

paragraph (k) of this section) to A or such constructive owner.

(ii) Since, under the above-stated facts, the requirements of section 341(e)(4) are satisfied, section 337(a) will apply to sales or exchanges of property by the corporation within the 12-month period beginning on the date of the adoption of the plan of liquidation.

(iii) Any distribution in complete liquidation to B and C, who own 15 and 10 percent, respectively, in value of the outstanding stock, will qualify under section 341(e)(2) because (a) by reason of the application of section 341(e)(4), section 337(a) applies to sales or exchanges of property by the corporation, and (b) at all times within the 12-month period beginning on the date of the adoption of the plan of complete liquidation the general corporate test is satisfied and B and C each satisfy the specific shareholder test of paragraph (e)(1)(iii)(a) of this section.

(iv) Any distribution in complete liquidation to A, who owns 75 percent in value of the outstanding stock, will qualify under section 341(e)(2) if, at all times within the 12-month period beginning on the date of the adoption of the plan of complete liquidation, and after taking into account A's ownership of stock in related corporations in the manner prescribed in paragraph (d) of this section, A satisfies the specific shareholder test of paragraph (e)(1)(iii)(b) of this section.

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§ 1.341-7 Certain sales of stock of consenting corporations.

(a) *In general.* (1) Under section 341(f)(1), if a corporation consents (in the manner provided in paragraph (b) of this section) to the application of section 341(f)(2) with respect to dispositions by it of its subsection (f) assets (as defined in paragraph (g) of this section), then section 341(a)(1) does not apply to any sales of stock of such consenting corporation (other than sale to such corporation) made by any of its shareholders within the 6-month period beginning on the date on which such consent is filed.

(2) For purposes of section 341(f)(1) and (5)—(i) The term *sale* means a sale of exchange of stock at a gain, but only if such gain would be recognized as long-term capital gain were section 341 not a part of the Code. Thus, a sale or exchange of stock is not a “sale” within the meaning of section 341(f)(1) and (5) if there is no gain on the trans-

action, or if the sale or exchange gives rise to ordinary income under a provision of the Code other than section 341, or if gain on the transaction is not recognized under any provisions of subtitle A of the Code.

(ii) A sale of stock in a corporation does not include any disposition of such stock by a shareholder, if, by reason of section 341(d)(1), section 341(a) could not have applied to that disposition. (Under section 341(d)(1), section 341(a) does not apply except to more-than-5-percent shareholders.) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a)(2)(i) of this section, the term “sale” included a disposition of stock in a corporation by a more-than-5-percent shareholders described in section 341(d)(1), even though section 341(a) did not apply to the disposition because the corporation was not collapsible or by reason of the application of section 341(d)(2), (3), or (e).

(3) A corporation which consents to the application of section 341(f)(2) does not thereby become noncollapsible, and the fact that a corporation consents to the application of section 341(f)(2) does not affect the determination as to whether it is a collapsible corporation.

(4) For limitation on the application of section 341(f)(1) see section 341(f)(5) and (6) and paragraphs (h) and (j) of this section.

(b) *Statement of consent.* (1) The consent of a corporation referred to in paragraph (a)(1) or (j)(1) of this section shall be given by means of a statement, signed by any officer who is duly authorized to act on behalf of the consenting corporation stating that the corporation consents to have the provisions of section 341(f)(2) apply to any disposition by it of its subsection (f) assets. The statement shall be filed with the district director having jurisdiction over the income tax return of the consenting corporation for the taxable year during which the statement is filed.

(2)(i) The statement shall contain the name, address, and employer identification number of any corporation 5 percent or more in value of the outstanding stock of which is owned directly by the consenting corporation, and of any other corporation connected to the consenting corporation through

a chain of stock ownership described in paragraph (j)(4) of this section. The statement shall also indicate where such 5-percent-or-more corporation (or such "connected" corporation) has consented within the 6-month period ending on the date on which the statement filed to the application of section 341(f)(2) with respect to any dispositions of its subsection (f) assets (see paragraph (j) of this section), and, if so, the district director with whom such consent was filed and the date on which such consent was filed.

