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the fiduciary, the filing of Form 1041 will not be required. If there are two or more nonresident alien beneficiaries, the fiduciary shall render a return on Form 1041 and also a return on Form 1040 B for each nonresident alien beneficiary. (See further article 216-1.)

ART. 142-6. Time for filing return upon death; or termination of trust.—After his appointment and qualification, an executor or administrator may immediately file a return for the decedent without waiting for the close of the taxable year. Upon the completion of the administration of an estate and final accounting, an executor or administrator may immediately file a return of income of the estate for the taxable year in which the administration was closed. Similarly, upon the termination of a trust, the trustee may immediately make a return without waiting for the close of the taxable year. Any income return required to be filed for a decedent covering the taxable year during which the decedent dies, or for the year in which an estate is closed or a trust terminated, is due on the 15th day of the third month following the close of the taxable year during which the decedent dies, the estate is closed, or the trust is terminated, which date shall also be the due date for payment of the tax or the first installment thereof if payment is made under the provisions of section 56 (b). The payment of the tax before the end of the taxable year under such circumstances does not relieve the taxpayer from liability for any additional tax found to be due upon income of the taxable year. (See sections 57 and 272.)

The domiciliary representative is required to include in the return rendered by him as such domiciliary representative the entire income of the estate. Consequently the only return required to be filed by the ancillary representative is on Form 1041, which shall be filed with the collector for his district and shall show the name and address of the domiciliary representative, the amount of gross income received by the ancillary representative, and the deductions to be claimed against such income, including any amount of income properly paid or credited by the ancillary representative to any legatee, heir, or other beneficiary. If the ancillary representative for the estate of a nonresident alien is a citizen or resident of the United States, and the domiciliary representative is a nonresident alien, such ancillary representative is required to render the return otherwise required of the domiciliary representative.

SEC. 143. WITHHOLDING OF TAX AT SOURCE.

(a) Tax-free covenant bonds.—

(1) **REQUIREMENT OF WITHHOLDING.**—In any case where bonds, mortgages, or deeds of trust, or other similar obligations of a corporation, issued before January 1, 1934, contain a contract or provision by which the obligor agrees to pay any portion of the tax

imposed by this title upon the obligee, or to reimburse the obligee for any portion of the tax, or to pay the interest without deduction for any tax which the obligor may be required or permitted to pay thereon, or to retain therefrom under any law of the United States, the obligor shall deduct and withhold a tax equal to 2 per centum of the interest upon such bonds, mortgages, deeds of trust, or other obligations, whether such interest is payable annually or at shorter or longer periods, if payable to an individual, a partnership, or a foreign corporation not engaged in trade or business within the United States and not having any office or place of business therein: *Provided*, That if the liability assumed by the obligor does not exceed 2 per centum of the interest, then the deduction and withholding shall be at the following rates: (A) 4 per centum in the case of a nonresident alien individual, or of any partnership not engaged in trade or business within the United States and not having any office or place of business therein and composed in whole or in part of nonresident aliens, (B) 13½ per centum in the case of such a foreign corporation, and (C) 2 per centum in the case of other individuals and partnerships: *Provided further*, That if the owners of such obligations are not known to the withholding agent the Commissioner may authorize such deduction and withholding to be at the rate of 2 per centum, or, if the liability assumed by the obligor does not exceed 2 per centum of the interest, then at the rate of 4 per centum.

(2) **BENEFIT OF CREDITS AGAINST NET INCOME.**—Such deduction and withholding shall not be required in the case of a citizen or resident entitled to receive such interest, if he files with the withholding agent on or before February 1 a signed notice in writing claiming the benefit of the credits provided in section 25 (b); nor in the case of a nonresident alien individual if so provided for in regulations prescribed by the Commissioner under section 214.

(3) **INCOME OF OBLIGOR AND OBLIGEE.**—The obligor shall not be allowed a deduction for the payment of the tax imposed by this title, or any other tax paid pursuant to the tax-free covenant clause, nor shall such tax be included in the gross income of the obligee.

(b) **Nonresident aliens.**—All persons, in whatever capacity acting, including lessees or mortgagors of real or personal property, fiduciaries, employers, and all officers and employees of the United States, having the control, receipt, custody, disposal, or payment of interest (except interest on deposits with persons carrying on the banking business paid to persons not engaged in business in the United States and not having an office or place of business therein), rent, salaries, wages, premiums, annuities, compensations, remunerations, emoluments, or other fixed or determinable annual or periodical gains, profits, and income, of any nonresident alien individual, or of any partnership not engaged in trade or business within the United States and not having any office or place of business therein and composed in whole or in part of nonresident aliens, (other than income received as dividends of the class allowed as a credit by section 25(a)) shall (except in the cases provided for in subsection (a) of this section and except as otherwise provided in regulations prescribed by the Commissioner under section 214) deduct and withhold from such annual or periodical gains, profits, and income a tax equal to 4 per centum thereof: *Provided*, That the Commissioner may

authorize such tax to be deducted and withheld from the interest upon any securities the owners of which are not known to the withholding agent.

(c) **Return and payment.**—Every person required to deduct and withhold any tax under this section shall make return thereof on or before March 15 of each year and shall on or before June 15, in lieu of the time prescribed in section 56, pay the tax to the official of the United States Government authorized to receive it. Every such person is hereby made liable for such tax and is hereby indemnified against the claims and demands of any person for the amount of any payments made in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(d) **Income of recipient.**—Income upon which any tax is required to be withheld at the source under this section shall be included in the return of the recipient of such income, but any amount of tax so withheld shall be credited against the amount of income tax as computed in such return.

(e) **Tax paid by recipient.**—If any tax required under this section to be deducted and withheld is paid by the recipient of the income, it shall not be re-collected from the withholding agent; nor in cases in which the tax is so paid shall any penalty be imposed upon or collected from the recipient of the income, or the withholding agent for failure to return or pay the same, unless such failure was fraudulent and for the purpose of evading payment.

