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- 17.Article 3, Article 4, Article 14, Article 17, Article 25, Article 33, Article 36, Article 67~70, Article 79, Article 88, Article 89, Article 98, Article 107, Article 109, Article 112, Article 114, Article 125, and the name of Section 1, Chapter 4, Article 98-1 and Article 100-2 added, and Article 115 deleted by Presidential Decree Tai-tung-1 No. 0354 on January 19, 1979.
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1980.

21. Article 4, Article 14, Article 17, Article 18, Article 38, Article 83, Article 103, and Article 120 amended and promulgated, and Article 83-1 added by Presidential Decree Tai-tung-1 No. 7807 on December 30, 1982.
22. Article 14, Article 17, Article 25, Article 36, and Article 49 amended and promulgated by Presidential Decree Tai-tung-1 No. 7189 on December 30, 1983.
23. Article 17, Article 92, and Article 118 amended and promulgated, and Article 73-1 added by Presidential Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 6900 on December 30, 1984.
24. Article 4, Article 33, Article 89, Article 111, and Article 117 amended and promulgated, and Article 17-2 added by Presidential Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 6534 on December 30, 1985.
25. Article 4 and Article 17 amended and promulgated by Presidential Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 4249 on December 30, 1987.
26. Article 4~6, Article 13, Article 15, Article 17, Article 17-1, Article 37~39, Article 49, Article 67~69, Article 71, Article 77, Article 79, Article 83, Article 89, Article 92, Article 100-2, Article 104~107, Article 108, Article 111, Article 112, Article 114, and Article 116 amended and promulgated, Article 4-1 added, and Article 70 and Article 109 deleted by Presidential Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 7143 on December 30, 1989.
27. Article 5 amended and promulgated by Presidential Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 6911 on December 30, 1991.
28. Article 17 and Article 126 amended and promulgated, and Article 5-1 added by Presidential Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 0477 on February 5, 1993.
29. Article 117 deleted by Presidential Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 3703 on July 30, 1993.
30. Article 4 and Article 17 amended and promulgated by Presidential Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 0566 on January 27, 1995.
31. Article 14, Article 42, Article 71, Article 76-1, Article 88, Article 89, Article 100, and Article 100-1 amended and promulgated, Article 3-1, Article 17-3, Article 66-1, Article 66-2, Article 66-3, Article 66-4, Article 66-5, Article 66-6, Article 66-7, Article 66-8, Article 66-9, Article 73-2, Article 102-1, Article 102-2, Article 102-3, Article 102-4, Article 108-1, Article 110-2, Article 114-1, Article 114-2, and Article 114-3 added by Presidential Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 8600281700 on December 30, 1997.
32. Article 4, Article 14, Article 73-1, Article 88, and Article 89 amended and promulgated, and Article 4-2 and Article 125-1 added by Presidential Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 8700122130 on June 20, 1998.
33. Article 17, Article 89, and Article 111 amended and promulgated by Presidential Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 8800026330 on February 9, 1999.
34. Article 17, Article 114, Article 126 amended and promulgated by Presidential Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 8900311030 on January 3, 2001.
35. Article 3-2~3-4, Article 4-3, Article 6-1, Article 6-2, Article 89-1, Article 92-1, and Article 111-1 added and promulgated, Article 56 deleted, and Article 123 and Article 126 amended by Presidential Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 9000116070 on June 13, 2001.
36. Article 67, Article 68, Article 71, Article 72, Article 100-2, Article 102-2, Article 102-4 and Article 108 amended and promulgated by Presidential Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 09100017040 on January 30, 2002.
37. Article 80 amended and promulgated by Presidential Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 09200006870 on January 15, 2003.
38. Article 15, Article 17, and Article 126 amended and promulgated by Presidential Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 09200116590 on June 25, 2003.
39. Article 17 and Article 126 amended and promulgated by Presidential Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 09400212551 on December 28, 2005, and shall come into force retroactively on January 1, 2005.
40. Article 18, Article 19, Article 76-1, Article 104, and Article 105 deleted and promulgated, and Article 14, Article 21, Article 24, Article 66-9, Article 76, Article 88, Article 89, Article 111, Article 121, Article 123, and Article 125-1 amended by Presidential Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 09500075621 on May 30, 2006.
41. Article 17 amended and promulgated by Presidential Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 09500087061 on June 14, 2006.

42. Article 14-1, Article 24-1, and Article 24-2 added and promulgated by Presidential Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 09600088001 on July 11, 2007; Article 108 and Article 108-1 amended and promulgated by Presidential Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 09600088011 on July 11, 2007.

43. Article 14, Article 33, and Article 126 amended and promulgated by Presidential Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 09600179021 on January 2, 2008.

44. Article 5-1, Article 17, and Article 126 amended and promulgated by Presidential Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 09700282061 on December 26, 2008.

45. Article 39 amended and promulgated by Presidential Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 09800014571 on January 21, 2009.

46. Issuance of Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 09800097651 by the President on 22 April 2009. The amendments to Article 14, Article 14-1, Article 24, Article 24-1, Article 66-3, Article 71, Article 73-2, Article 88, Article 89, Article 89-1, Article 92, Article 94 and Article 100 of the Income Tax Act have been promulgated.

47. Issuance of Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 09800129131 by the President on 27 May 2009. The amendments to Article 3-1, Article 5, Article 20, Article 24-3, Article 44, Article 51, Article 54, Article 59, Article 64, Article 65, Article 67, Article 69, Article 71, Article 75, Article 77, Article 79, Article 80, Article 88, Article 89, Article 100-2, Article 106, Article 108, Article 110, Article 111-1, Article 114, Article 114-2 and Article 126 of the Income Tax Act have been promulgated.

48. Issuance of Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 09900150571 by the President on 15 June 2010. The amendments to Article 5 and Article 126 of the Income Tax Act have been promulgated.

49. Articles 4, 17 and 126 amended and promulgated by Presidential Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 10000010141 on January 19, 2011.

50. Article 24-4, Article 43-2 added and promulgated, Article 3-4, Article 24, Article 44, Article 66-6, Article 81, and Article 114-3 amended by Presidential Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 10000016611 on January 26, 2011.

51. Article 17 amended and promulgated by Presidential Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 10000246131 on November 9, 2011.

52. Article 89, Article 92, Article 92-1, and Article 102-1 amended and promulgated by Presidential Decree Hua-tzung-1 No. 10000297891 on January 4, 2012.

53. Article 4-1, Article 14-2, Article 14-3, Article 88, Article 89 and Article 126 amended and promulgated by Presidential Decree Hua-tzung-Yi No. 10100177751 on August 8, 2012.

54. Article 17 amended and promulgated by Presidential Decree Hua-tzung-Yi No. 10100269281 on December 5, 2012.

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Content : Chapter 1 General Principles  
Section 1 General Provisions  
Article 1

Income tax is classified into consolidated income tax and profit-seeking enterprise income tax.

## Article 2

For any individual having income from sources in the Republic of China, consolidated income tax shall be levied in accordance with this Act on his income derived from sources in the Republic of China.

Unless otherwise provided in this Act, in the case of an individual who is a nonresident in the Republic of China but who has derived income from sources in the Republic of China, income tax payable by him on all such income shall be withheld and paid at the respective sources.

## Article 3

For any profit-seeking enterprise operating within the territory of the Republic of China, profit-seeking enterprise income tax shall be levied in accordance with this Act.

For any profit-seeking enterprise having its head office within the territory of the Republic of China, profit-seeking enterprise income tax shall be levied on its total profit-seeking enterprise income derived within or without the territory of the Republic of China; provided, that in case income tax has been paid on the income derived outside of the territory of the Republic of China in accordance with the tax act of the source country of that income, such tax paid may, upon presentation by the taxpayer of evidence of tax payment issued by the tax office of said source country for the same business year and attested by a Chinese embassy or consulate or other organizations recognized by the Government of the Republic of China in the said local, be deducted from the amount of tax payable by the taxpayer at the time of filing final returns on the total profit-seeking enterprise income, to the extent that such deduction shall not exceed the amount of tax which, computed at the applicable domestic tax rate, is increased in consequence of inclusion of its income derived from abroad.

For any profit-seeking enterprise having its head office without the territory of the Republic of China but having income derived from sources in the Republic of China, profit-seeking enterprise income tax shall be levied on its profit-seeking enterprise income derived within the territory of the Republic of China.

### Article 3-1

For payment of profit-seeking enterprise income tax for the year of 1998 and the years thereafter, a profit-seeking enterprise may, when making surplus earning distribution, cause its shareholders or association/society members to deduct from the gross amount of tax payable as declared in their respective annual consolidated income tax return for the current year the amount of income tax payable by them on the dividend or the surplus earning distributed to them by the said profit-seeking enterprise.

### Article 3-2

Where the settlor of a trust deed is a profit-seeking enterprise and the beneficiary of the whole or any part of the trust benefit designated therein is not the settlor himself/herself/itself, then the said beneficiary shall include the value of his/her/its entitlement to such

trust benefit in the aggregate amount of his/her/its annual income in the year the trust deed takes effect for assessment of income tax under the act.

