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income of \$45,000, computed by adding taxable investment income (0) and 50 percent (\$45,000) of the amount (\$90,000) by which the gain from operations (\$90,000) exceeds the taxable investment income (0).

Example 4. For the taxable year 1961, Z, a life insurance company, has taxable investment income of \$100,000, a policyholders surplus account of \$50,000 as of the beginning of such taxable year, a loss from operations (as defined in section 809(b)(2)) of \$25,000, and subtractions from the policyholders surplus account in the amount of \$20,000. For the taxable year 1961, Z has life insurance company taxable income of \$20,000, as only the amount (\$20,000) subtracted from the policyholders surplus account is taken into account.

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§ 1.802-5 Special rule for 1959 and 1960.

(a) *Transitional rule.* Section 802(a)(3) provides a transitional rule for the determination of the tax liability of a life insurance company for the taxable years 1959 and 1960 by reason of the operation of section 802(b)(3). Except as limited by section 802(a)(3) and paragraph (b) of this section, any increase in a life insurance company's tax that is attributable to the operation of section 802(b)(3) is taken into account only to the extent of one-third and two-thirds for the taxable years 1959 and 1960, respectively. To the extent there is an increase in a life insurance company's tax that is attributable to the operation of section 802(b)(3) which is not taken into account for the taxable years 1959 and 1960 because of the transitional rule provided by section 802(a)(3) and this paragraph, such amounts shall be included in "other accounts" under section 815(a)(3). For taxable years commencing after December 31, 1960, the full amount of any increase in tax due to the operation of section 802(b)(3) shall be imposed without any further transitional reduction.

(b) *Limitations.* The transitional rule provided by section 802(a)(3) is limited solely to an increase in tax under section 802(b)(3) that is occasioned by the operation of section 815(c)(3) (relating to subtractions from the policyholders surplus account by reason of distributions to shareholders). This rule is further limited to actual distributions that are made by life insurance companies in 1959 or 1960 and does not extend

to other distributions that are treated under section 815(d)(2)(B) as made by life insurance companies in 1959 or 1960. Furthermore, section 802(a)(3) shall not apply to any increase in tax under section 802(b)(3) that is attributable to other subtractions from the policyholders surplus account by reason of the operation of the special rules contained in section 815(d). However, the transitional rule provided by section 802(a)(3) does apply in the case of a distribution to which section 815(e)(1)(B)(ii) applies.

(c) *Illustration of principles.* The provisions of section 802(a)(3) and this section may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. For the taxable year 1960, X, a life insurance company, had taxable investment income of \$9,000, gain from operations of \$27,000, and subtractions from the policyholders surplus account of \$22,000. Based upon these figures, X had life insurance company taxable income of \$40,000 for 1960, of which \$18,000 was includible under section 802(b)(1) and (2) and \$22,000 under section 802(b)(3). Applying the tax imposed by section 802(a)(1) (at rates as in effect for 1960), without regard to the transitional rule of section 802(a)(3), X would have a tax liability of \$15,300 (\$40,000 multiplied by 52 percent, less \$5,500). However, applying the transitional rule of section 802(a)(3), the actual tax liability of X, for 1960, would be \$12,000, computed as follows:

(1) Total tax liability (without regard to sec. 802(a)(3))	\$15,300
(2) Life insurance company taxable income	\$40,000
(3) Amount subtracted from policyholders surplus account	22,000
(4) Item (2) less item (3)	18,000
(5) Tax on amount includible under sec. 802(b)(1) and (2) (30% of \$18,000)	5,400
(6) Tax attributable to sec. 802(b)(3) (item (1) less item (5))	9,900
(7) Less: 33 1/3 percent of tax attributable to sec. 802(b)(3) (1/3 of \$9,900)	3,300
(8) Tax liability for 1960 after application of sec. 802(a)(3) (item (1) less item (7))	12,000

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§ 1.803-1 Life insurance reserves.