(f) **Refunds and credits.**—Where there has been an overpayment of tax under this section any refund or credit made under the provisions of section 322 shall be made to the withholding agent unless the amount of such tax was actually withheld by the withholding agent.

ART. 143-1. Withholding tax at source.—(a) *Withholding in general.*—Withholding of a tax of 4 per cent is required in the case of fixed or determinable annual or periodical income paid to a **non-resident alien** or to a nonresident partnership (see article 801-8) composed in whole or in part of nonresident alien individuals, except (1) income from sources without the United States, including interest on deposits with persons carrying on the banking business paid to persons not engaged in business in the United States and not having any office or place of business therein, (2) dividends of a class allowed as a credit by section 25 (a), and (3) interest upon bonds or other obligations of a corporation containing a tax-free covenant and issued before January 1, 1934. A tax of 4 per cent must be withheld from interest on bonds or securities not containing a tax-free covenant, or containing a tax-free covenant and issued on or after January 1, 1934, if the owner is unknown to the withholding agent, except where such interest represents income from sources without the United States. (See sections 119, 147, 214, 231, 233, 251 (f), and 801 (a) (7).)

A tax of 13¾ per cent is required to be withheld in the case of fixed or determinable annual or periodical income (with the exceptions stated in the first paragraph of this article) paid to a nonresident foreign corporation (see article 801-8). (See also section 144.)

A fiduciary is not required to withhold tax and render a withholding return with respect to income of a nonresident alien beneficiary, as a complete return thereof will be included in Form 1040B. (See articles 142-5 and 143-8.) Bond interest paid to a nonresident alien fiduciary is subject to withholding even though the beneficiaries of income are citizens or residents of the United States.

A debtor corporation having an issue of bonds or other similar obligations which appoints a duly authorized agent to act in its behalf under the withholding provisions of the Act, is required to file notice of such appointment with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Sorting Section, Washington, D. C., giving the name and address of the agent.

If in connection with the sale of its property, payment of the bonds or other obligations of a corporation is assumed by the assignee, such assignee, whether an individual, partnership, or corporation, must deduct and withhold such taxes as would be required to be withheld by the assignor had no such sale or transfer been made.

For withholding in the case of dividends distributed by a corporation organized under the China Trade Act, 1922, see articles 143-3 and 261-4.

(b) *Tax-free covenant bonds issued before January 1, 1934.*—The withholding provisions of section 143 (a) (1) are applicable only to bonds, mortgages, or deeds of trust, or other similar obligations of a corporation which were issued before January 1, 1934, and which contain a tax-free covenant. For the purpose of section 143 (a) (1), bonds, mortgages, or deeds of trust, or other similar obligations of a corporation are issued when delivered. If a broker or other person acts as selling agent of the obligor, the obligation is issued when delivered by the agent to the purchaser. If a broker or other person purchases the obligation outright for the purpose of holding or reselling it, the obligation is issued when delivered to such broker or other person.

In order that the date of issue of bonds, mortgages, or deeds of trust, or other similar obligations of corporations, containing a tax-free covenant may be readily determined by the owner, for the purpose of preparing the ownership certificates required under articles 143-1 to 143-11 the "issuing" or debtor corporation shall indicate, by an appropriate notation, the date of issue or use the phrase, "Issued on or after January 1, 1934," on each such obligation issued after August 4, 1934, or in a statement accompanying the delivery of such obligation.

Withholding of a tax of 2 per cent is required in the case of interest paid to an individual or a partnership, whether resident or nonresident (see article 801-8), or to a nonresident foreign corpora-

tion upon bonds or other obligations of domestic corporations or resident foreign corporations (see article 801-8) containing a tax-free covenant and issued before January 1, 1934, except that if the liability assumed by the obligor in connection with such a covenant does not exceed 2 per cent of the interest, withholding is required at the rate of 4 per cent in the case of a nonresident alien or a nonresident partnership composed in whole or in part of nonresident alien individuals, and at the rate of $13\frac{3}{4}$ per cent in the case of a nonresident foreign corporation. However, withholding is not required in the case of interest payments on such bonds or obligations of a domestic or resident foreign corporation qualifying under section 119 (a) (1) (B), if made to a nonresident alien, to a partnership composed in whole of nonresident aliens, or to a nonresident foreign corporation. A nonresident foreign corporation having a fiscal or paying agent in the United States is required to withhold a tax of 2 per cent upon the interest on its tax-free covenant bonds, issued before January 1, 1934, paid to a citizen or resident of the United States or a partnership any member of which is a citizen or resident. If the owner of bonds or other obligations of a corporation containing a tax-free covenant, which was issued before January 1, 1934, is unknown to the withholding agent a tax of 2 per cent must be withheld from interest thereon unless the liability assumed by the obligor does not exceed 2 per cent of the interest, in which case withholding must be at the rate of 4 per cent.

Bonds issued under a trust deed containing a tax-free covenant are treated as if they contained such a covenant. If neither the bonds nor the trust deeds given by the obligor to secure them contain a tax-free covenant, supplemental agreements executed by the obligor corporation and the trustee containing a tax-free covenant which modify the original trust deeds to that extent are of the same effect from the date of their proper execution as if they had been part of the original deeds of trust, and the bonds from such date are subject to the provisions of section 143 (a), provided appropriate authority exists for the modification of the trust deeds in this manner. The authority must be contained in the original trust deeds or actually secured from the bondholders.

In the case of corporate bonds or other obligations containing a tax-free covenant, issued before January 1, 1934, the corporation paying a Federal tax, or any part of it, for some one else pursuant to its agreement is not entitled to deduct such payment from gross income on any ground, nor shall the tax so paid be included in the gross income of the bondholder. The amount of the tax may nevertheless be claimed by the bondholder as a credit against the total amount of tax due in accordance with section 143 (d). In the case,

however, of corporate bonds or obligations containing an appropriate tax-free covenant, the corporation paying for some one else, pursuant to its agreement, a State tax or any tax other than a Federal tax may deduct such payment as interest paid on indebtedness.