In the case of a trust deed referred to in the preceding Paragraph wherein the settlor is named as the beneficiary of the whole or any part of the trust benefit, if the beneficiary is replaced by a person other than the settlor during the term of such trust relationship, then the said new beneficiary shall include the value of his/her/its entitlement to such trust benefit in the aggregate amount of his/her/its annual income in the year such beneficiary change takes effect for assessment of income tax under the act.

In the case of a trust deed wherein the settlor is a profit-seeking enterprise, if any person other than a settlor is added thereto as a beneficiary to the trust benefit as a result of an increase of the property in trust during the term of existence of the trust relationship, then the said new beneficiary shall include the increased portion of the value of his/her/its entitlement to such trust benefit in the aggregate amount of his/her/its annual income in the year the trust property increase takes effect for assessment of income tax under the act.

Where the beneficiary or beneficiaries of a trust deed set forth in any of the preceding three Paragraphs are to be decided or not in existence yet, the settlor shall be considered as the tax-payer for that trust deed who shall include the value of his/her/its or their entitlement to such trust benefit as calculated in accordance with the applicable withholding tax rate and received by him/her/it or them under the trust deed in his/her/their annual income tax return to be filed within the tax declaration period fixed in Article 71 of this Act. The income tax withholding rates referred to hereinabove shall be formulated by the Ministry of Finance and submitted to the Executive Yuan for its approval and promulgation.

### Article 3-3

Where the trust property is transferred or otherwise disposed of based on transfer of trust relationship between the interested parties under any of the following circumstances, such transfer or disposition of trust property shall be exempt from assessment of income tax:

1. Between the settlor and a trustee, due to creation of the trust deed;
2. Between the original trustee and a new trustee, upon change of the trustee during the term of persistence of the trust relationship;
3. Between a trustee and a beneficiary, upon delivery of the trust property by the trustee pursuant to the intent of trust during the term of persistence of the trust relationship;
4. Between the settlor and the trustee or between the trustee and the beneficiary upon extinguishment of the trust relationship; or
5. Between the settlor and the trustee due to unsuccessful creation of, or invalidation, cancellation or nullification of the trust deed.

The income arising from management or disposition of the trust property by

the trustee prior to transfer or disposition of the trust property to be effected under the preceding Paragraph shall be subject to assessment of income tax in accordance with the provisions of Article 3-4 of this Act.

#### Article 3-4

With regard to the revenue, if any, derived from trust property, the trustee shall, in the year of derivation of such revenue and after deducting there-from the costs, necessary expenses and loss occurred, calculate the amount of each category of income as classified in this Act to be payable to each trust beneficiary; and each beneficiary shall include such portion of trust benefit distributed to him/her/it in his/her/its annual income tax return to be filed in the then current year for assessment of income tax under this Act.

Where there are two or more beneficiaries entitled to the trust benefit set forth in the preceding Paragraph, the trustee shall calculate the amounts of such revenue distributable to all beneficiaries in accordance with the benefit distribution proportions explicitly provided in the trust deed or the deductive proportions. However, if the distribution proportions are unknown or can not be deduced, then the revenue of various categories of such revenue derived from the trust property and distributable to trust beneficiaries shall be calculated on an average basis.

In the absence of specific or any beneficiary/beneficiaries, the tax payer for the amount of revenue derived from the trust property as calculated in the year of occurrence of such revenue under the preceding two Paragraphs shall be the trustee of the trust property, and a withholding tax shall be paid at the applicable withholding rates and declared in the annual income tax return to be filed within the filing period fixed in Article 71 of this Act. As for the withholding tax already declared and paid in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 2, Article 89-1 of this Act, the amount of such withholding tax may be deducted from the amount of income tax payable by the tax-payer. The withholding tax rates shall be formulated by the Ministry of Finance and submitted to the Executive Yuan for its approval.

In case a trustee fails to comply with the provisions set out in the preceding Paragraphs 1 through Three, the competent tax collection authority shall assess the amount of income of the trust beneficiary concerned based on the relevant information available and levy the income tax accordingly.

With regard to the public trust conforming to the requirements set out in Article 4-3 of this Act, the trust benefit actually distributed to trust beneficiaries shall be included in their respective annual income for the year of distribution of such benefit for assessment of income under this Act.

With regard to the mutual trust funds, securities investment trust funds, futures trust funds and/or other trust funds approved by the Financial Supervisory Commission, Executive Yuan under the acts, the trust benefits actually distributed to trust beneficiaries shall be included in their respective annual income for the year of distribution of such benefits for

assessment of income tax under this Act.

#### Article 4

Income tax on the following categories of income shall be exempted:

1. (Deleted)
2. (Deleted)
3. Compensation for death or injury and that obtained in pursuance of the National Compensation Act;
4. Pension or compensation for death received in accordance with applicable acts or regulations by the bereaved family of a person who died in performing official duties. Pension or compensation for death in one lump sum or by installments received in accordance with applicable acts or regulations by the bereaved family of a person died not in performing official duties with the lump sum or the total amount paid in all installments in one year calculated together with the amount of the Separation Income provided in Paragraph 1, Article 14 hereof; however, the total amount received shall not be more than the deductible amount provided in Category 9, Paragraph 1, Article 14 hereof;
5. Payment for special disbursement, allowance in kind or cash in lieu thereof and housing allowances received from the government by public servants, teachers, military personnel, policemen and laborers; and that portion included in the uniform-scale salary received by employees of state-run organizations representing allowance in kind and housing allowance;
6. Interest on savings of a compulsory nature made in accordance with act or ordinance;
7. Compensation payment made under life insurance, labor insurance and insurance for public servants, military personnel and teachers;
8. Scholarships and subsidies granted by governments of the Republic of China or foreign governments, international institutions, educational, cultural, and scientific research organizations or associations, and other public or private organizations for encouragement of advanced studies, research or participation in scientific and professional training, except for the scholarships or subsidies received as the remuneration for services rendered to the grantors;
9. Income, derived by virtue of office, of foreign diplomatic officials, consular officials and other persons entitled to treatment accordable to diplomatic officials in the service of foreign embassies, legations and consulates in the Republic of China;
10. Income, derived by virtue of office, of employees, other than diplomatic officials, consular officials and persons entitled to diplomatic treatment, who, being nationals of a foreign country, are employed by the embassy, legation or consulate of their country or by subsidiary agencies thereof in the Republic of China; provided, that reciprocal treatment is accorded by the foreign country concerned to employees of Chinese nationality employed by the embassy, legation or consulate of the Republic of China or by subsidiary agencies thereof, in the foreign country

concerned.

11. Salaries paid by foreign governmental agencies, organizations or educational and cultural institutions to foreign technicians and professors of universities and colleges for services rendered within the territory of the Republic of China under technical cooperation or cultural and educational exchange agreements made by and between such foreign governmental agencies, organizations or educational and cultural institutions and those of the Republic of China;
12. (Deleted)
13. Income derived by organizations or institutions, which are established for educational, cultural, public welfare or charitable purposes and are in conformity with the criteria prescribed by the Executive Yuan, from the operations of their own and their subsidiaries;
14. Surplus profit of consumer cooperatives operated in accordance with act, doing no business with outsiders;
15. (Deleted)
16. Income earned by an individual or by a profit-seeking enterprise from the sale of land, or by an individual from the sales of apparel or furniture for household use, or income earned by a profit-seeking enterprise from the transactions of sale of property for the purpose of stockpiling war materials in accordance with the regulations established by the government. The portion of stock or bond transactions income, earned by an individual or a profit-seeking enterprise through sale of stock or corporate bonds of companies limited by shares, attributable to changes in the valuation of said securities from date of acquisition to December 31, 1973.
17. Properties received by way of inheritance, bequest or gift, except properties obtained as a gift from a profit-seeking enterprise;
18. All kinds of income derived by governments of various levels;
19. Income of public utility enterprises owned by governments of various levels;
20. Business income obtained from the operation inside the territory of the Republic of China by a foreign enterprise engaged in international transportation; provided that reciprocal treatment is accorded by the foreign country concerned to an international transport enterprise of the Republic of China operating in its territory;
21. Royalty paid to a foreign enterprise for the use of its patent rights, trademarks, and/or various kinds of special licensed rights in order to introduce new production technology or products, improve product quality, or reduce production cost under the approval of the competent authority as a special case, as well as remuneration paid to a foreign enterprise for its technical services rendered in construction of a factory for an important productive enterprise determined and approved as such by the competent authority;
22. Interest derived from loans offered to the government of the Republic of China or legal entities within the territory of the Republic of China by foreign government or international financial institutions for economic development, and interest derived from the financing facilities offered to their branch offices and other financial institutions within the territory of the Republic of China by foreign financial institutions. Interest

derived from loans extended to legal entities within the territory of the Republic of China by foreign financial institutions for financing important economic construction projects under the approval of the Ministry of Finance. Interest derived from favorable-interest export loans offered to or guaranteed for the legal entities within the territory of the Republic of China by foreign governmental institutions and foreign financial institutions which are specialized in offering export loans or guarantees;

23. Individual income derived from written articles, copyright books, musical compositions, musical productions, dramas, cartoons, or as remuneration for speeches and lectures on an hourly basis. However, the total amount of such income for the whole year shall not exceed NT\$ 180,000;

24. Various payments paid to personnel engaged in handling various kinds of examinations held by governmental agencies or academic organizations as commissioned by such agencies and in entrance examinations held by public and private schools of various levels.

