Pub. L. 95-163, § 17(b)(1), Nov. 9, 1977, 91 Stat. 1286; Pub. L. 95-504, § 2(b), Oct. 24, 1978, 92 Stat. 1705, provided definitions to be used for purposes of this subchapter.

Section 4493, added Pub. L. 91-258, title II, § 206(a), May 21, 1970, 84 Stat. 244; amended Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §§ 1904(a)(13), 1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1814, 1834, enumerated special rules for payment of tax by lessees and certain persons engaged in foreign air commerce.

Section 4494, added Pub. L. 91-258, title II, § 206(a), May 21, 1970, 84 Stat. 245, provided a cross reference to subtitle F of this title for penalties and administrative provisions applicable to this subchapter.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal applicable with respect to transportation beginning after Aug. 31, 1982, but inapplicable to amounts paid on or before such date, see section 280(d) of Pub. L. 97-248, set out as an Effective Date of 1982 Amendment note under section 4261 of this title.

#### TAX ON USE OF AIRCRAFT

Pub. L. 96-298, § 1(c)(2), (3), July 1, 1980, 94 Stat. 829, set out various changes in the amount and rate of tax under former section 4491 of this title for period beginning on July 1, 1980, and ending on Oct. 1, 1980, and provided that due date for filing any tax return of tax imposed by such section 4491, with respect to any use after June 30, 1980, would not be earlier than Oct. 31, 1980.

### Subchapter F—Tax on Removal of Hard Mineral Resources From Deep Seabed

Sec.	
4495.	Imposition of tax.
4496.	Definitions.
4497.	Imputed value.
4498.	Termination.

#### AMENDMENTS

1980—Pub. L. 96-283, title IV, § 402(a), June 28, 1980, 94 Stat. 582, added subchapter heading and analysis of sections.

### § 4495. Imposition of tax

#### (a) General rule

There is hereby imposed a tax on any removal of a hard mineral resource from the deep seabed pursuant to a deep seabed permit.

#### (b) Amount of tax

The amount of the tax imposed by subsection (a) on any removal shall be 3.75 percent of the imputed value of the resource so removed.

#### (c) Liability for tax

The tax imposed by subsection (a) shall be paid by the person to whom the deep seabed permit is issued.

**(d) Time for paying tax**

The time for paying the tax imposed by subsection (a) shall be the time prescribed by the Secretary by regulations. The time so prescribed with respect to any removal shall be not earlier than the earlier of—

(1) the commercial use of, or the sale or disposition of, any portion of the resource so removed, or

(2) the day which is 12 months after the date of the removal of the resource.

(Added Pub. L. 96-283, title IV, §402(a), June 28, 1980, 94 Stat. 582.)

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section 402(c) of Pub. L. 96-283 provided that: "The amendments made by this section [enacting this subchapter] shall take effect on January 1, 1980."

**SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in sections 4497, 4498 of this title; title 30 sections 1472, 1473.

**§ 4496. Definitions****(a) Deep seabed permit**

For purposes of this subchapter, the term "deep seabed permit" means a permit issued under title I of the Deep Seabed Hard Minerals Resources Act.

**(b) Hard mineral resource**

For purposes of this subchapter, the term "hard mineral resource" means any deposit or accretion on, or just below, the surface of the deep seabed of nodules which contain one or more minerals, at least one of which is manganese, nickel, cobalt, or copper.

**(c) Deep seabed**

For purposes of this subchapter, the term "deep seabed" means the seabed, and the subsoil thereof to a depth of 10 meters, lying seaward of, and outside—

(1) the Continental Shelf of any nation; and

(2) any area of national resource jurisdiction of any foreign nation, if such area extends beyond the Continental Shelf of such nation and such jurisdiction is recognized by the United States.

**(d) Continental Shelf**

For purposes of this subchapter, the term "Continental Shelf" means—

(1) the seabed and subsoil of the submarine areas adjacent to the coast but outside the area of the territorial sea, to a depth of 200 meters or, beyond that limit, to where the depth of the superjacent waters admits of the exploitation of the natural resources of such areas; and

(2) the seabed and subsoil of similar submarine areas adjacent to the coasts of islands.