(ii) If, during the 6-month period beginning on the date on which the statement is filed, the consenting corporation becomes the owner of 5 percent or more in value of the outstanding stock of another corporation or becomes connected to another corporation through a chain of stock ownership described in paragraph (j)(4) of this section, then the consenting corporation shall, within 5 days after such occurrence, notify the district director with whom it filed the statement of the name, address and employer identification number of such corporation.

(3) A consent under section 341(f)(1) may be filed at any time and there is no limit as to the number of such consents that may be filed. If a consent is filed by a corporation under section 341(f)(1) and if a shareholder sells stock (i) in such corporation, or (ii) in another corporation a sale of whose stock is treated under section 341(f)(6) as a sale of stock in such corporation, at any time during the applicable 6-month period, then the consent cannot thereafter be revoked or withdrawn by the corporation. However, a consent may be revoked or withdrawn at any time prior to a sale during the applicable 6-month period. If no sale is made during such period, the consent will have no effect on the corporation. See paragraph (g) of this section.

(c) *Consenting corporation.* (1) A consenting corporation at the time that is filed a consent under section 341(f)(10) shall notify its shareholders that such consent is being filed. In addition, the consenting corporation shall, at the request of any shareholder, promptly supply the shareholder with a copy of the consent.

(2) A consenting corporation shall maintain records adequate to permit identification of its subsection (F) assets.

(d) *Shareholders of consenting corporation.* (1) A shareholder who sells stock in a consenting corporation within the 6-month period beginning on the date on which the consent is filed shall—

(i) Notify the corporation, within 5 days after such sale, of the date on which such sale is made, and

(ii) Attach a copy of the corporation's consent to the shareholder's income tax return for the taxable year in which the sale is made.

(2) If the sale of stock in a consenting corporation is treated under section 341(f)(6) as the sale of stock in any other corporation, the consenting corporation shall notify such other corporation, within 5 days after receiving notification of a sale of its stock, of the date on which such sale was made.

(e) *Recognition of gain under section 341(f)(2).* (1) Under section 341(f)(2), if a subsection (f) asset (as defined in paragraph (g) of this section) is disposed of any time by a consenting corporation, then, except as provided in section 341(f)(3) and paragraph (f) of this section, the amount by which—

(i) The amount realized (in the case of a sale, exchange, or involuntary conversion), or

(ii) The fair market value of such asset (in the case of any other disposition), exceeds the adjusted base of such asset is treated as gain from the sale of exchange of such asset. Such gain is recognized notwithstanding any contrary non-recognition provisions of subtitle A of the Code, but only to the extent such gain is not recognized under any other provisions of subtitle A of the Code (for example, section 1245(a)(1) or 1250(a)). Gain recognized under section 341(f)(2) with respect to a disposition of a subsection (f) asset has the same character (i.e., ordinary income or capital gain) that such gain would have if it arose from a sale of such asset.

(2) The nonrecognition provisions of subtitle A of the Code which section 341(f)(2) override include, but are not limited to, sections 311(a), 332(c), 336, 337, 351, 361, 371(a), 374(a), 721, 1031, 1033, 1071, and 1081.

(3) In the case of a foreign corporation which files a statement of consent pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section, such statement, in addition to the information required in paragraph (b) of this section, shall also contain a declaration that the corporation consents that any gain upon the disposition of a subsection (f) asset which would otherwise be recognized under section 341(f)(2) will, for purposes of section 882(a)(2), be considered as gross income which is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business which is conducted through a permanent establishment within the United States.

(4) The provisions of subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). Corporation X, a consenting corporation, distributes a subsection (f) asset to its shareholders in complete or partial liquidation of the corporation. The asset, at the line of the distribution, is held by the corporation primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of business and has an adjusted basis of \$1,000 and a fair market value of \$2,000. Under section 341(f)(2), the excess of the fair market value of the asset over its adjusted basis, or \$1,000 is treated as ordinary income. Assuming the gain is not recognized by corporation X under another provision of the Code, corporation X recognizes the \$1,000 gain as ordinary income under section 341(f)(2) even though, in the absence of section 341(f)(2), section 336 would preclude the recognition of such gain.