(c) *Withholding under Revenue Act of 1932.*—The withholding provisions of section 143 of the Revenue Act of 1934 (which are merely administrative provisions providing for the collection at the source of the tax imposed under other sections of the Act) are not retroactive, since withholding can take place only when payment of the income is made. Withholding of the tax in the case of income paid prior to the enactment of the Revenue Act of 1934 (11.40 a. m., eastern standard time, May 10, 1934) shall be at the rate of 8 per cent in lieu of the rate of 4 per cent provided in this article. As to methods of securing refunds for excess tax withheld, see article 143-11.

ART. 143-2. Fixed or determinable annual or periodical income.—Only fixed or determinable annual or periodical income is subject to withholding. The Act specifically includes in such income, interest, rent, salaries, wages, premiums, annuities, compensations, remunerations, and emoluments. But other kinds of income are included, as, for instance, royalties.

Income is fixed when it is to be paid in amounts definitely predetermined. Income is determinable whenever there is a basis of calculation by which the amount to be paid may be ascertained. The income need not be paid annually if it is paid periodically; that is to say, from time to time, whether or not at regular intervals. That the length of time during which the payments are to be made may be increased or diminished in accordance with some one's will or with the happening of an event does not make the payments any the less determinable or periodical. A salesman working by the month for a commission on sales which is paid or credited monthly receives determinable periodical income. The income derived from the sale in the United States of property, whether real or personal, is not fixed or determinable annual or periodical income.

ART. 143-3. Exemption from withholding.—Withholding from interest on corporate bonds or other obligations issued prior to January 1, 1934, containing a tax-free covenant shall not be required in the case of a citizen or resident if he files with the withholding agent when presenting interest coupons for payment, or not later than February 1 following the taxable year, an ownership certificate on Form 1000 stating that his net income does not exceed his personal exemption and credit for dependents allowed by section 25. (See articles 25-1 to 25-7.) To avoid inconvenience a resident alien should

file a certificate of residence on Form 1078 with withholding agents, who shall forward such certificates to the Commissioner with a letter of transmittal. (See article 211-5.) The income of domestic corporations and of resident foreign corporations is free from withholding. No withholding from dividends paid by a corporation subject to taxation under Title I is required unless the dividends are treated as income from sources within the United States under section 119 and are distributed by a corporation organized under the China Trade Act, 1922, to—

(a) A nonresident alien individual other than a resident of China at the time of such distribution;

(b) A nonresident partnership composed in whole or in part of nonresident aliens (other than a partnership resident in China); or

(c) A nonresident foreign corporation (other than a corporation resident in China).

In the case of (a) and (b) the rate of withholding applicable is 4 per cent in the case of distributions made after the enactment of the Revenue Act of 1934 (11:40 a. m., eastern standard time, May 10, 1934), and 8 per cent in the case of distributions made prior to that time. In the case of (c) the rate of withholding applicable is 13¾ per cent. (See further sections 116 (f) and 261.)

ART. 143-4. Exemption certificates of nonresident aliens.—If the gross income of a nonresident alien, which is derived from sources within the United States, does not exceed \$5,000 and, exclusive of dividends of the class allowed as a credit by section 25 (a), is not in excess of the personal exemption of \$1,000 (and the credit for dependents in the case of a resident of Canada or Mexico), an exemption certificate, Form 1002, may be executed and filed with the withholding agent, if any part of such gross income is derived from interest upon bonds or similar obligations of a corporation, whether or not such bonds or obligations contain a tax-free covenant.

The withholding agent, upon receipt of the exemption certificates, Form 1002, should make proper record thereof on the retained copies of Form 1012 (see article 143-8) and forward the exemption certificates with a letter of transmittal to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Sorting Section, Washington, D. C., where they will be examined. In those cases in which the total income of the bondholder from sources within the United States is found to exceed \$5,000, or, exclusive of dividends, to be in excess of the personal exemption (and the credit for dependents in the case of residents of Canada and Mexico), the claim on Form 1002 for the benefit of the personal exemption and such credit will be disallowed. A letter containing a list of the exemption certificates covering the claims disallowed and stating the reason for their disallowance will be mailed

to the withholding agent. This letter will also state the portion of the total tax assessed against the withholding agent on the basis of the annual return on Form 1013 (see article 143-8) to be abated by reason of the exemption certificates covering the claims allowed. A copy of the letter to the withholding agent will be forwarded to the collector of internal revenue as the basis for the acceptance of an amount of tax less than that assessed. No portion of the tax withheld from nonresident aliens should be released on the basis of the exemption certificates, Form 1002, until such letter has been received by the withholding agent. The tax assessed on the basis of the return on Form 1013 less the amount of tax to be abated as shown by the letter to the withholding agent must be paid to the collector on or before June 15. If Forms 1002 are received after the tax has been paid, the tax shown to have been overpaid shall be credited or refunded as provided in sections 143 (f) and 322.

The exemption certificate, Form 1002, properly executed, should be filed with the withholding agent at any time after the close of the calendar year, but not later than May 1 of the succeeding year. Notwithstanding the fact that Form 1002 is filed, ownership certificates must be filed as provided in articles 143-5 and 143-7.

As to allowance of personal exemption to nonresident alien employees, see article 214-2.

ART. 143-5. Ownership certificates for bond interest.—In accordance with the provisions of section 147 (b), citizens and resident individuals and fiduciaries, resident partnerships and nonresident partnerships all of the members of which are citizens or residents, owning bonds, mortgages, or deeds of trust, or other similar obligations issued by a domestic corporation, a resident foreign corporation, or a nonresident foreign corporation having a fiscal agent or a paying agent in the United States, when presenting interest coupons for payment shall file ownership certificates for each issue of such obligations regardless of the amount of the coupons.

In the case of interest payments on overdue coupon bonds, the interest coupons of which have been exhausted, ownership certificates are required to be filed when collecting the interest in the same manner as if interest coupons were presented for collection.