(a) The term "life insurance reserves" is defined in section 803(b). Generally, such reserves, as in the case of level premium life insurance, are held to supplement the future premium receipts when the latter, alone, are insufficient to cover the increased risk in the later years. In the case of

cancellable health and accident policies and similar cancellable contracts, the unearned premiums held to cover the risk for the unexpired period covered by the premiums are not included in life insurance reserves. Unpaid loss reserves for noncancellable health and accident policies are included in life insurance reserves if they are computed or estimated on the basis of recognized mortality or morbidity tables and assumed rates of interest.

(b) In the case of an assessment life insurance company or association, life insurance reserves include sums actually deposited by such company or association with State or Territorial officers pursuant to law as guaranty or reserve funds, and any funds maintained under the charter or articles of incorporation or association of such company or association, or bylaws (approved by the State insurance commissioner) of such company or association, exclusively for the payment of claims arising under certificates of membership or policies issued upon the assessment plan and not subject to any other use.

(c) Life insurance reserves, except as otherwise provided in section 803(b), must be required by law either by express statutory provisions or by rules and regulations of the insurance department of a State, Territory, or the District of Columbia when promulgated in the exercise of a power conferred by statute but such requirement, without more, is not conclusive; for example, life insurance reserves do not include reserves required to be maintained to provide for the ordinary running expenses of a business which must be currently paid by every company from its income if its business is to continue, such as taxes, salaries, and unpaid brokerage; nor do they include the net value of risks reinsured in other solvent companies; liability for premiums paid in advance; liability for annual and deferred dividends declared or apportioned; liability for dividends left on deposit at interest; liability for accrued but unsettled policy claims whether known or unreported; liability for supplementary contracts not involving, at the time with respect to which the liability is computed, life, health, or accident contingencies.

(d) In any case where reserves are claimed, sufficient information must be filed with the return to enable the district director to determine the validity of the claim. Only reserves which are required by law or insurance department ruling, which are peculiar to insurance companies, and which are dependent upon interest earnings for their maintenance will, except as otherwise specifically provided in section 803(b), be considered as life insurance reserves. A company is permitted to make use of the highest aggregate reserve required by any State or Territory or the District of Columbia in which it transacts business, but the reserve must have been actually held.

(e) In the case of life insurance companies issuing policies covering life, health, and accident insurance combined in one policy issued on the weekly premium payment plan, continuing for life and not subject to cancellation, it is required that reserve funds thereon be based upon recognized mortality or morbidity tables covering disability benefits of the kind contained in policies issued by this particular class of companies but they need not be required by law.

§ 1.803-2 Adjusted reserves.

For the purpose of determining "required interest" for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1953, but before January 1, 1955, and ending after August 16, 1954, certain reserves computed on a preliminary term method are to be adjusted by increasing such reserves by 7 percent. The reserves to be thus adjusted are reserves computed on preliminary term methods, such as the Illinois Standard, or the Select and Ultimate methods. Only reserves on policies in the modification period are to be so adjusted. Where reserves under a preliminary term method are the same as on the level premium method, and in the case of reserves for extended or paid-up insurance, no adjustment is to be made. The reserves are thus adjusted, and the rate of interest on which they are computed, should be reported in Schedule A, Form 1120L.

§ 1.803-3 Interest paid or accrued.

Interest paid or accrued is one of the elements to be used in computing the

amount of “required interest” for purposes of determining the reserve interest credit provided in section 805. See § 1.805-1. Interest paid or accrued consists of (a) interest paid or accrued on indebtedness (except indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase or carry tax-exempt securities as set forth in section 803(f)(1)) and (b) amounts in the nature of interest paid or accrued on certain contracts, as provided in section 803(f)(2). Interest on indebtedness includes interest on dividends held on deposit and surrendered during the taxable year but does not include interest paid or accrued on deferred dividends. Life insurance reserves as defined in § 1.803-1 are not indebtedness. Dividends left with the company to accumulate at interest are a debt and not a reserve liability. Amounts in the nature of interest include so-called excess-interest dividends as well as guaranteed interest paid or accrued within the taxable year on insurance or annuity contracts (or contracts arising out of insurance or annuity contracts) which, at the time of payment, do not involve life, health, or accident contingencies. It is immaterial whether the optional mode of settlement specified in the insurance or annuity contract arises from an option exercised by the insured during his or her lifetime or from an option exercised by a beneficiary after the policy has matured, frequently referred to as a supplementary contract not involving life contingencies; for example, a contract to pay the insurance benefit in 10 annual installments. No distinction is made based on the person choosing the method of payment, and the full amount of the interest paid or accrued and not merely the guaranteed interest is considered as interest paid or accrued.