Example (2). Corporation Y, a consenting corporation, distributes a subsection (f) asset to its shareholders as a dividend. The asset at the time of the distribution is properly described in section 1231 and has an adjusted basis of \$6,000 and a fair market value of \$8,000. Assuming that no other section of the Code would require recognition of gain, under section 341(f)(2) the excess of the fair market value of the asset over its adjusted basis, or \$2,000, is recognized by corporation Y as gain from the sale or exchange of property described in section 1231 even though, in the absence of section 341(f)(2), section 311(a) would preclude the recognition of such gain.

Example (3). Assume the same facts as in *Example (2)* except that the subsection (f) asset is section 1245 property having a "recomputed basis" (as defined in section 1245(a)(2)) or \$7,200. Since the recomputed basis of the asset is lower than its fair market value, the excess of the recomputed basis over the adjusted basis, or \$1,200, is recognized as ordinary income under section 1245(a)(1). The remaining amount, or \$800, is recognized under section 341(f)(2) as gain

from the sale or exchange or property described in section 1231.

(5) The provisions of section 341(f)(2) apply whether or not (i) on the date on which a consent is filed or at any time thereafter, the consenting corporation was in fact a collapsible corporation within the meaning of section 341(b), or (ii) on the date of any sale of stock of the consenting corporation, the purchaser of such stock was aware that a consent had been filed under section 341(f)(1) within the 6-month period ending on the date of such sale.

(6) Section 341(f)(2) does not apply to losses. Thus, section 341(f)(2) does not apply if a loss is realized upon a sale, exchange or involuntary conversion of a subsection (f) asset nor does the section apply to a disposition other than by way of sale, exchange, or involuntary conversion if at the time of the disposition the fair market value of such property is not greater than its adjusted basis.

(7) For purposes of this paragraph, the term "disposition" includes an abandonment or retirement, a gift, a sale in a sale-and-leasback transaction, and a transfer upon the foreclosure of a security interest. Such term, however, does not include a mere transfer of title to a creditor upon creation of a security interest or to a debtor upon termination of a security interest. Thus, for example, a disposition occurs upon a sale of property pursuant to a conditional sales contract even though the seller retains legal title to the property for purposes of security, but a disposition does not occur when the seller ultimately gives up his security interest following payment by the purchaser.

(8) The amount of gain required to be recognized by section 341(f)(2) shall be determined separately for each subsection (f) asset disposed of by the corporation. For purposes of applying section 341(f)(2), the facts and circumstances of each disposition shall be considered in determining whether the transactions involves more than one subsection (f) asset or involves both subsection (f) and nonsubsection (f) assets. In appropriate cases, several subsection (f) assets may be treated as a single asset as long as it is reasonably

clear, from the best estimates obtainable on the basis of all the facts and circumstances, that the amount of gain required to be recognized by section 341(f)(2) is not less than the total gain under section 341(f)(2) which would be computed separately for each subsection (f) asset.

(9) In the case of a sale, exchange, or involuntary conversion of a subsection (f) asset and a nonsubsection (f) asset in one transaction, the total amount realized upon the disposition shall be allocated between the subsection (f) asset any arm's length agreement between the buyer and the seller will establish the allocation. In the absence of such an agreement, the allocation shall be made by taking into account the appropriate facts and circumstances. Some of the facts and circumstances which shall be taken into account to the extent appropriate included, but are not limited to, a comparison between the subsection (f) asset and all property disposed of in such transaction of (i) the original costs and reproduction costs of construction, erection, or production, (ii) the remaining economic useful life, (iii) state of obsolescence, and (iv) anticipated expenditures to maintain, renovate, or modernize.

(10) See § 1.1502-13 for the treatment of gain recognized upon a distribution other than in complete liquidation made by one member of a group which files a consolidated return to another such members.

(f) *Exception for certain tax-free transactions.* (1) Under section 341(f)(3), no gain is taken into account under section 341(f)(2) by a transferor corporation on the transfer of a subsection (f) asset to another corporation (other than a corporation exempt from tax imposed by chapter 1 of the Code) if—

(i) The basis of such asset in the hands of the transferee corporation is determined by reference to its basis in the hands of the transferor by reason of the application of section 332 (relating to distributions in liquidation of an 80-percent-or-more controlled subsidiary corporation), section 351 (relating to transfers to a corporation controlled by the transferor), section 361 (relating to exchanges pursuant to certain reorganizations), section 371(a) (relating to

exchanges pursuant to certain receivership and bankruptcy proceedings), or section 374 (a) (relating to exchanges pursuant to certain railroad reorganizations), and

(ii) The transferee corporation agrees (as provided in subparagraph (3) of this paragraph) to have the provisions of section 341(f)(2) apply to any disposition by it of such asset.

