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Dear

This letter responds to a letter dated March 10, 2000, requesting a ruling under section 1362(b)(5) of the Code that Corporation's S corporation election be effective as of Date.

Facts

Corporation was incorporated on Date. The shareholders of Corporation wanted Corporation to elect to be an S corporation under section 1362 effective Date. However, the Form 2553, Election by a Small Business Corporation, was not timely filed.

Corporation requests a ruling that it will be recognized as an S corporation as of Date under section 1362(b)(5) of the Code.

Analysis

Section 1362(a) provides that a small business corporation may elect to be an S corporation.

Section 1362(b) governs the effective date of an S election. If an S election is made within the first two and one half months of a corporation's taxable year, then that corporation will be treated as an S corporation for the year in which the election is made. If an S election is made after the first two and one half months of a corporation's taxable year, then that corporation will not be treated as an S corporation until the taxable year after the year in which the S election is made.

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Section 1362(b)(5) provides that if: (1) an election under section 1362(a) is made for any taxable year after the date prescribed by section 1362 for making the election or no section 1362(a) election is made for any taxable year, and (2) the Secretary determines that there was reasonable cause for the failure to timely make such election, then the Secretary may treat such an election as timely made for such taxable year.

Conclusion

Based solely on the facts and representations submitted, we conclude that Corporation has established reasonable cause for not making a timely election and is eligible for relief under section 1362(b)(5). Accordingly, provided Corporation makes an election to be an S corporation by filing with the appropriate Service Center a completed Form 2553, which contains an effective date of Date for the election, within 60 days following the date of this letter, then such election will be treated as timely made. A copy of this letter should be attached to the Form 2553.

Except as specifically set forth above, we express no opinion concerning the federal tax consequences of the facts described above under any other provision of the Code. Specifically, no opinion is expressed concerning whether Corporation is, in fact, an S corporation for federal tax purposes.

The rulings contained in this letter are based upon information and representations submitted by the taxpayer and accompanied by a penalty of perjury statement executed by an appropriate party. While this office has not verified any of the material submitted in support of the request for rulings, it is subject to verification on examination.

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

Sincerely,
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Enclosures (2)

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