(Added Pub. L. 96-283, title IV, §402(a), June 28, 1980, 94 Stat. 583.)

**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

The Deep Seabed Hard Minerals Resources Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is Pub. L. 96-283, June 28, 1980, 94 Stat. 553, as amended. Title I of the Deep Seabed Hard Minerals Resources Act is classified generally to subchapter I (§1411 et seq.) of chapter 26 of Title 30,

Mineral Lands and Mining. For complete classification of this Act to the Code see Short Title note set out under section 1401 of Title 30 and Tables.

**TERRITORIAL SEA OF UNITED STATES**

For extension of territorial sea of United States, see Proc. No. 5928, set out as a note under section 1331 of Title 43, Public Lands.

**SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in title 30 section 1473.

**§ 4497. Imputed value****(a) In general**

For purposes of this subchapter, the term "imputed value" means, with respect to any hard mineral resource, 20 percent of the fair market value of the commercially recoverable metals and minerals contained in such resource. Such fair market value shall be determined—

(1) as of the date of the removal of the hard mineral resource from the deep seabed; and

(2) as if the metals and minerals contained in such resource were separated from such resource and were in the most basic form for which there is a readily ascertainable market price.

**(b) Commercial recoverability****(1) Manganese, nickel, cobalt, and copper**

For purposes of subsection (a), manganese, nickel, cobalt, and copper shall be treated as commercially recoverable.

**(2) Minimum quantities and percentages**

The Secretary may by regulations prescribe for each metal or mineral quantities or percentages below which the metal or mineral shall be treated as not commercially recoverable.

**(c) Suspension of tax with respect to certain metals and minerals held for later processing****(1) Election**

The permittee may, in such manner and at such time as may be prescribed by regulations, elect to have the application of the tax suspended with respect to one or more commercially recoverable metals or minerals in the resource which the permittee does not intend to process within one year of the date of extraction. Any metal or mineral affected by such election shall not be taken into account in determining the imputed value of the resource at the time of its removal from the deep seabed. Any suspension under this paragraph with respect to a metal or mineral shall be permanent unless there is a redetermination affecting such metal or mineral under paragraph (2).

**(2) Later computation of tax**

If the permittee processes any metal or mineral affected by the election under paragraph (1), or if he sells any portion of the resource containing such a metal or mineral, then the amount of the tax under section 4495 shall be redetermined as if there had been no suspension under paragraph (1) with respect to such metal or mineral. In any such case there shall be added to the increase in tax determined under the preceding sentence an amount equal

to the interest (at the underpayment rate established under section 6621) on such increase for the period from the date prescribed for paying the tax on the resources (determined under section 4495(d)) to the date of the processing or sale.

**(d) Determinations of value**

All determinations of value necessary for the application of this subchapter shall be made by the Secretary (after consultation with other appropriate Federal officials) on the basis of the best available information. Such determinations shall be made under procedures established by the Secretary by regulations.

(Added Pub. L. 96-283, title IV, §402(a), June 28, 1980, 94 Stat. 583; amended Pub. L. 99-514, title XV, §1511(c)(7), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2745.)

AMENDMENTS

1986—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 99-514 substituted “the underpayment rate established under section 6621” for “rates determined under section 6621”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-514 applicable for purposes of determining interest for periods after Dec. 31, 1986, see section 1511(d) of Pub. L. 99-514, set out as a note under section 47 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 30 section 1473.

**§ 4498. Termination**

**(a) General rule**

The tax imposed by section 4495 shall not apply to any removal from the deep seabed after the earlier of—

- (1) the date on which an international deep seabed treaty takes effect with respect to the United States, or
- (2) the date 10 years after the date of the enactment of this subchapter.