(2) The provisions of subparagraph (1) of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). Corporation M, in exchange for its voting stock worth \$20,000 and \$1,000 in cash, acquires the entire property of corporation N (an unencumbered apartment building) in a transaction which is described in section 368(a)(2)(B) and which, therefore, qualifies as a reorganization under section 368(a)(1)(C). The apartment building, which in the hands of corporation N, a consenting corporation, is a subsection (f) asset, has an adjusted basis of \$15,000 and a fair market value of \$21,000. The basis of the apartment house in the hands of corporation M is determined by reference to its basis in the hands of corporation N by reason of the application of section 361. Thus, under section 341(f)(3), if corporation M agrees to have the provisions of section 341(f)(2) apply to any disposition by it of the apartment house, then corporation N will recognize no gain under section 341(f)(2) but will recognize \$1,000 gain under section 361(b) (assuming the cash it receives is not distributed in pursuance of the plan of reorganization). However, if corporation M does not so agree, the gain recognized by corporation N will be \$6,000, that is, the gain of \$1,000 recognized under section 361(b) plus \$5,000 gain recognized under section 341(f)(2). In either case, if section 1245, 1250, or 1251 applies, some or all of the gain may be recognized under sections in lieu of sections 341(f)(2) and 361(b).

Example (2). Corporation Y, a consenting corporation, is a wholly owned subsidiary of corporation X. In the complete liquidation of Y it distributes to X a subsection (f) asset which is section 1245 property. The asset at the time of the distribution has an adjusted basis of \$10,000, a recomputed basis of \$14,000, and a fair market value of \$10,000. The basis of the asset in the hands of X is determined by reference to its basis in the hands of corporation Y by reason of the application of section 332. Thus, under section 341(f)(3), if corporation X agrees to have the provisions of section 341(f)(2) apply to any disposition by it of the subsection (f) asset, then Y will recognize no gain under section 341(f)(2) and will recognize no gain under section 1245(a)(1) by reason of the application of section 1245(b)(3). Under section 334(b)(1), the

basis of the subsection (f) asset to corporation X will be the same as it would be in the hands of Y, or \$10,000. However, if corporation X does not so agree, then under section 341(f)(2) \$6,000 (the excess of the fair market value of the asset over its adjusted basis) will be treated as gain from the sale or exchange of the asset. Moreover, under section 1245(a)(1) \$4,000 (the excess of the recomputed basis over the adjusted basis) of the \$6,000 will be recognized as ordinary income. The basis of the asset to corporation X is \$16,000, i.e., the same as it would be in the hands of Y (\$10,000) increased in the amount of gain recognized by Y on the distribution (\$6,000).

(3) The agreement of a transferee corporation referred to in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph shall be filed, on or before the date on which the subsection (f) assets are transferred, with the district director having jurisdiction over its income tax return for the taxable year during which the transfer is to be made. The agreement shall be signed by any officer who is duly authorized to act on behalf of the transferee corporation (if the transaction is one to which section 371(a) or 374(a) applies, the fiduciary for the transferee corporation, in appropriate cases, may sign the agreement) and shall apply to all the subsection (f) assets to be transferred pursuant to the applicable transaction described in section 341(f)(3). The agreement shall identify the transaction by which the subsection (f) assets will be acquired, including the names, addresses, and employer identification numbers of the transferor and transferee corporations, and shall contain a schedule of the subsection (f) assets to be acquired. The agreement shall also state that the transferee corporation (i) agrees to have the provisions of section 341(f)(2) apply to any disposition by it of the subsection (f) assets acquired, and (ii) agrees to maintain records adequate to permit identification of such subsection (f) assets.

(4) The transferor corporation shall attach a copy of the agreement to its income tax return for the taxable year in which the subsection (f) assets are transferred.

(g) *Subsection (f) asset defined.* (1) Under section 341(f)(4), a subsection (f) asset is any property which, as of the date of any sale of stock to which paragraph (a) or (j)(3) of this section ap-

plies, is not a capital asset and is property owned by, or subject to a binding contract or an option to acquire held by, the consenting corporation. Land or any interest in real property (other than a security interest) is treated as property which is not a capital asset. Also, unrealized receivables or fees (as defined in section 341(b)(4)) are treated as property which are not capital assets.

