

single plan, Z sells Business Q for cash to parties unrelated to Z and Y in a taxable transaction, and then distributes the proceeds of the sale pro rata to its shareholders. Then, pursuant to State W law, Z merges into Y. Pursuant to such law, the following events occur simultaneously at the effective time of the transaction: all of the assets and liabilities of Z related to Business P become the assets and liabilities of Y and Z's separate legal existence ceases for all purposes. In the merger, the Z shareholders exchange their Z stock for Y stock. Prior to the transaction, Z is not treated as owning any assets of an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner for Federal tax purposes.

(ii) The transaction satisfies the requirements of paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of this section because the transaction is effected pursuant to State W law and the following events occur simultaneously at the effective time of the transaction: all of the assets and liabilities of Z, the combining entity and sole member of the transferor unit, become the assets and liabilities of Y, the combining entity and sole member of the transferee unit, and Z ceases its separate legal existence for all purposes. Paragraph (b)(1)(iii) of this section does not apply to prevent the transaction from qualifying as a statutory merger or consolidation for purposes of section 368(a)(1)(A) because each of Z and Y is a domestic entity. Accordingly, the transaction qualifies as a statutory merger or consolidation for purposes of section 368(a)(1)(A).

(v) *Effective dates.* This paragraph (b)(1) applies to transactions occurring on or after January 24, 2003. Taxpayers, however, may apply these regulations in whole, but not in part, to transactions occurring before January 24, 2003, provided that, if the taxpayer is the acquiring corporation (or a shareholder of the acquiring corporation whose tax treatment of the transaction reflects the tax treatment by the acquiring corporation, such as a shareholder of an acquiring S corporation), the target corporation (and the shareholders of the target corporation whose tax treatment of the transaction reflects the tax treatment by the target corporation) also applies these regulations in whole, but not in part, to the transaction, and if the taxpayer is the target corporation (or a shareholder of the target corporation whose tax treatment of the transaction reflects the tax treatment by the target corporation), the acquiring corporation (and the shareholders of the acquiring corporation whose tax treatment of the

transaction reflects the tax treatment by the acquiring corporation) also applies these regulations in whole, but not in part, to the transaction. For all other transactions, see § 1.368-2(b)(1) as in effect before January 24, 2003 (see 26 CFR part 1, revised April 1, 2002).

(b)(2)-(k) [Reserved]. For further guidance, see § 1.368-2(b)(2) through (k).

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**§ 1.368-3 Records to be kept and information to be filed with returns.**

(a) The plan of reorganization must be adopted by each of the corporations parties thereto; and the adoption must be shown by the acts of its duly constituted responsible officers, and appear upon the official records of the corporation. Each corporation, a party to a reorganization, shall file as a part of its return for its taxable year within which the reorganization occurred a complete statement of all facts pertinent to the nonrecognition of gain or loss in connection with the reorganization, including:

(1) A copy of the plan of reorganization, together with a statement, executed under the penalties of perjury, showing in full the purposes thereof and in detail all transactions incident to, or pursuant to, the plan.

(2) A complete statement of the cost or other basis of all property, including all stock or securities, transferred incident to the plan.

(3) A statement of the amount of stock or securities and other property or money received from the exchange, including a statement of all distributions or other disposition made thereof. The amount of each kind of stock or securities and other property received shall be stated on the basis of the fair market value thereof at the date of the exchange.

(4) A statement of the amount and nature of any liabilities assumed upon the exchange, and the amount and nature of any liabilities to which any of the property acquired in the exchange is subject.

(b) Every taxpayer, other than a corporation a party to the reorganization, who receives stock or securities and other property or money upon a tax-free exchange in connection with a corporate reorganization shall incorporate

in his income tax return for the taxable year in which the exchange takes place a complete statement of all facts pertinent to the nonrecognition of gain or loss upon such exchange including:

(1) A statement of the cost or other basis of the stock or securities transferred in the exchange, and

(2) A statement in full of the amount of stock or securities and other property or money received from the exchange, including any liabilities assumed upon the exchange, and any liabilities to which property received is subject. The amount of each kind of stock or securities and other property (other than liabilities assumed upon the exchange) received shall be set forth upon the basis of the fair market value thereof at the date of the exchange.

(c) Permanent records in substantial form shall be kept by every taxpayer who participates in a tax-free exchange in connection with a corporate reorganization showing the cost or other basis of the transferred property and the amount of stock or securities and other property or money received (including any liabilities assumed on the exchange, or any liabilities to which any of the properties received were subject), in order to facilitate the determination of gain or loss from a subsequent disposition of such stock or securities and other property received from the exchange.

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#### INSOLVENCY REORGANIZATIONS

##### § 1.371-1 Exchanges by corporations.

(a) *Exchange solely for stock or securities.* (1) Section 371(a)(1) provides for the nonrecognition of gain or loss by a corporation upon certain exchanges made in connection with the reorganization of an insolvent corporation. The section does not apply to a railroad corporation as defined in section 77(m) of the Bankruptcy Act (11 U.S.C. 205(m)). In order to qualify as a section 371(a) reorganization, the transaction must satisfy the express statutory requirements as well as the underlying assumptions and purposes for which the exchange is excepted from the gen-

eral rule requiring the recognition of gain or loss upon the exchange of property.

(2) Section 371(a)(1) applies only with respect to a reorganization effected in one of two specified types of court proceedings: (i) Receivership, foreclosure, or similar proceedings, or (ii) corporate reorganization proceedings under chapter X of the Bankruptcy Act (11 U.S.C. 10). The specific statutory requirements are the transfer of property of a corporation, in pursuance of an order of the court having jurisdiction of the corporation in such proceeding, to another corporation organized or made use of to effectuate a plan of reorganization approved by the court in such proceeding, in exchange solely for stock or securities in such other corporation. If the consideration for the transfer consists of other property or money as well as stock and securities, see section 371(a)(2) and (c). As to the assumption of liabilities in an exchange described in section 371(a), see section 371(d).

(3) The application of section 371(a)(1) is to be strictly limited to a transaction of the character set forth in such section. Hence, the section is inapplicable unless there is a bona fide plan of reorganization approved by the court having jurisdiction of the proceeding and the transfer of the property of the insolvent corporation is made pursuant to such plan. It is unnecessary that the transfer be a direct transfer from the insolvent corporation; it is sufficient if the transfer is an integral step in the consummation of the reorganization plan approved by the court. By its terms, the section has no application to a reorganization consummated by adjustment of the capital or debt structure of the insolvent corporation without the transfer of its assets to another corporation.

(4) As used in section 371(a)(1), the term *reorganization* is not controlled by the definition of *reorganization* contained in section 368. However, certain basic requirements, implicit in the statute, which are essential to a reorganization under section 368, are likewise essential to qualify a transaction as a reorganization under section 371(a)(1). Among these requirements