Criteria of "performing official duties" as referred to in Item 4 of the preceding Paragraph shall be stipulated by the Executive Yuan.

#### Article 4-1

Income tax on gains derived from the securities transactions ceased to be imposed with effect from January 1, 1990; and, at the same time, losses on securities transactions could no longer be deductible from the amount of income derived from such transactions. However, starting from January 1, 2013, in the case that an individual derives gains from securities transactions involving any of items in the following two subparagraphs, such gains shall be subject to income tax; and, at the same time, if such individual incurs losses in securities transactions in such items, he or she may be entitled to a deduction against the gains from the transactions in the same year in accordance with Paragraph 2 of Article 14-2:

1. Stocks, certificates of entitlement to new shares, certificates of payment and documents of title to any of the securities listed on the Taiwan Stock Exchange (hereinafter as TAIEX) or traded on the OTC market or the emerging market.

2. Stocks, certificates of entitlement to new shares, certificates of payment and documents of title to any of the securities other than those provided in the preceding Subparagraph.

#### Article 4-2

Assessment of income tax on income from transactions of futures under Statute for Futures Transaction Tax shall be suspended for the time being and loss in such transactions shall not be deductible from the amount of income.

## Article 4-3

Where a profit-seeking enterprise provides property for the purpose of formation of, or contribution to, or participation in any of the following public trusts, the value of the beneficiaries' entitlement to the benefits distributable to them under the said public trust shall be exempt from assessment of income tax and from application of the provisions of Article 3-2 and the proviso set out in Item 17, Paragraph 1, Article 4 of this Act:

1. A public trust, the trustee thereof is a trust business operator as defined in the Trust Business Act;
2. A public trust which will not pay special benefit in any manner to any specific person or any person who may be designated as a specific person, except for payment of the expenses which must be made to an enterprise incorporated in realizing the creation objective of the said public trust; or
3. A public trust which, according to the provisions of the trust deed thereof, will be transferred to a government authority at a specific level, or a public juristic person or public trust having a similar objective upon the cancellation, termination or extinguishment of such trust deed.

## Article 5

The personal exemption for consolidated income tax shall be limited to NT\$ 60,000 each person per year. If the total increase of the consumer price index has reached a figure of 3% or higher compared to the index of the year of previous adjustment, the exemption shall be adjusted accordingly. The adjusted amount shall be calculated in units of NT\$1,000; if the amount is less than NT\$1,000, it shall be calculated as a unit of NT\$1,000 and rounded up or down to the nearest NT\$1,000 using the traditional method.

The tax brackets and rates of consolidated income tax are as follows:

1. If the annual total net consolidated income is less than or equal to NT\$ 500,000, the tax rate shall be 5%.
2. If the annual total net consolidated income is above NT\$ 500,000 to NT\$ 1,090,000, the income tax payable shall be NT\$ 25,000 plus 12% for the portion of income more than NT\$ 500,000.
3. If the annual total net consolidated income is above NT\$ 1,090,000 to NT\$ 2,180,000, the income tax payable shall be NT\$ 95,800 plus 20% for the portion of income more than NT\$ 1,090,000.
4. If the annual total net consolidated income is above NT\$ 2,180,000 to NT\$ 4,090,000, the income tax payable shall be NT\$313,800 plus 30% for the portion of income more than NT\$ 2,180,000.
5. If the annual total net consolidated income is above NT\$ 4,090,000, the income tax payable shall be NT\$ 886,800 plus 40% for the portion of income more than NT\$ 4,090,000.

If the total increase of the consumer price index has reached a figure of

3% or higher compared to the index of the year of previous adjustment, the tax brackets as described in the preceding Paragraph shall be adjusted accordingly. The adjusted amount shall be calculated in units of NT\$10,000; if the amount is less than NT\$10,000, it shall be calculated as a unit of NT\$10,000 and rounded up or down to the nearest NT\$10,000 using the traditional method.

The exemption and the tax brackets for consolidated income tax shall be publicly announced by the Ministry of Finance in accordance with the preceding Paragraphs 1 & 3 before the beginning of each year. The consumer price index as indicated above shall be publicly released by the Directorate-General of Budget, Accounting and Statistics, Executive Yuan based on the average consumer price index for 12 months up to the end of October of the previous year.

The minimum taxable amount and rates for profit-seeking enterprise income tax are as follows:

1. If the total taxable income of a profit-seeking enterprise is NT\$ 120,000 or less, the profit-seeking enterprise is exempt from tax.
2. If the total taxable income of a profit-seeking enterprise is more than NT\$120,000, the income tax rate shall be 17%. However, the income tax payable shall not exceed one half of the portion of taxable income more than NT\$ 120,000.

#### Article 5-1

The standard deduction, special deduction of income from salaries/wages and special deduction for the disabled or handicapped shall be handled in accordance with Article 17, and their respective calculations for adjustments shall apply mutates to paragraph 1 and paragraph 4 of Article 5.

The deductions of paragraph 1 and the exemption of Article 5 shall be assessed every three years in accordance with the standard of income and changes in basic living standards.

#### Article 6

All amounts of money as provided in this Act shall be into New Taiwan Dollars.

#### Article 6-1

With regard to the property provided by any individual or profit-seeking enterprise for creating, or contributing to, or participating in a public trust conforming to the applicable requirements set out in Article 4-3, the provisions of Article 17 and Article 36 of this Act shall govern.

## Article 6-2

Separate accounting books and records shall be established and maintained for individual trust deeds by the respective trustees of such trust deeds for use in keeping the details of the receiving and disbursing transactions effected under each individual trust deed. Every disbursement transaction must be supported by appropriate certificate or receipt.

## Section 2 Definitions

### Article 7

The term "person" as used in this Act refers to a natural person or juristic person. The term "individual" used in this Act means a natural person.

1. A person who has domicile within the territory of the Republic of China and resides at all times within the territory of the Republic of China;
2. A person who has no domicile within the territory of the Republic of China but resides within the territory of the Republic of China for a period of more than 183 days during a taxable year.

The term "individual not residing in the Republic of China" denotes an individual other than those as provided in the preceding paragraph.

The term "taxpayer" as used in this Act means a person who is required under this Act to report or pay income tax.

The term "tax withhold" as used in this Act means a person who is required under this Act to withhold income tax from his payment to be made to a taxpayer.

### Article 8

The term "income from sources in the Republic of China" used in this Act refers to income of the following categories:

1. Dividends distributed by companies incorporated and registered in accordance with the Company Act of the Republic of China and by foreign companies authorized by the government of the Republic of China to operate within the territory of the Republic of China;
2. Profits distributed by profit-seeking enterprises organized in the form of a cooperative or a partnership within the territory of the Republic of China;
3. Remuneration for services rendered within the territory of the Republic of China, provided that this shall not apply to remuneration obtained from an employer without the territory of the Republic of China by an individual not residing in the Republic of China but staying in the Republic of China for a period of not more than ninety days during a taxable year;

4. Interest obtained from governments of various levels of the Republic of China, from juristic persons within the territory of the Republic of China and from individuals residing in the Republic of China;
5. Rental obtained from lease of property situated within the territory of the Republic of China;
6. Royalty obtained from patents, trademarks, copyrights, secret formulas and franchises by virtue of their being made available for use by other persons within the territory of the Republic of China;
7. Profits from the transaction of properties within the territory of the Republic of China;
8. Remuneration for services performed by personnel sent abroad by the government of the Republic of China on overseas missions and for services rendered abroad by employees in general;
9. Profits from operation of industry, commerce, agriculture, forestry, fishery, animal husbandry, mining, and metallurgy enterprises within the territory of the Republic of China;
10. Awards or grants obtained from participating in various skill contests, games, or lotteries, etc. within the territory of the Republic of China; and
11. Any other income obtained within the territory of the Republic of China.

## Article 9

The terms "income from the transaction of property" and "losses from the transaction of property" as used in this Act refer to profits and losses resulting from sale, purchase, or exchange of property by a taxpayer, who comes to possess the property other than engaging in regular sales and purchases of such properties for profit-seeking purposes.

## Article 10

The term "fixed place of business" as used in this Act refers to fixed places for operation of business, including administrative offices, branch or sub-branch offices, business offices, factories, workshops, warehouses, mining fields, and construction sites, however, this shall exclude warehouse or storage sites used exclusively for purchase of goods and maintenance shops not used for processing or manufacturing products.