In all cases where the owner of bonds, mortgages, or deeds of trust, or other similar obligations of a corporation is a nonresident alien (individual or fiduciary), nonresident partnership composed in whole or in part of nonresident aliens, nonresident foreign corporation, or where the owner is unknown, an ownership certificate for each issue of such obligations shall be filed when interest coupons for any amount are presented for payment. The ownership certificate is required whether or not the obligation contains a tax-free covenant.

However, ownership certificates need not be filed by a nonresident alien, a partnership composed in whole of nonresident aliens, or a nonresident foreign corporation in connection with interest payments on such bonds, mortgages, or deeds of trust or other similar obligations of a domestic or resident foreign corporation qualifying under section 119 (a) (1) (B), or of a nonresident foreign corporation.

The ownership certificate shall show the name and address of the debtor corporation, the name and address of the owner of the obligations, a description of the obligations, the amount of interest and its due date, the rate at which tax is to be withheld, and the date upon which the interest coupons were presented for payment.

Ownership certificates need not be filed in the case of interest payments on obligations of a State, Territory, or any political subdivision thereof, or the District of Columbia; or obligations of a corporation organized under Act of Congress, if such corporation is an instrumentality of the United States; or the obligations of the United States or its possessions. (See section 22 (b) (4).) Ownership certificates are not required to be filed in connection with interest payments on bonds, mortgages, or deeds of trust, or other similar obligations issued by an individual or a partnership. Ownership certificates are not required where the owner is a domestic corporation, a resident foreign corporation, or a foreign government.

When interest coupons detached from corporate bonds are received unaccompanied by ownership certificates, unless the owner of the bonds is known to the first bank to which the coupons are presented for payment, and the bank is satisfied that the owner is a person who is not required to file an ownership certificate, the bank shall require of the payee a statement showing the name and address of the person from whom the coupons were received by the payee, and alleging that the owner of the bonds is unknown to the payee. Such statement shall be forwarded to the Commissioner with the monthly return on Form 1012. The bank shall also require the payee to prepare a certificate on Form 1001, crossing out "owner" and inserting "payee" and entering the amount of the interest on line 3, and shall stamp or write across the face of the certificate "Statement furnished," adding the name of the bank.

Ownership certificates are required in connection with interest payments on registered bonds as in the case of coupon bonds, except that if ownership certificates are not furnished by the owner of such bonds, ownership certificates must be prepared by the withholding agent.

ART. 143-6. Form of certificate for citizens or residents.—For the purpose of article 143-5, Form 1000 shall be used in preparing owner-

ship certificates of citizens or residents of the United States (individual or fiduciary), resident partnerships, and nonresident partnerships all of the members of which are citizens or residents. If the obligations are issued by a nonresident foreign corporation having a fiscal or paying agent in the United States, Form 1000 should be modified to show the name and address of the fiscal agent or the paying agent in addition to the name and address of the debtor corporation.

ART. 143-7. Form of certificate for nonresident aliens, nonresident foreign corporations, and unknown owners.—For the purpose of article 143-5, Form 1001 shall be used in preparing ownership certificates (a) of nonresident aliens (individual or fiduciary), (b) of nonresident partnerships composed in whole or in part of nonresident aliens, (c) of nonresident foreign corporations, and (d) where the owner is unknown.

ART. 143-8. Return and payment of tax withheld.—Every withholding agent shall make on or before March 15 an annual return on Form 1013 of the tax withheld from interest on corporate bonds or other obligations. This return should be filed with the collector for the district in which the withholding agent is located. The withholding agent shall also make a monthly return on Form 1012 on or before the 20th day of the month following that for which the return is made. The ownership certificates, Forms 1000 and 1001, must be forwarded to the Commissioner with the monthly return. Such of the forms as report interest from which the tax is to be withheld should be listed on the monthly return. While the forms reporting interest from which no tax is to be withheld need not be listed on the return, the number of such forms submitted should be entered in the space provided. If Form 1000 is modified to show the name and address of a fiscal or paying agent in the United States (see article 143-6), Forms 1012 and 1013 should be likewise modified.

Every person required to deduct and withhold any tax from income other than such bond interest shall make an annual return thereof to the collector on or before March 15 on Form 1042, showing the amount of tax required to be withheld for each nonresident alien (individual or fiduciary), nonresident partnership composed in whole or in part of nonresident aliens, or nonresident foreign corporation to which income other than bond interest was paid during the previous taxable year. Form 1042 should be filed with the collector for the district in which the withholding agent is located. In every case of both classes the tax withheld must be paid on or before June 15 of each year to the collector. For penalties and additions to the tax attaching upon failure to make such returns or such payment, see sections 145 and 291.

If a debtor corporation has designated a bank to act for it as withholding agent, and the bank has not collected any tax from the bondholders nor received any funds from the debtor corporation to pay the tax which the debtor corporation assumed in connection with its tax-free covenant bonds, the bank can not be held liable for the tax merely by reason of its appointment as withholding agent. If a duly authorized withholding agent has become insolvent or for any other reason fails to make payment to the collector of internal revenue of money deposited with it by the debtor corporation to pay taxes, or money withheld from bondholders, the debtor corporation is not discharged of its liability under section 143 (a) (1), since the withholding agent is merely the agent of the debtor corporation.

ART. 143-9. Ownership certificates in the case of fiduciaries and joint owners.—If fiduciaries have the control and custody of more than one estate or trust, and such estates and trusts have as assets bonds of corporations and other securities, a certificate of ownership shall be executed for each estate or trust, regardless of the fact that the bonds are of the same issue. If bonds are owned jointly by two or more persons, a separate ownership certificate must be executed in behalf of each of the owners.

ART. 143-10. Return of income from which tax was withheld.—The entire amount of the income from which the tax was withheld shall be included in gross income without deduction for such payment of the tax. But any tax so withheld shall be credited against the total tax as computed in the taxpayer's return. If the tax is paid by the recipient of the income or by the withholding agent it shall not be re-collected from the other, regardless of the original liability therefor, and in such event no penalty will be asserted against either person for failure to return or pay the tax where no fraud or purpose to evade payment is involved.