**(b) International deep seabed treaty**

For purposes of subsection (a), the term “international deep seabed treaty” means any treaty which—

- (1) is adopted by a United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, and
- (2) requires contributions to an international fund for the sharing of revenues from deep seabed mining.

(Added Pub. L. 96-283, title IV, §402(a), June 28, 1980, 94 Stat. 584.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of the enactment of this subchapter, referred to in subsec. (a)(2), probably means the date of enactment of Pub. L. 96-283, which was approved June 28, 1980.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 30 sections 1472, 1473.

**[CHAPTER 37—REPEALED]**

**[§§ 4501 to 4503. Repealed. Pub. L. 101-508, title XI, §11801(a)(48), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-522]**

Section 4501, acts Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 533; May 29, 1956, ch. 342, §19, 70 Stat. 221; Sept. 2, 1958, Pub.

L. 85-859, title I, §162(b), 72 Stat. 1306; July 6, 1960, Pub. L. 86-592, §2, 74 Stat. 330; Mar. 31, 1961, Pub. L. 87-15, §2(a), 75 Stat. 40; May 24, 1962, Pub. L. 87-456, title III, §302(a), (b), 76 Stat. 77; July 13, 1962, Pub. L. 87-535, §18(a), 76 Stat. 166; Nov. 8, 1965, Pub. L. 89-331, §13, 79 Stat. 1280; Oct. 14, 1971, Pub. L. 92-138, §18(b), 85 Stat. 390, related to imposition of tax upon sugar manufactured in United States.

Section 4502, acts Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 534; May 29, 1956, ch. 342, §20, 70 Stat. 221; June 25, 1959, Pub. L. 86-70, §22(c), 73 Stat. 146; July 12, 1960, Pub. L. 86-624, §18(f), 74 Stat. 416, provided for applicable definitions.

Section 4503, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 534, related to exemption for sugar manufactured for home consumption.

Prior sections 4504 and 4511 to 4514 were repealed by Pub. L. 87-456, title III, §302(d), May 24, 1962, 76 Stat. 77, effective with respect to articles entered or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after Aug. 31, 1963, as provided by section 501(a) of Pub. L. 87-456.

Section 4504, acts Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 535; May 29, 1956, ch. 342, §21(a), 70 Stat. 221, required the tax imposed by section 4501(b) to be levied, assessed, collected and paid in the same manner as a duty imposed by the Tariff Act of 1930.

Section 4511, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 536, imposed a tax upon the processing of coconut oil, etc.

Section 4512, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 536, defined “first domestic processing”.

Section 4513, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 536, related to exemptions from the tax imposed.

Section 4514, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 536, set forth a cross-reference to subtitle F for administrative provisions.

SAVINGS PROVISION

For provisions that nothing in repeal by Pub. L. 101-508 be construed to affect treatment of certain transactions occurring, property acquired, or items of income, loss, deduction, or credit taken into account prior to Nov. 5, 1990, for purposes of determining liability for tax for periods ending after Nov. 5, 1990, see section 11821(b) of Pub. L. 101-508, set out as a note under section 29 of this title.

**[CHAPTER 38—REPEALED]<sup>1</sup>**

**[§ 4521. Repealed. Pub. L. 87-456, title III, § 302(d), May 24, 1962, 76 Stat. 77]**

Section, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 539, imposed a tax on petroleum products imported into the United States.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after Aug. 31, 1963, see section 501(a) of Pub. L. 87-456.

**[§§ 4531, 4532. Repealed. Pub. L. 87-456, title III, § 302(d), May 24, 1962, 76 Stat. 77]**

Sections, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 540, imposed a tax on coal imported into the United States.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after Aug. 31, 1963, see section 501(a) of Pub. L. 87-456.

**[§§ 4541, 4542. Repealed. Pub. L. 87-456, title III, § 302(d), May 24, 1962, 76 Stat. 77]**

Sections, act Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 541, imposed a tax on copper imported into the United States.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after Aug. 31, 1963, see section 501(a) of Pub. L. 87-456.

<sup>1</sup> A new chapter 38 (§4611 et seq.) follows.