The term "business agent" as used in this Act means an agent fulfilling any of the following requirements:

1. Where the agent, in addition to representing its principal in the purchase of goods, is authorized to regularly represent the principal in making business arrangements and in signing contracts;
2. Where the agent regularly keeps in store goods of its principal and delivers the same, for its principal, to others; and
3. Where the agent regularly accepts, for its principal, order for goods.

## Article 11

The term "practitioner of profession" as used in this Act refers to a lawyer, certified public accountant, architect, technician, physician, pharmacist, obstetrician, author, broker, scrivener, artisan, performer, and any other person who makes a living with craftsmanship or art.

The term "profit-seeking enterprise" as used in this Act refers to industrial, commercial, agricultural, forestry, fishing, animal husbandry, mining or metallurgical enterprises operated by public, private, or joint public and private interests and having a business name or place and organized in the form of sole proprietorship, partnership, company or in any other form of organization.

The term "public-owned enterprise" as used in this Act refers to an organization established by a government of any level for the purpose of attaining certain objectives of a specific enterprise without computation of profit or loss and distribution of dividend.

The term "educational, cultural, public welfare and charitable organizations or institutions" as used in this Act denotes organizations or institutions that are organized in accordance with the provisions of the Book of General Principles of the Civil Code relating to public welfare organization and foundations or in accordance with the provisions of other relevant acts and ordinances and are duly registered with the authority-in-charge.

The term "cooperative" as used in this Act refers to cooperatives which are organized in accordance with the Cooperative Act, duly registered with the authority-in-charge at the place of their business, and conduct their operations in accordance with act, provided that an organization which, although engaged in business of a cooperative nature, fails to meet the requirements set forth herein, shall not be considered as a cooperative.

The term "taxable year" as used in this Act where the individual consolidated income tax is involved shall commence on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December of each year.

## Article 12

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## Chapter 2 Consolidated Income Tax

### Article 13

Consolidated income tax of an individual shall be levied on the amount of his net consolidated income which shall be the gross consolidated income minus the amount of tax-exempt income, and various deductions.

## Article 14

The gross amount of consolidated income of an individual shall be the aggregate of the following categories of income for the whole year:

### Category 1:

Income from profit-seeking: the gross dividend received by each shareholder of a company, the gross surplus profit received by each member of a cooperative, and the gross surplus profit payable each year to each partner of a profit-seeking partnership, the gross surplus profit derived in each year by a sole proprietor from the operation of an enterprise invested solely by him, and the surplus profit derived by an individual from incidental trading activities shall all come under this Category of income. The gross amount of dividend received by a shareholder or the gross amount of surplus profit received by a member of a cooperative shall be the sum of the net dividend as indicated in the dividend voucher or the total amount of distributable surplus profit plus the amount of deductible income tax, as the case may be. Gross surplus profit payable to a partner or the surplus profit derived by a sole proprietor from operation of an enterprise invested solely by him shall be included in the approved amount of such profit-seeking enterprise income.

### Category 2:

Income from professional practice: any income of an individual from professional practice or performances after deduction of the rental for or depreciation of the place of business, depreciation of and repairing expenses for the facilities and equipment required for business, or the cost of medications, supplies, etc. sold to clients, salaries and wages for employees required for business, travelling expenses for practicing the profession and other direct and necessary expenditures, shall be the actual amount of income in this Category.

Any individual engaged in professional practice shall at least keep a journal as his accounting book to provide detailed entries of all the operating revenues and expenses. For all business expenditures, documents of positive evidence shall be secured. The documents of evidence and account book shall be kept for a period of at least five years. Measures regarding the setting up, acquisition, and maintenance of the documents of evidence and account books and other related matters shall be prescribed by the Ministry of Finance.

Depreciation of buildings, facilities, and equipment used in professional practice shall be calculated in accordance with the Table of Service Life of Fixed Assets. The relevant provisions with respect to profit-seeking enterprise income tax of this Act shall be applicable, mutatis mutandis. Measures regarding the inspection of the documents of evidence, recognition of the revenues and expenses from professional practice and their account books and other related matters shall be prescribed by the Ministry of Finance.

### Category 3:

Income from salaries and wages: any income from salaries and wages of

public functionaries, teachers, military personnel, policemen, staff employees and workers of public and private enterprises and any income earned by persons rendering services:

1. Income from salaries and wages shall be all salaries and wages earned for performing duties or doing works;
2. Salaries and wages as provided in the preceding subparagraph shall include salaries, stipends, wages, allowances, annuities, cash awards, bonuses and all kinds of subsidies, whereas, the money received for performing duties for the employer as traveling expenditures, daily allowance and overtime pay not in excess of the prescribed amounts and the incomes which are exempt from income tax as prescribed under Article 4 of this Act shall be excluded.
3. The lump sum of the voluntary pension contribution and the voluntary annuity insurance premiums according to the Labor Pension Act, up to 6% of by an employee's monthly wage or salary may be deducted from the employee's taxable income from salary or wage in the year concerned; the voluntary annuity insurance premiums made by an employee shall not apply to the insurance premiums deduction under Article 17.

Category 4:

Income from interest: any income from interest on public debts, corporate bonds, financial, various kinds of short-term commercial papers, deposits and other loans:

1. Public debts shall include bonds, treasury notes, securities, and other notes issued by governments of all levels;
2. Prize money from raffle-savings in excess of the amount of savings shall be deemed as income from interest on deposits;
3. Short-term commercial papers shall include one-year or less treasury bonds, transferable time deposit certificates issued by banks, promissory notes and bills of exchange issued by companies and government-owned enterprises, and other short-term certificates of indebtedness approved by the authority in charge of the specific end enterprise.

The portion of the pecuniary amount realized by the short-term commercial papers at their maturity in excess of the selling price at their initial issuance shall be deemed as income from interest such income shall not be added to the gross consolidated income, but withheld in accordance with the provision of Article 88.

Category 5:

Income from lease and from royalties: any income from lease of property, from utilization of money obtained as the price of a lien on property, or from royalties on patents, registered trademarks, copyrights, secret formulas, and all kinds of franchise made available for use by others:

1. Amount of income from lease of property and from royalties shall be the whole year's income after deduction of necessary losses and expenditures;
2. Any income derived from long-lasting tenant right and superficies created for fixed terms shall be deemed as income from lease;
3. For money received in the form of rental deposit or in other similar forms for lease of property, and for money received as the price of a lien created on property, to calculate the income from lease the prevailing bank interest rate for one-year-term deposit shall be used as a basis;
4. Income tax on revenue from lease calculated in accordance with the local

prevailing rental standard shall be paid for properties lent to others for use, unless it can be verified that no payment is made and the properties involved are not being used for business or for carrying out professional services;

5. The revenue from lease will be upward adjusted by the collection authority according to the local prevailing rental standard if the contracted rental of the lent properties was obviously too low in comparison with the local prevailing standards.

Category 6:

Income from self-undertaking in farming, fishing, animal husbandry, forestry and mining-amount of income shall be the whole year's income after deduction of necessary expenses.

Category 7:

Income from property transactions: any income derived from transactions of property and right:

1. Where the property or right was originally acquired at a price, amount of the income shall be the transaction price after deduction of original cost and all expenses necessary for acquisition, improvement and ownership transfer of that asset;

2. Where the property or right was originally acquired through succession or donation, amount of the income shall be the transaction price after deduction of value prevailing at time of succession or donation and all expenses necessary for acquisition, improvement and ownership transfer of that property or right;

3. One-half of the amount of income of an individual derived from transactions in registered stocks or registered corporate bonds issued by a company limited by shares, or public bonds issued by governments of all levels, or development bonds issued by banks under the approval of government, if the individual has held such stocks or bonds for a period of one year or longer, shall be considered as a part of his income in the taxable year, while the other one-half shall be exempted from income tax.

Category 8:

Income from contests and games and from prizes and awards won by chance: any income derived from prizes or awards in contests or lotteries shall be included in the category:

1. All expenses necessary for participating in contests or games are permitted to be deducted;

2. All costs necessary for participating in lotteries are permitted to be deducted;

3. Prize money from lottery tickets under the auspices of the government, except that tax payable shall be withheld in accordance with the provision of Article 88, shall not be included in the gross consolidated income.

Category 9:

Separation income: The retirement pay, severance pay, separation pay, resignation pay, life-time pension , the old-age pension not covered by insurance benefits and the insurance payment made under annuity insurance according to the Labor Pension Act received by a person, but not including the following: receipt of the savings made by said person from taxable income of his or her salary every year; the insurance payment from the voluntary annuity insurance premiums according to the Labor Pension Act

every year; and/or the interest accrued from the savings and the premiums.