(2) If, with respect to any property described in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, manufacture, construction, or production has been commenced by either the consenting corporation or another person before any date of sale of stock described in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, a consenting corporation's subsection (f) assets include any property resulting from such manufacture, construction, or production. Thus, for example, if, on the date of any sale of stock within the 6-month period, manufacture, construction, or production has been commenced on a tract of land to be used for residential housing or on a television series, the term "subsection (f) asset" includes the residential homes of the television tapes resulting from such manufacture, construction, or production by the consenting corporation (or by a transferee corporation which has agreed to the application of section 341(f)(2)). If land or any interest in real property (other than a security interest) is owned or held under an option by the consenting corporation on the date of any sale of stock described in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, the term "subsection (f) asset" includes any improvements resulting from construction with respect to such property (by the consenting corporation or by a transferee corporation which has agreed to the application of section 341(f)(2)) if such construction is commenced within 2 years after the date of any such sale. The property or improvements resulting from any manufacture, construction, or production is a question to be determined on the basis of the particular facts and circumstances of each individual case. Thus, for example, a building which is a part of an integrated project is a subsection (f) asset

if construction of the project commenced before the date of sale or within 2 years thereafter even if construction of the building commenced more than 2 years thereafter. Similarly a television tape which is part of a series is a subsection (i) asset if production of the series was commenced on the date of sale even if production of the tape commenced after the sale.

(3) The provisions of subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). Corporation X files a consent to the application of section 341(f)(2) on January 1, 1965. Shareholder A owns 100 percent of the outstanding stock of the consenting corporation on January 1, 1965, and sells 5 percent of the stock on January 2, 1965, 10 percent on February 10, 1963, and 1 percent on May 1, 1965. No other sales of X stock were made during the 6-month period beginning on January 1, 1965. On such date X owns an apartment building and on March 1 X purchases an office building. X's subsection (f) assets include the apartment building owned on January 1 and the office building purchased on March 1.

Example (2). Assume the same facts as in *Example (1)* except that on January 1, 1965, X also owns a tract of raw land. On April 1, 1965, construction of a residential housing project is commenced on the tract of land. Corporation X's subsection (i) assets will include the tract of land plus the resulting improvements to the land. This result would not be changed if construction of the residential housing project were not commenced until July 1, 1966, since the construction would have been commenced within 2 years after May 1, 1965.

Example (3). Corporation X files a consent to the application of section 341(f)(2) on January 1, 1965. Shareholder B owns 100 percent of the outstanding stock of the consenting corporation on January 1, 1965, and sells 10 percent of the stock on June 1, 1965. On April 1, 1965, Y acquires an option to purchase a motion picture when completed. On May 1, 1965, production is started on the motion picture. On February 1, 1967, production is completed, and Y exercises its option. Y holds the option and the motion picture for use in its trade or business. Y's subsection (f) assets initially include the option and ultimately include the motion picture. However the exercise of the option is not a disposition of the option within the meaning of section 341(f)(2).

(h) *Five-year limitation as to shareholder.* Under section 341(f)(5), section 341(f)(1) does not apply to the sale of stock of a consenting corporation if,

during the 5-year period ending on the date of such sale, such shareholder (or any person related to such shareholder within the meaning of section 341(e)(8)(A)) made a sale (as defined in paragraph (a)(2) of this section) of any stock of another consenting corporation within any 6-month period beginning on a date on which a consent was filed under section 341(f)(1) by such other corporation. Section 341(f)(5) does not prevent a shareholder of a consenting corporation from receiving the benefit of section 341(f)(1) on the sale of additional shares of the stock of the same consenting corporation.

(i) [Reserved]

(j) *Special rule for stock ownership in other corporations*—(1) Section 341(f)(6) provides a special rule applicable to a consenting corporation which owns 5 percent or more in value of the outstanding stock of another corporation. In such a case, a consent filed by the consenting corporation shall not be valid with respect to a sale of its stock during the applicable 6-month period unless each corporation, 5 percent or more in value of the outstanding stock of which is owned by the consenting corporation on the date of such sale, file (within the 6-month period ending on the date of such sale) a valid consent under section 341(f)(1) with respect to sales of its own stock.