ART. 143-11. Release and refund of excess tax withheld.—The portion of the tax withheld from interest on bonds, mortgages, or deeds of trust, or similar obligations of corporations paid on or after January 1, 1934, and before 11.40 a. m., eastern standard time, May 10, 1934, under the Revenue Act of 1932 which is in excess of the tax required to be withheld under the Revenue Act of 1934 shall be retained by the withholding agent and reported on annual withholding return, Form 1013, for 1934, which shall be filed on or before March 15, 1935, and the tax shall be paid over to the appropriate collector of internal revenue on or before June 15, 1935, except in those cases where by reason of the approval of exemption certificates, Form 1002, filed by the owners, the corporation is authorized to release the tax to the owners.

The portion of the tax withheld on other classes of income paid on or after January 1, 1934, and before 11.40 a. m., eastern standard time, May 10, 1934, under the Revenue Act of 1932, which is in excess of the tax required to be withheld under the Revenue Act of 1934, shall be retained by the withholding agent and reported on the annual withholding return, Form 1042, which shall be filed on or before March 15, 1935, and the tax shall be paid to the collector of internal revenue on or before June 15, 1935, except in those cases where an alien employee files with his employer a properly executed claim on Form 1115. Upon receipt of Form 1115 for 1934 by an employer, or if such a form has already been received, the employer may release and pay over to the employee or his proper representative the excess tax withheld from compensation for labor or services performed in the United States.

In those cases where the payee from whom tax has been withheld is not eligible to file an exemption certificate on Form 1002, or a claim on Form 1115, refund of any excess tax withheld shall be made only by the Bureau of Internal Revenue. Such payee may file a claim for refund on Form 843 accompanied by an individual income tax return on Form 1040 B.

SEC. 144. PAYMENT OF CORPORATION INCOME TAX AT SOURCE.

In the case of foreign corporations subject to taxation under this title not engaged in trade or business within the United States and not having any office or place of business therein, there shall be deducted and withheld at the source in the same manner and upon the same items of income as is provided in section 143 a tax equal to 13¼ per centum, and such tax shall be returned and paid in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as provided in that section: *Provided*, That in the case of interest described in subsection (a) of that section (relating to tax-free covenant bonds) the deduction and withholding shall be at the rate specified in such subsection.

ART. 144-1. Withholding in the case of nonresident foreign corporations.—In general, with respect to payments to nonresident foreign corporations (see article 801-8) withholding is required of a tax of 2 per cent in the case of interest representing income from sources within the United States paid upon corporate bonds or other obligations containing a tax-free covenant, issued before January 1, 1934, except that such withholding is required at the rate of 13¼ per cent if the liability assumed by the obligor does not exceed 2 per cent of the interest. Withholding of a tax of 13¼ per cent is also required in the case of payments of other fixed or determinable annual or periodical income from sources within the United States to nonresident foreign corporations, except dividends paid by a corporation subject to taxation under Title I other than dividends dis-

written guaranty on the prescribed Form 1040D, with guarantor, acceptable to the Commissioner. A certificate of compliance is attached to and made a part of Form 1040D.

SEC. 147. INFORMATION AT SOURCE.

(a) **Payments of \$1,000 or more.**—All persons, in whatever capacity acting, including lessees or mortgagors of real or personal property, fiduciaries, and employers, making payment to another person, of interest, rent, salaries, wages, premiums, annuities, compensations, remunerations, emoluments, or other fixed or determinable gains, profits, and income (other than payments described in section 148(a) or 149), of \$1,000 or more in any taxable year, or, in the case of such payments made by the United States, the officers or employees of the United States having information as to such payments and required to make returns in regard thereto by the regulations hereinafter provided for, shall render a true and accurate return to the Commissioner, under such regulations and in such form and manner and to such extent as may be prescribed by him with the approval of the Secretary, setting forth the amount of such gains, profits, and income, and the name and address of the recipient of such payment.

(b) **Returns regardless of amount of payment.**—Such returns may be required, regardless of amounts, (1) in the case of payments of interest upon bonds, mortgages, deeds of trust, or other similar obligations of corporations, and (2) in the case of collections of items (not payable in the United States) of interest upon the bonds of foreign countries and interest upon the bonds of and dividends from foreign corporations by persons undertaking as a matter of business or for profit the collection of foreign payments of such interest or dividends by means of coupons, checks, or bills of exchange.

(c) **Recipient to furnish name and address.**—When necessary to make effective the provisions of this section the name and address of the recipient of income shall be furnished upon demand of the person paying the income.

(d) **Obligations of United States.**—The provisions of this section shall not apply to the payment of interest on obligations of the United States.

Art. 147-1. Return of information as to payments of \$1,000.—All persons making payment to another person of fixed or determinable income of \$1,000 or more in any calendar year must render a return thereof to the Commissioner for such year on or before February 15 of the following year, except as specified in articles 147-3 to 147-5. The return shall be made in each case on Form 1099, accompanied by transmittal Form 1096 showing the number of returns filed. The street and number where the recipient of the payment lives should be stated, if possible. If no present address is available, the last known post-office address must be given. Although to make necessary a return of information the income must be fixed or determinable, it need not be annual or periodical. (See article 143-2.)

Sums paid in respect of life insurance, endowment or annuity contracts which are required to be included in gross income under articles 22(b)(1)-1, 22(b)(2)-1, and 22(b)(2)-2 come within the meaning of the term "fixed or determinable income" and are required to be reported in returns of information as required by this article, except that payments in respect of policies surrendered before maturity and lapsed policies need not be reported.

For the purposes of a return of information, an amount is deemed to have been paid when it is credited or set apart to the taxpayer without any substantial limitation or restriction as to the time or manner of payment or condition upon which payment is to be made, and which is made available to him so that it may be drawn at any time, and its receipt brought within his own control and disposition.

Art. 147-2. Return of information as to payments to employees.