1. If received in one lump sum, the income amount is calculated as follows:

(1) If the total amount received in one lump sum is less than NT\$150,000 multiplied by the number of service years at the time of separation, the income amount shall be considered zero;

(2) If the total amount received in one lump sum is more than NT\$ 150,000 multiplied by the number of service years at the time of separation, half of the portion of the amount over NT\$ 150,000 but less than NT\$ 300,000 multiplied by the number of service years at the time of separation shall be the income amount;

(3) The portion of the amount over NT\$ 300,000 multiplied by the number of service years shall totally be considered the income amount.

The last digit of the number of service years, if less than 6 months, shall be calculated as half a year and, if over 6 months, as one year.

2. If received by installments, the income amount shall be the balance of the total amount of all installments received in one year with the deduction of NT\$650,000;

3. If portion of the separation income is received in one lump sum and portion by installments, the deductible amount mentioned in Item 2 above shall be calculated in proportion to the amounts received in one lump sum and by installments respectively.

Category 10:

Other income: amount of any income other than the aforesaid after deduction of necessary expenses and costs. However, the reward for information or accusation and income from transactions in structured products between individuals and securities firms or banks shall not be added to the gross consolidated income, but withheld in accordance with the provisions of Article 88.

Where any of the aforesaid categories of income is earned in kind, in the form of valuable securities or in foreign currencies, the amount of income shall be computed at the prevailing price or exchange rate prescribed or recognized by the government or in the absence thereof, at the respective actual local value at time of receipt.

Any variable income such as that derived from self-undertaking in forestry, or from old age pensions or retirement pensions or alimony paid in lump sum, or remuneration in lump sum distributed after each trip to the employed for fishing in the high seas or compensation received for returning the leased farm land in accordance with the provision of Article 77 of the Statute for Equalization of Urban Land Rights, among an individual's gross consolidated income may be subject to taxation at a half of the amount thereof in the taxable year of income.

If the increase of consumer price index accumulates to 3% or more over the figure last adjusted, the amounts stipulated in Category 9 of Paragraph 1 above shall be adjusted accordingly and the adjustment shall be made at the rate of NT\$1,000 as a basic unit with the hundreds rounded off if the adjusted amount is less than NT\$1,000. As to the method of publication and the consumer price index mentioned above, the provisions in Paragraph 4, Article 5 hereof shall apply.

## Article 14-1

From January 1, 2007, Income received by an individual from interest on government bonds, corporate bonds, and financial bonds shall not be added to the gross consolidated income, but withheld in accordance with the provisions of Article 88.

From January 1, 2010, the following income received by an individual shall not be added to the gross consolidated income, but withheld in accordance with the provisions of Article 88 at the rate of 10%:

1. The portion of the pecuniary amount realized by short-term commercial papers at their maturity in excess of the selling price at their initial issuance is deemed as income from interest.
2. The interest distributed from beneficiary securities or asset-backed securities issued in accordance with the Financial Asset Securitization Act and the Real Estate Securitization Act.
3. The interest derived from repo (RP/RS) trade whereby an individual purchases securities or short-term commercial papers as described in the preceding paragraph and Subparagraphs 2 and 3 in this paragraph shall be the net amount of the sale price at their maturity in excess of the original purchase price.
4. Income from transactions in structured products between individuals and securities firms or banks.

The provision regarding special deduction for savings and investment as provided for in Subparagraph 2-(3)-(iii), Paragraph 1 of Article 17 shall not apply to the interest as provided in the first paragraph and Subparagraphs 1 to 3 in the preceding paragraph.

## Article 14-2

The amount of the gains or losses derived from the securities transactions in the proviso set out in Article 4-1 shall be calculated according to Category 7, Paragraph 1 of Article 14.

The losses incurred from the securities transactions may be deducted from the gains derived from securities transactions in the same year; however, if the gains are not enough for deduction in the same year, the losses may not be deducted from the income derived from securities transactions in any ensuing year thereafter, and the claim of deduction for loss shall apply only to such gains and losses as are calculated based on the actual transaction price and the original cost.

The amount of income on securities transactions calculated in accordance with the preceding two Paragraphs incurred by a taxpayer, his or her spouse and dependents whose exemptions may be made in accordance with Article 17 of this Act shall be calculated separately from the gross consolidated income, the tax payable shall be computed separately in accordance with tax rate of 15%, and the taxpayer shall include such tax payable in his or her income tax return.

An individual who sells securities stipulated in Subparagraph 1 in the

proviso to Article 4-1 within the period from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2014, may calculate the amount of income on securities transactions by the designated ratio on selling price which shall be withheld in accordance with Article 88, separately from the gross consolidated income, at a withholding rate of 20%. If the circumstances of an individual selling shares fall under any of the following conditions, while, the calculation of the amount of income on securities transactions and tax payable shall be in accordance with the preceding three Paragraphs, and furthermore, the amount of aforesaid withholding tax already declared and paid may be deducted from the amount of income tax payable by the taxpayer:

1. Anyone who sells 100,000 shares or more in emerging markets in one year;
2. Shares acquired before such shares were listed on the TAIEX or traded on the OTC market and sold after such shares were listed on the TAIEX or traded on the OTC market (hereinafter referred to IPO shares) shall be excluded if falling under any of the following two conditions:

(1) the shares were listed on the TAIEX or traded on the OTC market before or on December 31, 2012;

(2) the amount of the shares underwritten was for 10,000 or less of a company in one year.

3. Non-resident individuals who sell any shares.

The designated ratio as described in the preceding Paragraph, shall vary according to the closing index of the capitalization-weighted index of the Taiwan Stock Exchange Corporation on the business day before the selling day and as provided in the following regulations :

1. when the closing index is under 8,500, the estimated net profit margin is 0.
2. when the closing index reaches 8,500 and is under 9,500, the estimated net profit margin is 0.1%.
3. when the closing index reaches 9,500 and is under 10,500, the estimated net profit margin is 0.2%.
4. when the closing index reaches 10,500, the estimated net profit margin is 0.3%.

An individual who may calculate the amount of income on securities transactions by the designated ratio according to Paragraph 4, may instruct the securities dealer that he or she has designated to handle his or her trading account, before or on December 15, 2012, to select the method of the calculation of the amount of income on securities transactions and tax payable in accordance with Paragraph 1 to Paragraph 3 applicable on since 2013, rather than withholding on imputed income as in Paragraph 4. An individual who initially opens a trading account after or on January 1, 2013 may instruct the security dealer at the time of the opening of the account as to the method applied in the taxation for the income of individuals from securities transactions, and such method shall be used from the time of selection for the remainder of the current year.

An individual other than that as provided in the preceding Paragraph shall instruct the securities dealer that he or she has designated to handle his or her trading account, within the period fixed in the relevant regulations, to select or change the method of the calculation of the amount of income on securities transactions in the coming year; moreover, an individual who fails to provide such instruction to his or her

securities dealer shall be deemed as continuing to use the method applied in the prior year in which the calculation may be carried out according to the relevant regulations.

The method of the calculation of the amount of income on securities transactions for each of the trading accounts for the same taxable year which may be held by an individual shall be consistent; and whichever method is once selected shall be used for the whole of the year.

The measures regarding the procedure for the method of the calculation of the amount of income on securities transactions according to the preceding three Paragraphs, the deadline of the instruction for the selection or change of the method of taxation to be given by account holders, submission of information by securities dealers and other related matters shall be prescribed by the Ministry of Finance.

The amount of income on securities transactions of an individual in Subparagraph 1 in the proviso to Article 4-1 shall be deemed as zero starting from January 1, 2015. If the circumstances of an individual selling shares fall under any of the following conditions, while, the calculation of the amount of securities transactions income and tax payable shall be in accordance with Paragraph 1 to Paragraph 3:

1. Anyone who sells 100,000 shares or more in emerging markets in one year;  
2. IPO shares shall be excluded if falling under any of the following two conditions:

(1) the shares were listed on the TAIEX or traded on the OTC market before or on December 31, 2012;

(2) the amount of the shares underwritten was for 10,000 or less of a company in one year.

3. Anyone who sells shares exceeding NT\$1 billion in one year.

4. Non-resident individuals who sell any shares.

In the case of the shares sold by an individual under the proviso set out in Article 4-1 of this Act, the cost of such shares shall be calculated according to the weighted average method, and the holding period as defined according to Subparagraph 3, Category 7, Paragraph 1 of the Article 14, Subparagraph 2 in the proviso set out in Paragraph 4 and Subparagraph 2 in the preceding Paragraph shall be calculated based on the first-in, first-out method.

In the case of the income of an individual derived from transactions in IPO shares which have been held for three years or more after they have been listed on the TAIEX or traded in the OTC market, one fourth of the amount of such income shall be considered as a part of his income in the taxable year, and the provision of Subparagraph 3, Category 7, Paragraph 1 of Article 14, shall not apply.

For the purpose of auditing gains or losses derived from securities transactions, the regulations governing the recognition of the price, costs and expenses of securities transactions, as well as the assessment of such in the case of failing to file or present the actual transaction price or the original cost shall be issued by the Ministry of Finance.