(2) The provisions of subparagraph (1) of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example: Corporation X files a consent under section 341(f)(1) on November 1, 1965. On January 1, 1966, the date on which a shareholder of corporation X sells stock of X. X owns 80 percent in value of the outstanding stock of corporation Y. In order for the consent filed by corporation X to be valid with respect to the sale of its stock on January 1, 1966, corporation Y must have filed, during the 6-month period ending on January 1, 1966, a valid consent under section 341(f)(1) with respect to sales of its stock.

(3) For purposes of applying section 341(f)(4) (relating to the definition of a subsection (f) asset) to a corporation 5 percent or more in value of the outstanding stock of which is owned by the consenting corporation, a sale of stock of the consenting corporation to which section 341(f)(1) applies shall be treated as a sale of stock of such other corporation. Thus, in the example in

subparagraph (2) of this paragraph, the subsection (f) assets of corporation Y would include property described in section 341(f)(4) owned by or held under an option by corporation Y on January 1, 1966.

(4) In the case of a chain of corporations connected by the 5-percent ownership requirement described in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, rules similar to the rules described in subparagraphs (2) and (3) of this paragraph shall apply. Thus, in the example in subparagraph (2) of this paragraph, if corporation Y owned 5 percent or more of the stock of corporation Z on January 1, 1966, then Z must have filed a valid consent during the 6-month period ending January 1, 1966, in order for the consent filed by X to be valid with respect to the sale of its stock on January 1, 1966. In such case any of stock of either X or Y is treated as a sale of stock of Z for purposes of applying section 341(f)(4) to Z.

(5) If a corporation is a member of an affiliated group (as defined in section 1504(a)) that files a consolidated return, a corporation will be considered to have filed a consent if a consent is filed on its behalf by the common parent under § 1.1502-77(a).

(k) *Effective date.* Paragraphs (b), (c), (e)(3), and (f)(3) of this section apply only with respect to statements and notifications filed more than 30 days after July 6, 1977. Paragraph (d) applies only with respect to sales of stock made more than 30 days after July 6, 1977. All other provisions of this section apply with respect to transactions after August 22, 1964.

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§ 1.342-1 General.

The determination of whether a foreign corporation was a foreign personal holding company with respect to a taxable year beginning on or before, and ending after August 26, 1937, shall be made under section 331 of the Revenue Act of 1936 (50 Stat. 818) and the regulations thereunder. For the purpose of section 342(a), a liquidation may be completed before the actual dissolution of the liquidating corporation. However, no liquidation shall be considered

as completed until the liquidating corporation and the receiver (or trustees in liquidation) are finally divested of all the property, whether tangible or intangible.

DEFINITION

§ 1.346-1 Partial liquidation.

(a) *General.* This section defines a partial liquidation. If amounts are distributed in partial liquidation such amounts are treated under section 331(a)(2) as received in part or full payment in exchange for the stock. A distribution is treated as in partial liquidation of a corporation if:

(1) The distribution is one of a series of distributions in redemption of all of the stock of the corporation pursuant to a plan of complete liquidation, or

(2) The distribution:

(i) Is not essentially equivalent to a dividend,

(ii) Is in redemption of a part of the stock of the corporation pursuant to a plan, and

(iii) Occurs within the taxable year in which the plan is adopted or within the succeeding taxable year.

An example of a distribution which will qualify as a partial liquidation under subparagraph (2) of this paragraph and section 346(a) is a distribution resulting from a genuine contraction of the corporate business such as the distribution of unused insurance proceeds recovered as a result of a fire which destroyed part of the business causing a cessation of a part of its activities. On the other hand, the distribution of funds attributable to a reserve for an expansion program which has been abandoned does not qualify as a partial liquidation within the meaning of section 346(a). A distribution to which section 355 applies (or so much of section 356 as relates to section 355) is not a distribution in partial liquidation within the meaning of section 346(a).

(b) *Special requirements on termination of business.* A distribution which occurs within the taxable year in which the plan is adopted or within the succeeding taxable year and which meets the requirements of subsection (b) of section 346 falls within paragraph (a)(2) of this section and within section