The names of all employees to whom payments of \$1,000 or over a year are made, whether such total sum is made up of wages, salaries, commissions, or compensation in any other form, must be reported. Heads of branch offices and subcontractors employing labor, who keep the only complete record of payments therefor, should file returns of information in regard to such payments directly with the Commissioner. When both main office and branch office have adequate records, the return should be filed by the main office. Amounts distributed or made available under an employees' trust governed by the provisions of section 165 to any beneficiary in any taxable year, equal to or in excess of his personal exemption, that have been contributed to the fund by the employer or represent earnings of the fund, must be reported by the trustee. But see article 147-3. (See also article 22(a)-3.)

In the case of payments made by the United States to persons in its service (civil or military) of wages, salaries, or compensation in any other form, the returns of information shall be made by the heads of the executive departments and other United States Government establishments.

Art. 147-3. Cases where no return of information required.—Payments of the following character, although over \$1,000, need not be reported in returns of information on Form 1099:

- (a) Payments of interest on obligations of the United States;
- (b) Payments by a broker to his customers;
- (c) Payments of any type made to corporations;
- (d) Bills paid for merchandise, telegrams, telephone, freight, storage, professional services, and similar charges;
- (e) Payments of rent made to real estate agents (but the agent must report payments to the landlord if the amount paid during

the year was \$1,000 or more to a single person, a partnership, or a fiduciary, or \$2,500 or more to a married person);

(f) Payments made by branches of business houses located in foreign countries to alien employees serving in foreign countries;

(g) Salaries and profits paid or distributed by a partnership to the individual partners;

(h) Payments of salaries, rents, royalties, interest (except bond interest required to be reported on ownership certificates), and other fixed or determinable income aggregating less than \$2,500 made to a married individual; and

(i) Payments of commissions made by fire insurance companies, or other companies insuring property, to general agents, except when specifically directed by the Commissioner to be filed.

If the marital status of the payee is unknown to the payor, or if the marital status of the payee changed during the taxable year (see article 25-5), the payee will be considered a single person for the purpose of filing a return of information on Form 1099.

ART. 147-4. Return of information as to interest on corporate bonds.—In the case of payments of interest, regardless of amount, upon bonds and similar obligations of corporations, the ownership certificates, when duly filed, shall constitute and be treated as returns of information. (See article 143-5.)

ART. 147-5. Return of information as to payments to other than citizens or residents.—In the case of payments of fixed or determinable annual or periodical income to nonresident aliens (individual or fiduciary), to nonresident partnerships composed in whole or in part of nonresident aliens, or to nonresident foreign corporations (see article 801-8), the returns filed by withholding agents on Form 1042 shall constitute and be treated as returns of information. (See sections 143 and 144.)

ART. 147-6. Foreign items.—The term "foreign items," as used in these regulations, means any item of interest upon the bonds of a foreign country or of a nonresident foreign corporation not having a fiscal or paying agent in the United States, or any item of dividends upon the stock of such corporation.

ART. 147-7. Return of information as to foreign items.—In the case of foreign items, an information return on Form 1099 is required to be filed by the bank or collecting agent accepting the items for collection, if the foreign item is paid to a citizen or resident of the United States (individual or fiduciary), or a partnership any member of which is a citizen or resident, and if the amount of the foreign items paid in any taxable year to a single person, a partnership, or a fiduciary is \$1,000 or more, or to a married person is \$2,500 or more. Such forms accompanied by Form 1096 should be forwarded to the

Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Sorting Section, Washington, D. C., on or before February 15 of each year. The term "collection" includes the following: (a) The payment by the licensee of the foreign item in cash; (b) the crediting by the licensee of the account of the person presenting the foreign item; (c) the tentative crediting by the licensee of the account of the person presenting the foreign item until the amount of the foreign item is received by the licensee from abroad; (d) the receipt of foreign items by the licensee for the purpose of transmitting them abroad for deposits. (See articles 147-1 and 147-3.)

ART. 147-8. Information as to actual owner.—When the person receiving a payment falling within the provisions of the Act for information at the source is not the actual owner of the income received, the name and address of the actual owner shall be furnished upon demand of the individual, corporation, or partnership paying the income, and in default of a compliance with such demand the payee becomes liable to the penalties provided. (See section 145.) Dividends on stock are prima facie the income of the record owner of the stock. Upon receipt of dividends by a record owner, he should immediately execute Form 1087 to disclose the name and address of the actual owner. Form 1087 should be filed with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Sorting Section, Washington, D. C. Unless such a disclosure is made, the record owner will be held liable for any tax based upon such dividends. (See article 148-1.)

The filing of Form 1087 is not required (a) if stocks are registered in the name of a nominee for a fiduciary required to file a return on Form 1041 in which the dividends from such stocks are reported, and (b) if they are owned by a nonresident alien and are registered in the name of a nominee designated by a bank or trust company which is required to file returns of income for such nonresident alien.

SEC. 148. INFORMATION BY CORPORATIONS.

(a) **Dividend payments.**—Every corporation subject to the tax imposed by this title shall, when required by the Commissioner, render a correct return, duly verified under oath, of its payments of dividends, stating the name and address of each shareholder, the number of shares owned by him, and the amount of dividends paid to him.

(b) **Profits declared as dividends.**—Every corporation shall, when required by the Commissioner, furnish him a statement of such facts as will enable him to determine the portion of the earnings or profits of the corporation (including gains, profits, and income not taxed) accumulated during such periods as the Commissioner may specify, which have been distributed or ordered to be distributed, respectively, to its shareholders during such taxable years as the Commissioner may specify.

(c) **Accumulated gains and profits.**—When requested by the Commissioner, or any collector, every corporation shall forward to him a cor-
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CHAPTER XXVI

NONRESIDENT ALIENS

Supplement H—Nonresident Alien Individuals

SEC. 211. GROSS INCOME.

(a) **General rule.**—In the case of a nonresident alien individual gross income includes only the gross income from sources within the United States.