In case any individual person is discovered to have improperly evaded or reduced the tax burden for him or herself or for other person(s) by means of transfer of funds or shareholder's equity, or any other false arrangement with any other domestic or foreign individual person, profit-seeking enterprise, or organization or institution which is established for educational, cultural, public welfare or charitable purposes, the tax collection authority for the purpose of computing the accurate amount of income and tax payable of the relevant taxpayers may, with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, make necessary adjustment according to the facts of actual transactions of investigation in accordance with the relevant laws.

#### Article 15

Where the spouse of a taxpayer and/or a dependent whose support deduction may be made in accordance with Article 17 of this Act has any incomes as provided in the preceding Article, the taxpayer shall include such income in his income return for taxation. After the taxpayer has been identified, a change may be made within six months from the time limit prescribed for filling income tax returns for the taxable year.

The amount of tax leviable on the salary income of a taxpayer or his(her) spouse may be computed separately and then declared and paid consolidated by the taxpayer. In computing the amount of such tax, only the tax exempt amount and the special deduction of income from salary and wage as specified in Article 17 may be made from the salary/wage income computed separately; whereas all other exemption and deductions applicable to the person whose salary income is computed separately shall be declared in the tax return of the taxpayer. The taxpayer may not make a duplicate claim for exemption or special deduction for the salary/wage income of the person whose salary income is computed separately when computing the amount of income tax payable by himself (herself).

#### Article 16

In the computation of an individual's gross consolidated income in accordance with the preceding two Articles, if a taxpayer and his spouse operate two or more profit-seeking enterprises, any loss determined by the tax office may be deducted from his income from profit-seeking as determined by the tax office and the amount of income shall be the balance after such a deduction.

The deduction as provided in the preceding paragraph may be make only where the "blue return" as provided in Article 77 of this Act issued by all the profit-seeking enterprises operated; however this shall not apply where the consolidated income report is not filed by the taxpayer within the prescribed time limit.

## Article 17

The net consolidated income of an individual shall be the gross consolidated income as computed in accordance with the preceding four Articles less the following exemption and deductions:

1. Exemption: Taxpayers may deduct a prescribed amount of exemption for themselves, their spouses, and dependents that meet any of the conditions below. Furthermore, the exemption amount for taxpayers and spouses that are at least seventy years old shall be increased by 50%. In accordance with Paragraph 2, Article 15, however, the taxpayer shall not be permitted to make a duplicate claim for exemption for a person whose amount of salary/wages income tax payable has been computed separately:

(1) Lineal descendant(s) of the taxpayer and his (her) spouse having attained sixty years of age, or being incapable of earning a livelihood and being supported by the taxpayer. If a lineal descendant being supported by the taxpayer has attained seventy years of age, the exemption amount for said lineal descendant shall be increased by 50%.

(2) Children of the taxpayer who are under twenty years of age, or who, although having attained twenty years of age, are being supported by the taxpayer by reason of their studying in school, or having physical or mental disability, or being incapable of earning a livelihood.

(3) Brothers and sisters of the taxpayer and his(her) spouse who are under twenty years of age, or who, although having attained twenty years of age, are being supported by the taxpayer by reason of their studying in school, or having physical or mental disability, or being incapable of earning a livelihood.

(4) Other relatives or family members of the taxpayer within the meaning of Subparagraph 4, Article 1114, or Paragraph 3, Article 1123, of the Civil Code who are under twenty years of age, or who, although having attained twenty years of age, are actually being supported by the taxpayer by reason of their studying in school, or having physical or mental disability, or being incapable of earning a livelihood.

2. Deductions: A taxpayer may select either the "Standard Deduction" or "Itemized Deductions" and may, in addition thereto, declare special deductions:

(1) Standard Deduction: NT\$ 73,000 for a single taxpayer; with a deduction to double that of the amount for a single taxpayer for a taxpayer and his or her spouse.

(2) Itemized Deductions:

i. Contributions and donations: For the taxpayer, his (her) spouse and dependent(s), contributions and donations made to educational, cultural, public welfare or charitable organizations or associations in a total amount not in excess of 20% of the total amount of the gross consolidated income is deductible. However, there is no limit to the amount of donations or contributions made for the support of national defense or troop-cheering or contributions to the government.

ii. Insurance premiums: Premiums paid by or for the taxpayer, his (her)

spouse or lineal dependent(s) on life insurance, labor insurance , national pension insurance and insurance for military personnel, public servants or teachers, with the deductible amount not exceed NT\$ 24,000 for each person per year. However, there is no limit to the amount of the premium paid for national health insurance.

iii. Medical and childbirth expenses: Medical and childbirth expenses incurred by the taxpayer, his (her) spouse, or dependent(s) provided that payments so made are limited to that paid to public hospitals, the hospitals or clinics appointed under national health insurance, or those hospitals having complete and accurate accounting records as recognized by the Ministry of Finance. However, no deduction shall be made for the portion (of such expense) covered by an insurance payment.

iv. Losses from disaster: The portion of loss incurred by the taxpayer, his (her) spouse or dependent(s) from a disaster caused by force majeure. However, no deduction shall be made for the portion of loss for which insurance benefit or relief has been received.

v. Interest on a house mortgage: The interest payable on a loan from a financial institution by a taxpayer, his (her) spouse and dependent(s) for the purpose of a house for his (her) own use may be deducted from his (her) consolidated income, with the deductible amount not to exceed NT\$ 300,000 per year per tax return. However, if a special deduction for savings and investment has been made in the same tax return, the amount of such special deduction shall be subtracted from the aforesaid interest of the house mortgage; the deduction for interest on the house mortgage in accordance with the above mentioned provisions is limited to one house only.

vi. Rent for Housing: Rent for housing in the R.O.C. paid by taxpayers, their spouses, and lineal dependent(s) and used as their own residence rather than for business or performing professional services, may be deducted from their consolidated income to the extent of NT\$ 120,000 per year per tax return. However, no deduction shall be made for taxpayers who have filed "Interest on a House Mortgage" on the same tax return.

(3) Special Deductions:

i. Loss from property transactions: The amount of loss from property transactions incurred by a taxpayer, his (her) spouse and dependent(s) which is deductible in one year shall not exceed the declared amount of income derived from property transactions in the same year. However, if no income or no sufficient income derived from property transactions in the same year is available for deduction, the loss may be carried forward in the next three years. The provisions relating to computation of income derived from property transactions set forth in category 7, Paragraph 1, Article 14 of the Act shall apply mutatis mutandis to the computation of loss from property transactions.

ii. Special deduction of income from salaries/wages: For a taxpayer, his (her) spouse and dependent(s) having income from salaries/wages, the deductible amount not to exceed NT\$100,000 per year may be deducted for each person.

iii. Special deduction for savings and investment: For a taxpayer, his (her)spouse and dependent(s ) having Interest derived from deposits in financial institutions, income from trust funds in the nature of savings, and dividends accrued on registered share certificates publicly issued and

listed on the market by a company , the deductible amount should not exceed NT\$270,000 per year per tax return. However, this limit of deduction does not apply to the interest accrued and exempt from income tax on postal pass-book savings under the provisions of the Post Savings and Remittances Act and the interest accrued on short-term commercial papers subject to separate taxation as stipulated in this Act.

iv. Special deduction for the disabled or handicapped: If the taxpayer , his (her) spouse or dependent(s) has (have) a disability certificate(s) or identification or being a patient as defined in Subparagraph 4, Article 3 of The Mental Health Act, a deduction of NT\$100,000 per year may be made for each person.

v. Special deduction for educational tuition: If any of the children of a taxpayer is studying in a college or university, a deduction of NT\$ 25,000 per child per year may be made for his (her) educational tuition. However, the tuition of the Open University, vocational colleges, the first three years of five-year vocational colleges and students who have accepted government subsidies are excluded.

vi. Special deduction for pre-school children:Starting from 2012, for a taxpayer who has children under or equal to five years of age and his or her circumstances do not fall under any of following two conditions, the amount of deduction for pre-school children is NT\$25,000 per child per year:

(i)The taxpayer' s annual total net consolidated income after the amount of the aforesaid deduction has been deducted is declared greater than or equal to the 20% individual income tax rate, or his or her individual income tax is declared in accordance with Paragraph 2 of Article 15 of the Act such that the declared individual income tax rate is greater than or equal to 20%.

(ii)The amount of basic income of the taxpayer calculated in accordance with Article 12 of the Income Basic Tax Act is greater than the amount of deduction described in Article 13 of the Income Basic Tax Act.

Where the taxpayer or his (her) spouse elects to have the tax on his (her) salary/wages computed separately in accordance with Paragraph 2, Article 15, the exemption and special deductions on income from the salary/wages computed separately shall be deducted by the receiver of the salary/wages computed separately, while other exemptions or deductions conforming to the provisions of the preceding Paragraph may not be deducted from the salary/wages computed separately, but shall instead be declared for deduction by the taxpayer.

The provisions of the deductions set forth in Item 2, Sub-Paragraph 2 of Paragraph 1 of this Article shall not apply to a taxpayer who is subject to filing a final income tax return in accordance with Article 71 of this Act but fails to do so and is assessed by the tax collection authority as to his (her) tax liabilities.

