

Example 5. IRS discovers nonresident alien's failure to file. In Year 1, A, a computer programmer, opened an office in the United States to market and sell a software program that A had developed outside the United States. Through A's personal efforts, U.S. sales of the software produced income effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business. A had extensive experience conducting similar business activities in other countries, including making the appropriate tax filings. However, A was aware neither of A's obligation to file a U.S. income tax return for those years, nor of A's ability to file a protective return for those years. A had never filed a U.S. income tax return before. Despite A's extensive experience conducting similar business activities in other countries, A made no effort to seek advice in connection with A's U.S. tax obligations. A failed to file either U.S. income tax returns or protective returns for Year 1 and Year 2. In November of Year 3, an Internal Revenue Service examiner asked A for an explanation of A's failure to file U.S. income tax returns. A immediately engaged X, a U.S. tax advisor, and cooperated with the Internal Revenue Service in determining A's income tax liability, for example, by preparing and filing the appropriate income tax returns for Year 1 and Year 2 and by making A's books and records available to the examiner. A did not present evidence that intervening events beyond A's control prevented A from filing a return, and there were no other mitigating factors. A has not met the standard described in paragraph (b)(2) of this section for waiver of any applicable filing deadlines in §1.874-1(b)(1).

Example 6. Nonresident alien with prior filing history. A began a U.S. trade or business in Year 1 as a sole proprietorship. A's tax advisor filed the appropriate U.S. income tax returns for Year 1 through Year 6, reporting income effectively connected with A's U.S. trade or business. In Year 7, A replaced its tax advisor with a tax advisor unfamiliar with U.S. tax law. A did not file a U.S. income tax return for any year from Year 7 through Year 10, although A had effectively connected income for those years. A was aware of A's ability to file a protective return for those years. In Year 11, an Internal Revenue Service examiner contacted A and asked for an explanation of A's failure to file income tax returns after Year 6. A immediately engaged a U.S. tax advisor and cooperated with the Internal Revenue Service in determining A's income tax liability, for example, by preparing and filing the appropriate income tax returns for Year 7 through Year 10 and by making A's books and records available to the examiner. A did not present evidence that intervening events beyond A's control prevented A from filing a return, and there were no other mitigating factors. A has not met the standard described in para-

graph (b)(2) of this section for waiver of any applicable filing deadlines in §1.874-1(b)(1).

(4) *Effective date.* Paragraphs (b)(2) and (3) of this section are applicable to open years for which a request for a waiver is filed on or after January 29, 2002.

(b)(5) through (e) for further guidance, see §1.874-1 (b)(5) through (e).

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§ 1.875-1 Partnerships.

Whether a nonresident alien individual who is a member of a partnership is taxable in accordance with subsection (a), (b), or (c) of section 871 may depend on the status of the partnership. A nonresident alien individual who is a member of a partnership which is not engaged in trade or business within the United States is subject to the provisions of section 871 (a) or (b), as the case may be, depending on whether or not he receives during the taxable year an aggregate of more than \$15,400 gross income described in section 871(a), if he is not otherwise engaged in trade or business within the United States. A nonresident alien individual who is a member of a partnership which at any time within the taxable year is engaged in trade or business within the United States is considered as being engaged in trade or business within the United States and is therefore taxable under section 871(c). For definition of what the term "partnership" includes, see section 7701(a)(2) and the regulations in part 301 of this chapter (Regulations on Procedure and Administration). The test of whether a partnership is engaged in trade or business within the United States is the same as in the case of a nonresident alien individual. See §1.871-8.

§ 1.875-2 Beneficiaries of estates or trusts.

(a) [Reserved]

(b) *Exception for certain taxable years.* Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this section, for any taxable year beginning before January 1, 1975, the grantor of a trust, whether revocable or irrevocable, is not deemed to be engaged in trade or business within the United States merely because the trustee is

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engaged in trade or business within the United States.

(c) [Reserved]

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§ 1.876-1 Alien residents of Puerto Rico.

(a) *General.* A nonresident alien individual who is a bona fide resident of Puerto Rico during the entire taxable year is, in accordance with the provisions of section 876, subject to tax under section 1 or, in the alternative, under section 1201(b) in generally the same manner as in the case of an alien resident of the United States. See paragraph (b) of § 1.1-1 and § 1.871-1. The tax is imposed upon the taxable income of such a resident of Puerto Rico, determined in accordance with section 63(a) and the regulations thereunder, from sources both within and without the United States, except that under the provisions of section 933 income derived from sources within Puerto Rico (other than amounts received for services performed as an employee of the United States or any agency thereof) is excluded from gross income. For determining the form of return to be used by such an individual, see section 6012 and the regulations thereunder.

(b) *Exceptions.* Though subject to the tax imposed by section 1, a nonresident alien individual who is a bona fide resident of Puerto Rico during his entire taxable year shall nevertheless be treated as a nonresident alien individual for the purpose of many provisions of the Code relating to nonresident alien individuals. Thus, for example, such a resident of Puerto Rico is not allowed to determine his tax in accordance with the optional tax table (section 4(d)(1)); is not allowed the standard deduction (section 142(b)(1)); is not allowed a deduction for a "dependent" who is a resident of Puerto Rico unless the dependent is a citizen of the United States (section 152 (b)(3)); is subject to withholding of tax at source under chapter 3 of the Code (sections 1441(e) and 1451(e)); is generally excepted from the collection of income tax at source on wages (paragraph (d)(1) of § 31.3401(a)(6)-1 of this chapter (Employment Tax Regulations)); is not allowed to make a joint return or a joint declaration of estimated tax (sec-

tions 6013(a)(1) and 6015(b)); must pay his estimated income tax on or before the 15th day of the 4th month of the taxable year (sections 6015(i)(3), 6073(a), and 6153(a)(1)); and generally must pay his income tax on or before the 15th day of the 6th month following the close of the taxable year (sections 6072(c) and 6151(a)).

(c) *Credits against tax.* The credits allowed by section 31 (relating to tax withheld on wages), section 32 (relating to tax withheld at source on nonresident aliens), section 33 (relating to taxes of foreign countries), section 35 (relating to partially tax-exempt interest), section 38 (relating to investment in certain depreciable property), section 39 (relating to certain uses of gasoline and lubricating oil), and section 40 (relating to expenses of work incentive programs) shall be allowed against the tax determined in accordance with this section. No credit shall be allowed under section 37 in respect of retirement income.

(d) *Effective date.* This section shall apply for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1966. For corresponding rules applicable to taxable years beginning before January 1, 1967, see 26 CFR 1.876-1 (Revised as of January 1, 1971).

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§ 1.879-1 Treatment of community income.

(a) *Treatment of community income—(1) In general.* For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1976, community income of a citizen or resident of the United States who is married to a nonresident alien individual, and the deductions properly allocable to that income, shall be divided between the U.S. citizen or resident spouse in accordance with the rules in section 879 and paragraph (a)(2) through (a)(6) of this section. This section does not apply for any taxable year with respect to which an election under section 6013 (g) or (h) is in effect. Community income for this purpose includes all gross income, whether derived from sources within or without the United States, which is treated as community income of the spouses under the community property laws of the State, foreign country, or