(b) **Ships under foreign flag.**—The income of a nonresident alien individual which consists exclusively of earnings derived from the operation of a ship or ships documented under the laws of a foreign country which grants an equivalent exemption to citizens of the United States and to corporations organized in the United States, shall not be included in gross income and shall be exempt from taxation under this title.

ART. 211-1. Definition.—A “nonresident alien individual” means an individual—

- (a) Whose residence is not within the United States; and
- (b) Who is not a citizen of the United States.

An alien actually present in the United States who is not a mere transient or sojourner is a resident of the United States for purposes of the income tax. Whether he is a transient or not is determined by his intentions with regard to the length and nature of his stay. A mere floating intention, indefinite as to time, to return to another country is not sufficient to constitute him a transient. If he lives in the United States and has no definite intention as to his stay, he is a resident. One who comes to the United States for a definite purpose which in its nature may be promptly accomplished is a transient; but if his purpose is of such a nature that an extended stay may be necessary for its accomplishment, and to that end the alien makes his home temporarily in the United States, he becomes a resident, though it may be his intention at all times to return to his domicile abroad when the purpose for which he came has been consummated or abandoned. An alien whose stay in the United States is limited to a definite period by the immigration laws is not a resident of the United States within the meaning of this article, in the absence of exceptional circumstances.

ART. 211-2. Alien seamen, when to be regarded as residents.—In order to determine whether an alien seaman is a resident within the meaning of the income tax law, it is necessary to decide whether the presumption of nonresidence is overcome by facts showing that he has

established a residence in the United States. Residence may be established on a vessel regularly engaged in coastwise trade, but the mere fact that a sailor makes his home on a vessel flying the United States flag and engaged in foreign trade is not sufficient to establish residence in the United States, even though the vessel, while carrying on foreign trade, touches at American ports. An alien seaman may acquire an actual residence in the United States within the rules laid down in article 211-3, although the nature of his calling requires him to be absent for a long period from the place where his residence is established. An alien seaman may acquire such a residence at a sailors' boarding house or hotel, but such a claim should be carefully scrutinized in order to make sure that such residence is bona fide. The filing of Form 1078 or taking out first citizenship papers is proof of residence in the United States from the time the form is filed or the papers taken out, unless rebutted by other evidence showing an intention to be a transient. The fact that a head tax has been paid on behalf of an alien seaman entering the United States is no evidence that he has acquired residence, because the head tax is payable unless the alien who is entering the country is merely in transit through the country.

ART. 211-3. Proof of residence of alien.—The following rules of evidence shall govern in determining whether or not an alien within the United States has acquired residence therein within the meaning of the Act. An alien, by reason of his alienage, is presumed to be a nonresident alien. Such presumption may be overcome—

(1) In the case of an alien who presents himself for determination of tax liability prior to departure for his native country, by (a) proof that the alien, at least six months prior to the date he so presents himself, has filed a declaration of his intention to become a citizen of the United States under the naturalization laws, (b) proof that the alien, at least six months prior to the date he so presents himself, has filed Form 1078 or its equivalent, or (c) proof of acts and statements of the alien showing a definite intention to acquire residence in the United States or showing that his stay in the United States has been of such an extended nature as to constitute him a resident;

(2) In other cases by (a) proof that the alien has filed a declaration of his intention to become a citizen of the United States under the naturalization laws, (b) proof that the alien has filed Form 1078 or its equivalent, or (c) proof of acts and statements of an alien showing a definite intention to acquire residence in the United States or showing that his stay in the United States has been of such an extended nature as to constitute him a resident.

In any case in which an alien seeks to overcome the presumption of nonresidence under (1) (c) or (2) (c), if the officer who examines the alien is in doubt as to the facts, such officer may, to assist him in determining the facts, require an affidavit or affidavits setting forth the facts relied upon, executed by some credible person or persons, other than the alien and members of his family, who have known the alien at least six months prior to the date of execution of the affidavit or affidavits.

ART. 211-4. Loss of residence by alien.—An alien who has acquired residence in the United States retains his status as a resident until he abandons the same and actually departs from the United States. An intention to change his residence does not change his status as a resident alien to that of a nonresident alien. Thus an alien who has acquired a residence in the United States is taxable as a resident for the remainder of his stay in the United States.

ART. 211-5. Duty of employer to determine status of alien employee.—If wages are paid to aliens without withholding the tax, except as permitted in article 214-2, the employer should be prepared to prove the status of the alien as provided in the foregoing articles. An employer may rely upon the evidence of residence afforded by the fact that an alien has filed Form 1078, or an equivalent certificate of the alien establishing residence. An employer need not secure Form 1078 from the alien if he is satisfied that the alien is a resident alien. An employer who seeks to account for failure to withhold in the past, if he had not at the time secured Form 1078 or its equivalent, is permitted to prove the former status of the alien by any competent evidence. The written statement of the alien employee may ordinarily be relied upon by the employer as proof that the alien is a resident of the United States.

ART. 211-6. Gross income of nonresident alien individuals.—In the case of nonresident alien individuals "gross income" means only the gross income from sources within the United States, determined under the provisions of section 119. (See articles 119-1 to 119-14.) The items of gross income from sources without the United States and therefore not taxable to nonresident aliens are described in section 119 (c). As to who are nonresident alien individuals see articles 211-1 to 211-5.

Income received by a resident alien from sources without the United States is taxable though such person may become a nonresident alien subsequent to its receipt and prior to the close of the taxable year. Conversely, income received by a nonresident alien from sources without the United States is not taxable though such person may become a resident alien subsequent to its receipt and prior to the close of the taxable year.

ART. 211-7. Exclusion of earnings of foreign ships from gross income.—

So much of the income from sources within the United States of a nonresident alien individual as consists of earnings derived from the operation of a ship or ships documented under the laws of a foreign country which grants an equivalent exemption to citizens of the United States nonresident in such foreign country and to corporations organized in the United States, shall not be included in gross income. Foreign countries which either impose no income tax, or, in imposing such tax, exempt from taxation so much of the income of a citizen of the United States nonresident in such foreign country and of a corporation organized in the United States as consists of earnings derived from the operation of a ship or ships documented under the laws of the United States are considered as granting an equivalent exemption within the meaning of this article.