## Article 17-1

Where an individual subject to the filing of consolidated income tax return

under Article 71-1 is deceased or departed from the Republic of China during a taxable year, the deductible amounts of tax exemption and standard deductions for him (her) shall be computed respectively in proportion to the ratio between the number of days before his (her) death or the number of days of his residing in the territory of the Republic of China in that year and the total number of days of the said taxable year.

#### Article 17-2

The amount of consolidated income tax paid by a taxpayer on the income realized from sales of building of the self-use residence, if he repurchases another building as his self-use residence within two years from the date on which the registration of transfer of ownership of the old building was completed, and the cost of the new building exceeds the original sales price, may be deducted or refunded from the consolidated income tax payable or paid for the year in which the registration of transfer of ownership of repurchased building as self-use residence was completed. However, if the income realized from the property transaction had already been offset against the loss incurred from property transaction concluded previously in accordance with the stipulations of this Act, then the provisions hereof shall not apply.

The provisions of the preceding paragraph shall also be applicable to the taxpayer who buys first and sells later.

#### Article 17-3

The provisions regarding special deduction for savings and investment as provided for in Subparagraph 2-(3)-(iii), Paragraph 1 of Article 17 of the Income Tax Act shall not apply to the dividends on the registered stocks publicly offered and listed by any company and acquired from January 1, 1999 and thereafter by a tax-payer and his/her spouse and any dependent supported by him/her as covered in a combined annual income tax return.

### Chapter 3 Profit-Seeking Enterprise Income Tax

#### Section 1 Registration

##### Article 18

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##### Article 19

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Article 20

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Section 2 Account Books, Vouchers and Accounting

Article 21

A profit-seeking enterprise shall keep sufficient and accurate account books, vouchers and accounting records to calculate its total amount of business income.

All procedures governing the aforesaid keeping, acquisition, use, maintenance, accounting, handing and other matters concerned shall be prescribed by the Ministry of Finance.

Article 22

The accounting system of a company shall be on the accrual basis. But a profit-seeking enterprise not organized as a company may, if there is an established custom of the business or if the volume of business is small report to the local collect authority-in-charge for adoption of accounting system on the cash basis.

A profit-seeking enterprise not organized as a company may change its adopted accounting system but shall report the change to the local collection authority-in-charge three months prior to commencement of the next fiscal year.

Article 23

The fiscal year shall commence on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December of each calendar year, provided that a profit-seeking enterprise may, on account of an existing usage of the business or of special circumstances arising from the seasonal nature of the business and upon the approval of the local collection authority-in-charge, change the commencing and expiring dates of its fiscal year.

Section 3 Profit-seeking enterprise Income Amount

Article 24

The amount of income of a profit-seeking enterprise shall be the net

income, i.e., the gross yearly income after deduction of all costs, expenses, losses and taxes. When calculating the amount of income in which there are taxable and exempt incomes involved, the costs, expenses or losses, except that those which are attributable to such respective income in a direct, reasonable and definite way, which may be attributed to thereby and recognized as its deductions respectively, shall be reasonably allocated to the respective income. Measures regarding such allocation shall be prescribed by the Ministry of Finance.

The unpaid accounts or expenses or losses or various debts payable recorded in a profit-seeking enterprise's accounts that have yet to have been paid at the time of the expiry of the period for the validating of such claims according to the relevant regulations shall be enumerated under other revenue headings, and shall be enumerated under the accounts of non-operating expenditure at the time of actual payment.

Income derived from interest of short-term commercial papers by a profit-seeking enterprise in accordance with Category 4, of Paragraph 1 of Article 14 shall not be added to the amount of income of the profit-seeking enterprise, but withheld in accordance with the provisions of Article 88. However, where the issuing date of short-term commercial papers held by a profit-seeking enterprise is a day on or after January 1, 2010, the interest income of such short-term commercial papers shall be added to the amount of income of the profit-seeking enterprise.

From January 1, 2010, interest distributed from beneficiary securities or asset-backed securities issued in accordance with the Financial Asset Securitization Act or the Real Estate Securitization Act by a profit-seeking enterprise shall be added to the amount of income of the profit-seeking enterprise, and excluded from the application of the provisions of Paragraph 2, Article 41 of the Financial Asset Securitization Act and Paragraph 3, Article 50 of the Real Estate Securitization Act regarding separate taxation.

Net dividends or net surplus earnings received by a profit-seeking enterprise having its head office outside the territory of the Republic of China shall not be added to the amount of income of the profit-seeking enterprise, but withheld in accordance with the provisions of Article 88.

## Article 24-1

Revenues received by a profit-seeking enterprise from interests on government bonds, corporate bonds, and financial bonds shall be calculated in accordance with the holding period, the face value and interest rate of bonds.

The tax on interest revenues as mentioned in the preceding paragraph calculated in accordance with the prescribed withholding rates shall be deducted from the amount of income tax payable for the annual income tax return of a profit-seeking enterprise.

The gains or losses derived from the securities transaction whereby a profit-seeking enterprise purchases bonds as described in the first paragraph between two interest payment days and then sells them before the

next interest payment day shall be the net amount of the sale price minus the purchase price and interest revenues.

From January 1, 2010, where the interest derived from repo (RP/RS) trade whereby a profit-seeking enterprise purchases securities or short-term commercial papers as described in the first paragraph and Paragraphs 2 and 3 in the preceding Article shall be the net amount of the sale price at their maturity in excess of the original purchase price, the interest shall be withheld in accordance with the provisions of Article 88, and added to the amount of income of the profit-seeking enterprise, and the amount of such withholding tax shall be deducted from the amount of income tax payable for the annual income tax return of such profit-seeking enterprise.

#### Article 24-2

The provisions of Article 4-1 and 4-2 shall not apply to gains or losses resulting from the buying or selling of securities or financial derivatives as approved by the competent authority for the purposes of risk management undertaken by a warrant issuer who issues call (put) warrants which have been approved by the competent authority. In such case, the gains or losses shall be included in the profits or losses of issuing of call (put) warrants. Where, however, the losses resulting from the buying and selling of call (put) warrants and the underlying securities as approved by the competent authority, and from the buying and selling of futures which are subject to futures transactions tax in accordance with the Futures Transactions Act, exceed the net amount of premiums received for the issuance of the call (put) warrant after subtracting relevant costs and expenses, such losses shall not be deductible.

The provisions of Article 4-1 and 4-2 shall not apply to profits or losses resulting from the carrying on of the business of financial derivatives transactions as approved by the competent authority. Such profits or losses shall, after the completion of settlement, be included in the amount of the income of the profit-seeking enterprise in the year of settlement and taxed accordingly.

#### Article 24-3

Where a shareholder, a member of the board of directors, or a supervisor of a profit-seeking enterprise organized as a company who receives money on behalf of the company and does not turn in the said sum within a reasonable period of time, or appropriates the sum for his or her own use, a tax shall be charged to the company for interest income based on the lending base rate of the Bank of Taiwan on January 1 of each respective period. However, if the aforesaid person has committed the offence of misappropriation, breach of trust or fraud against the company and has been charged with a lawsuit or prosecuted by the prosecutor, the company shall be exempt from the tax on interest income.

A company that lends money to a shareholder or any person without charging interest or charging the stipulated interest at an obviously low rate, except for paying in advance the salary to employees, shall calculate interest income based on the lending base rate of the Bank of Taiwan on January 1 of each respective period and an interest income tax shall be levied on the profit-seeking enterprise in accordance with this Act.

#### Article 24-4

Beginning from the year 2011, a profit-seeking enterprise which has its head office within the territory of the Republic of China and is engaged in marine transportation, qualified under certain criteria and approved by the central competent authority, will be able to calculate the taxable income derived from marine transportation on the basis of the amount of the net tonnage which is regulated in Paragraph 2. As for the revenue from business other than marine transportation, the calculation of such income is subject to the relevant provisions of this Act.

The taxable income derived from marine transportation as mentioned in the preceding paragraph is calculated by multiplying the accumulated daily profit, calculated in accordance with the following table, by 365 days:

1. For each ship with a net tonnage not exceeding 1,000 tons, the daily profit for each 100 tons up to 1,000 tons shall be NT\$67.
2. If the net tonnage of the ship is above 1,000 tons to 10,000 tons, the daily profit for each 100 tons between 1,000 and 10,000 tons shall be NT\$49.
3. If the net tonnage of the ship is above 10,000 tons to 25,000 tons, the daily profit for each 100 tons between 10,000 and 25,000 tons shall be NT\$32.
4. If the net tonnage of the ship is above 25,000 tons, the daily profit for each 100 tons above 25,000 tons shall be NT\$14.