§ 1.803-4 Taxable income and deductions.

(a) *In general.* The taxable income of a life insurance company is its gross amount of income received or accrued during the taxable year from interest, dividends, and rents, less the deductions provided in section 803(g) for wholly tax-exempt interest, investment expenses, real estate expenses, depreciation, and the special deduc-

tions provided in part VIII (section 241 and following, except section 248), subchapter B, chapter 1 of the Code. In addition to the limitations on deductions relating to real estate owned and occupied by a life insurance company provided in section 803(h), the limitations on the adjustment for amortization of premium and accrual of discount provided in section 803(i), and the limitation on the deduction for investment expenses where general expenses are allocated to investment income provided in section 803(g)(2), life insurance companies are subject to the limitations on deductions relating to wholly tax-exempt income provided in section 265. Life insurance companies are not entitled to the net operating loss deduction provided in section 172.

(b) *Wholly tax-exempt interest.* Interest which in the case of other taxpayers is excluded from gross income by section 103 but included in the gross income of a life insurance company by section 803(a)(2) is allowed as a deduction from gross income by section 803(g)(1).

(c) *Investment expenses.* (1) As used in the Code, the term *general expenses* means any expense paid or incurred for the benefit of more than one department of the company rather than for the benefit of a particular department thereof. Any assignment of such expense to the investment department of the company for which a deduction is claimed under section 803(g)(2) subjects the entire deduction for investment expenses to the limitation provided in that section. The accounting procedure employed is not conclusive as to whether any assignment has in fact been made. Investment expenses do not include Federal income and excess profits taxes.

(2) If no general expenses are assigned to or included in investment expenses the deduction may consist of investment expenses paid or incurred during the taxable year in which case an itemized schedule of such expenses must be appended to the return.

(3) Invested assets for the purpose of section 803(g)(2) and this section are those which are owned and used, and to the extent used, for the purpose of producing the income specified in section

803(a)(2). They do not include real estate owned and occupied, and to the extent owned and occupied, by the company. If general expenses are assigned to or included in investment expenses, the maximum allowance will not be granted unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the district director that such allowance is justified by a reasonable assignment of actual expenses.

(d) *Taxes and expenses with respect to real estate.* The deduction for taxes and expenses under section 803(g)(3) includes taxes and expenses paid or accrued during the taxable year exclusively upon or with respect to real estate owned by the company and any sum representing taxes imposed upon a shareholder of the company upon his interest as shareholder which is paid or accrued by the company without reimbursement from the shareholder. No deduction shall be allowed, however, for taxes, expenses, and depreciation upon or with respect to any real estate owned by the company except to the extent used for the purpose of producing investment income. See paragraph (c) of this section. As to real estate owned and occupied by the company, see § 1.803-5.

(e) *Depreciation.* The deduction allowed for depreciation is, except as provided in section 803(h), identical with that allowed other corporations by section 167. The amount allowed by section 167 in the case of life insurance companies is limited to depreciation sustained on the property used, and to the extent used, for the purpose of producing the income specified in section 803(a)(2).

§ 1.803-5 Real estate owned and occupied.

The amount allowable as a deduction for taxes, expenses, and depreciation upon or with respect to any real estate owned and occupied in whole or in part by a life insurance company is limited to an amount which bears the same ratio to such deduction (computed without regard to this limitation) as the rental value of the space not so occupied bears to the rental value of the entire property. For example, if the rental value of the space not occupied by the company is equal to one-half of the rental value of the entire property,

the deduction for taxes, expenses, and depreciation is one-half of the taxes, expenses, and depreciation on account of the entire property. Where a deduction is claimed as provided in this section, the parts of the property occupied and the parts not occupied by the company, together with the respective rental values thereof, must be shown in a statement accompanying the return.

§ 1.803-6 Amortization of premium and accrual of discount.