SEC. 212. DEDUCTIONS.

(a) **General rule.**—In the case of a nonresident alien individual the deductions shall be allowed only if and to the extent that they are connected with income from sources within the United States; and the proper apportionment and allocation of the deductions with respect to sources of income within and without the United States shall be determined as provided in section 119, under rules and regulations prescribed by the Commissioner with the approval of the Secretary.

(b) **Losses.**—

(1) The deduction, for losses not connected with the trade or business if incurred in transactions entered into for profit, allowed by section 23 (e) (2) shall be allowed whether or not connected with income from sources within the United States, but only if the profit, if such transaction had resulted in a profit, would be taxable under this title.

(2) The deduction for losses of property not connected with the trade or business if arising from certain casualties or theft, allowed by section 23 (e) (3), shall be allowed whether or not connected with income from sources within the United States, but only if the loss is of property within the United States.

(c) **Charitable, etc., contributions.**—The so-called "charitable contribution" deduction allowed by section 23 (o) shall be allowed whether or not connected with income from sources within the United States, but only as to contributions or gifts made to domestic corporations, or to community chests, funds, or foundations, created in the United States, or to the vocational rehabilitation fund.

ART. 212-1. Deductions allowed nonresident alien individuals.—In the case of a nonresident alien individual the deductions allowed by section 23 for business expenses, interest, taxes, losses in trade, bad debts, depreciation, and depletion are allowed only if and to the extent that they are connected with income from sources within the United States. (See also section 214.) In the case of such taxpayers, however, (1) losses sustained during the taxable year and

business. In the first six months of 1934 he also derived \$8,000 gross income from rental property located in the United States. He derived a like amount of gross income from such property during the last six months of 1934. Inasmuch as for the applicable part (July 1, 1934, to December 31, 1934) of the 3-year period immediately preceding the close of the taxable year (the calendar year 1934), 80 per cent of A's gross income (\$32,000, or 80 per cent of \$40,000) was derived from sources within a possession of the United States and as 50 per cent or more of his gross income (\$20,000, or 50 per cent of \$40,000) for such part of the 3-year period was derived from the active conduct of a trade or business within a possession of the United States, he is required to report in gross income in his return for 1934 only the gross income derived by him from sources within the United States (\$16,000 from the rental property located in the United States).

ART. 251-2. Income received within the United States.—Notwithstanding the provisions of section 251 (a), there shall be included in the gross income of citizens and domestic corporations therein specified all amounts, whether derived from sources within or without the United States, which are received by such citizens or corporations within the United States. But see section 116 (a). From the amounts so included in gross income there shall be deducted only the expenses properly apportioned or allocated thereto. The term "United States" as used herein includes only the States, the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii, and the District of Columbia. The term "possession of the United States" as used in section 251, article 251-1, and this article, includes Puerto Rico, the Philippine Islands, the Panama Canal Zone, Guam, Tutuila, Wake, and Palmyra; it does not include the Virgin Islands.

ART. 251-3. Deductions allowed citizens and domestic corporations entitled to the benefits of section 251.—In the case of a citizen entitled to the benefits of section 251, the deductions allowed by section 23 for business expenses, interest, taxes, losses in trade, bad debts, depreciation, and depletion are allowed only if and to the extent that they are connected with income from sources within the United States. The provisions of article 212-1 relating to the allowance to nonresident alien individuals of the deductions provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of section 23 (e) for losses not connected with the trade or business are applicable in the case of citizens entitled to the benefits of section 251. The provisions of that article pertaining to the allowance to nonresident alien individuals of deductions for contributions provided in section 23 (o) are also applicable in the case of such citizens. Corporations entitled to the benefits of section 251 are allowed the same deductions from their gross income arising from sources within the United States as are allowed to domestic corpora-

tions to the extent that such deductions are connected with such gross income. The proper apportionment and allocation of the deductions with respect to sources within and without the United States shall be determined as provided in section 119.

ART. 251-4. Allowance of deductions and credits to citizens and domestic corporations entitled to the benefits of section 251.—Unless a citizen of the United States or a domestic corporation entitled to the benefits of section 251 shall file, or cause to be filed with the collector, a true and accurate return of income from sources within the United States, regardless of amount, the tax shall be collected on the basis of the gross income (not the net income) from sources within the United States. Where such a citizen or corporation has various sources of income within the United States so that from any one source or from all sources combined the amount of income shall call for the assessment of a tax, and a return of income shall not be filed by or on behalf of the citizen or corporation, the Commissioner will cause a return of income to be made and include therein the income of such citizen or corporation from all sources concerning which he has information, and he will assess the tax and collect it from one or more of the sources of income of such citizen or corporation within the United States without allowance for deductions or credits.

SEC. 252. CITIZENS OF POSSESSIONS OF UNITED STATES.

(a) Any individual who is a citizen of any possession of the United States (but not otherwise a citizen of the United States) and who is not a resident of the United States, shall be subject to taxation under this title only as to income derived from sources within the United States, and in such case the tax shall be computed and paid in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as in the case of other persons who are taxable only as to income derived from such sources.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter or amend the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922, and for other purposes," approved July 12, 1921, relating to the imposition of income taxes in the Virgin Islands of the United States.

ART. 252-1. Status of citizens of United States possession.—A citizen of a possession of the United States (except the Virgin Islands), who is not otherwise a citizen or a resident of the United States, including only the States, the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii, and the District of Columbia, is treated for the purpose of the tax as if he were a nonresident alien individual. (See sections 211-217.) His income from sources within the United States is subject to withholding. (See section 143.) The Act referred to in section 252 (b) provides that income tax laws then or thereafter in force in the United States shall apply to the Virgin Islands, but that the taxes shall be paid into the treasury of the Virgin Islands. Accordingly, persons are taxed there under the provisions of the Revenue Act of 1934.