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Dear

This responds to a letter dated July 14, 2003 and subsequent information, submitted on behalf of Y by its authorized representative, requesting a ruling that Y be granted an extension of time to elect under § 301.7701-3(c) of the Procedure and Administration Regulations for Y to be treated as a disregarded entity.

The information submitted states that on Date 1, X, a domestic corporation, formed Y, under the laws of Country. Y represents that pursuant to § 301.7701-3(a), Y is a foreign eligible entity that is not required to be classified as a corporation for federal tax purposes. Y intended to elect to be a disregarded entity under § 301.7701-3(c), effective Date 1. However, Y inadvertently failed to timely file a Form 8832, Entity Classification Election.

LAW AND ANALYSIS

Section 301.7701-3(b)(2) provides guidance on the classification of a foreign entity for federal income tax purposes. Generally, a foreign eligible entity is treated as

an association taxable as a corporation if all members have limited liability, unless the entity makes an election to be treated otherwise. If a foreign eligible entity has only one owner, it may elect to be treated as a disregarded entity pursuant to the rules in section 301.7701-3(c).

Section 301.7701-3(c)(1)(i) provides that to elect to be classified other than as provided in § 301.7701-3(b), an eligible entity must file Form 8832 with the designated service center.

Section 301.7701-3(c)(1)(iii) provides that an election made under § 301.7701-3(c)(1)(i) can be effective up to seventy-five (75) days prior to the date the form is filed or up to twelve (12) months after the date on which the form is filed.

Section 301.9100-1(c) provides that the Commissioner may grant a reasonable extension of time to make a regulatory election, or a statutory election (but no more than 6 months except in the case of a taxpayer who is abroad), under all subtitles of the Internal Revenue Code except subtitles E, G, H, and I. Section 301.9100-1(b) defines the term "regulatory election" as an election whose due date is prescribed by a regulation published in the Federal Register or a revenue ruling, revenue procedure, notice, or announcement published in the Internal Revenue Bulletin.

Sections 301.9100-1 through 301.9100-3 provide the standards the Commissioner will use to determine whether to grant an extension of time to make the election.

Section 301.9100-2 provides the rules governing automatic extensions of time for making certain elections.

Section 301.9100-3 provides the standards the Commissioner will use to determine whether to grant an extension of time for regulatory elections that do not meet the requirements of § 301.9100-2. Under § 301.9100-3, a request for relief will be granted when the taxpayer provides evidence to establish to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that the taxpayer acted reasonably and in good faith, and granting relief will not prejudice the interests of the government.

Based solely on the information submitted and the representations made, we conclude that the requirements of § 301.9100-1 and § 301.9100-3 have been satisfied. As a result, Y is granted an extension of time of 60 days from the date of this letter to file a Form 8832 with the appropriate service center to treat Y as a disregarded entity effective Date 1. A copy of this letter should be attached to the Form 8832. A copy is enclosed for that purpose.

Except as specifically set forth above, no opinion is expressed concerning the federal tax consequences of the facts described above under any other provision of the Internal Revenue Code.

This ruling is directed only to the taxpayer requesting it. Section 6110(k)(3) of the Code provides that it may not be used or cited as precedent.

In accordance with the power of attorney on file with this office, a copy of this letter is being sent to the taxpayer's authorized representative.

Sincerely,

Heather Maloy
Associate Chief Counsel
(Passthroughs and Special Industries)

Enclosures (2)
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