(a) Section 803(i) provides for certain adjustments on account of amortization of premium and accrual of discount on bonds, notes, debentures, or other evidences of indebtedness held by a life insurance company. Such adjustments are limited to the amount of appropriate amortization or accrual attributable to the taxable year with respect to such securities which are not in default as to principal or interest and which are amply secured. The question of ample security will be resolved according to the rules laid down from time to time by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. The adjustment for amortization of premium decreases, and for accrual of discount increases, (1) the gross income, (2) the deduction for wholly tax-exempt interest, and (3) the deduction for partially tax-exempt interest.

(b) The premium for any such security is the excess of its acquisition value over its maturity value and the discount is the excess of its maturity value over its acquisition value. The acquisition value of any such security is its cost (including buying commissions or brokerage but excluding any amounts paid for accrued interest) if purchased for cash, or if not purchased for cash, then its fair market value. The maturity value of any such security is the amount payable thereunder either at the maturity date or an earlier call date. The earlier call date of any such security may be the earliest call date specified therein as a day certain, the earliest interest payment date if it is callable or payable at such date, the earliest date at which it is callable at par, or such other call or payment date, prior to maturity, specified in the security as may be selected by the life insurance company. A life

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insurance company which adjusts amortization of premium or accrual of discount with reference to a particular call or payment date must make the adjustments with reference to the value on such date and may not, after selecting such date, use a different call or payment date, or value, in the calculation of such amortization or discount with respect to such security unless the security was not in fact called or paid on such selected date.

(c) The adjustments for amortization of premium and accrual of discount will be determined:

(1) According to the method regularly employed by the company, if such method is reasonable, or

(2) According to the method prescribed by this section.

A method of amortization of premium or accrual of discount will be deemed "regularly employed" by a life insurance company if the method was consistently followed in prior taxable years, or if, in the case of a company which has never before made such adjustments, the company initiates in the first taxable year for which the adjustments are made a reasonable method of amortization of premium or accrual of discount and consistently follows such method thereafter. Ordinarily, a company regularly employs a method in accordance with the statute of some State, Territory, or the District of Columbia, in which it operates.

(d) The method of amortization and accrual prescribed by this section is as follows:

(1) The premium (or discount) shall be determined in accordance with this section; and

(2) The appropriate amortization of premium (or accrual of discount) attributable to the taxable year shall be an amount which bears the same ratio to the premium (or discount) as the number of months in the taxable year during which the security was owned by the life insurance company bears to the number of months between the date of acquisition of the security and its maturity or earlier call date, determined in accordance with this section. For the purpose of this section, a fractional part of a month shall be disregarded unless it amounts to more

than half a month, in which case it shall be considered as a month.

§ 1.803-7 Taxable years affected.

Sections 1.803-1 through 1.803-6 are applicable only to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1953, and before January 1, 1955, and all references to sections of part I, subchapter L, chapter 1 of the Code are to the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, before amendments.

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INVESTMENT INCOME

§ 1.804-3 Gross investment income of a life insurance company.

(a) *Gross investment income defined.* For purposes of part I, subchapter L, chapter 1 of the Code, section 804(b) defines the term *gross investment income* of a life insurance company as the sum of the following:

(1) The gross amount of income from:

(i) Interest (including tax-exempt interest and partially tax-exempt interest), as described in §1.61-7. Interest shall be adjusted for amortization of premium and accrual of discount in accordance with the rules prescribed in section 818(b) and the regulations thereunder.

(ii) Dividends, as described in §1.61-9.

(iii) Rents and royalties, as described in §1.61-8.

(iv) The entering into of any lease, mortgage, or other instrument or agreement from which the life insurance company may derive interest, rents, or royalties.

(v) The alteration or termination of any instrument or agreement described in subdivision (iv) of this subparagraph.

For example, gross investment income includes amounts received as commitment fees, as a bonus for the entering into of a lease, or as a penalty for the early payment of a mortgage.

(2) In the case of a taxable year beginning after December 31, 1958, the amount (if any) by which the net short-term capital gain (as defined in section 1222(5)) exceeds the net long-term capital loss (as defined in section 1222(8)), and

(3) The gross income from any trade or business (other than an insurance