The profit-seeking enterprise which elects to calculate the taxable income derived from marine transportation in accordance with Paragraph 1, once the choice is made to do so, shall be bound to such choice for a period of 10 years and shall not be changed. In case the profit-seeking enterprise fails to meet the requirements with reference to Paragraph 1 within the aforementioned period, and the approval has been cancelled by the central competent authority, such enterprise will not eligible to apply to calculate its income under the terms and conditions in the preceding paragraph for a period of five years commencing from the year in which it fails to meet the requirements.

The profit-seeking enterprise which elects to calculate its taxable income in accordance with Paragraph 2 will not be eligible to apply the following regulations:

1. The provision in Article 39 regarding the deduction of losses.
2. Other tax incentives regulated under other laws.

The regulations governing the scope of business revenue, deadline for filing applications, application procedures and other relevant matters in

Paragraph 1 shall be prescribed by the Ministry of Finance in consultation with the central competent authority.

## Article 25

Any profit-seeking enterprise having its head office outside the territory of the Republic of China, and which is engaged in international transport, construction contracting, providing technical services, or machinery and equipment leasing, etc., in the territory of the Republic of China, and the cost and expenses of which are difficult to calculate may apply for approval from the Ministry of Finance, or the Ministry of Finance may make the decision to consider ten per cent of its total business revenue for an enterprise engaged in international transport business, or fifteen per cent of its total business revenue for one engaged in any other businesses as its income derived within the territory of the Republic of China regardless whether or not it has a branch office or business agent in the territory of the Republic of China. In such cases, however, the regulation in Article 39 regarding the deduction of losses cannot be applied.

Business revenue derived by an international transport enterprise within the Republic of China as provided in the preceding paragraph shall be as follows:

1. Marine transport enterprises: Referring to all ticket fares or transportation charges for outbound passengers and cargo accepted for carriage inside the territory of the Republic of China;

2. Air transport enterprises:

(1) Passenger transport: refers to ticket fares from the stations of embarkation inside the territory of the Republic of China to first-leg stations outside the territory of the Republic of China,

(2) Cargo transport: refers to freight charges for the entire trip for the cargo accepted for carriage. However, whereas an international air transport enterprise has transshipped its outbound cargo enroute to an aircraft of another international air transport enterprise due to the route restrictions or other reasons, its freight charges shall be calculated according to the distance of the trip actually made.

First-leg stations outside the territory of the Republic of China as provided in item 2 of the preceding paragraph shall be prescribed by decree of the Ministry of Finance.

## Article 26

In the case of a motion picture enterprise outside of the territory of the Republic of China which has no branch office inside the territory of the Republic of China, fifty per cent of the revenue from the lease of motion pictures through agents shall be deemed as income within the territory of the Republic of China. Where a branch office has been established inside the territory of the Republic of China, costs may be computed at forty-five

per cent of the revenue from the lease of motion pictures.

#### Article 27

Where documents of evidence with respect to purchases are not obtained or kept by a profit-seeking enterprise or are found to be incorrect upon verification, the collection authority-in-charge may determine the purchase costs on the basis of the lowest prices prevailing in the year at the locality concerned.

Where documents of evidence with respect to sales are not issued to others or the counterfoils thereof are not kept by a profit-seeking enterprise, the collection authority-in-charge may determine the selling prices on the basis of the highest prevailing in the year at the locality concerned.

#### Article 28

The portion of an item of raw material used by a manufacturer in excess of the general raw material consumption standard of the trade shall be disallowed unless justifiable reason is submitted to and found true upon verification by the collection authority-in-charge.

#### Article 29

Interest on capital is paid out from the distribution of profit and, as such, shall not be listed as expense or loss.

#### Article 30

Interest payable on loans within a business year is deductible as expense or loss of that year.

Where the interest rate on loans as provided in the loan contracts exceeds the statutory rate, computation shall nevertheless be made according to the maximum interest rate chargeable by local commercial banks; provided that in case the collection authority-in-charge has determined the maximum interest rate with respect to a loan acquired from a source other than a bank by reference to the market rate, the maximum interest rate as determined by the collection authority-in-charge may apply.

#### Article 31

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Article 32

Salaries of the staff employees and workers of profit-seeking enterprise in conformity with any of the following provisions may be considered as expenses or losses:

1. Salaries of the staff employees and workers paid by corporations or cooperative societies, or salaries of the shareholders, board directors and supervisors who conduct business under a prior agreement paid by corporations or cooperative societies duly prescribed in the provisions of incorporation or under a previous resolution of shareholders' meeting or members' meeting as payable irrespective of whether the enterprises or societies operate at a profit or loss.
2. Salaries of the staff employees and workers of a partnership or sole-proprietorship and salaries of the partners who conduct the business or owner, paid irrespective of whether the partnership or sole-proprietorship operates at a profit or loss, if the amount of the salaries paid does not exceed the standard generally adhered by other firms of the same trade.

Article 33

All those profit-seeking enterprises which are subject to the application of the Labor Standards Act may each year set aside an amount within the limit of no more than fifteen per cent of the total salaries and wages paid in that year, as worker retirement reserve according to the Labor Standards Act or as labor pension or annuity insurance premiums according to the Labor Pension Act, and the appropriation thus made may be considered as expenses of the year.

Any profit-seeking enterprise which is not subject to the application of the Labor Standards Act and has established rules for the retirement of staff employees and workers may each year set aside a reserve for retirement pensions of no more than four per cent of the total salaries and wages paid in that year. However, in the case where any profit-seeking enterprise has set aside a retirement fund for staff employees and such fund is operated independently of the aforesaid profit-seeking enterprise under a separate means of custody, operation, distribution, etc. in conformity with the regulations as prescribed by the Ministry of Finance, such profit-seeking enterprise may each year appropriate such retirement reserve within the limit of no more than eight per cent of the total

salaries and wages paid in that year and may further consider them as expenses of the year.

Where a retirement fund for workers, or a reserve for retirement pensions for staff employees has been set up pursuant to the provisions of the above two paragraphs, payment of retirement pensions or severance pay in accordance with the regulations shall be paid first from such fund or reserve when staff employees and workers retire or are dismissed henceforward, and only when the fund or the reserve is insufficient to meet requirements, then such payment may be considered as expenses of the year of payment.

In computing income during liquidation proceeding upon dissolution, closure, merger or transfer of ownership of a profit-seeking enterprise in accordance with the provisions of Article 75, the accumulative balance of the retirement fund for workers or the reserve for retirement pensions should transfer to the current year's profit and handled accordingly.

#### Article 34

Expenditures incurred in the expansion, replacement, improvement or repair or buildings, vessels, machinery, tools, apparatus, appliances and other equipment for use in business, where such expenditure result in an increase of the value or efficiency thereof that cannot be exhausted within two years, are an increment of the capital and, as such, shall not be considered as expenses or losses.

#### Article 35

For damages due to force majeure, the portion of loss that has been indemnified by insurance shall not be considered as expenses or losses.

#### Article 36

Voluntary contributions and donations made by a profit-seeking enterprise shall be considered as expenses or losses of the year of payment in accordance with the following provisions:

1. Those that have been made for assisting national defense construction, troop cheering, contribution to government of any level and donation for a designated purpose approved by the Ministry of Finance as a special case. No restriction on the amount of money is placed;
2. In addition to the contributions and donations as provided in the preceding item, those that have been made by organizations and institutions which conform to the provisions of the fourth paragraph of Article 11 to a maximum extent of ten per cent of the amount of income.

## Article 37

Direct expenses incurred in the course of business for social entertainment for which positive evidence of payment has been received may be listed as expenses or losses to the extent as provided hereunder:

1. If the value of yearly purchases of an enterprise is less than NT\$ 30,000,000, direct expenses for social entertainment incurred at the time and for the purpose of purchase, shall not exceed 0.15% of the value of purchases for the whole year and, in case of an enterprise approved to use Blue Returns, such expenses shall not exceed 0.2% of the value of purchase for the whole year. If the value of yearly purchases is between NT\$ 30,000,000 and NT\$ 150,000,000, the expenses for social entertainment shall not exceed 0.1% of the portion between NT\$ 30,000,000 and NT\$ 150,000,000 and, in the case of an enterprise approved to use the Blue Returns, such expenses shall not exceed 0.15%. If the value of yearly purchases is between NT\$ 150,000,000 and NT\$ 600,000,000, the expenses for social entertainment shall not exceed 0.05% of the portion between NT\$ 150,000,000 to NT\$ 600,000,000 and, in the case of an enterprise approved to use the Blue Returns, such expenses shall not exceed 0.1%. If the value of yearly purchase exceed NT\$ 600,000,000, the expenses for social entertainment shall not exceed 0.025% of the portion in excess of NT\$ 600,000,000 and, in the case of an enterprise approved to use the Blue Returns, such expenses shall not exceed 0.05%;
2. If the value of yearly sales of an enterprise is less than NT\$ 30,000,000, direct expenses for social entertainment incurred at the time and for the purpose of sales shall not exceed 0.45% of the value of sales for the whole year and, for an enterprise approved to use the Blue Returns, such expenses shall not exceed 0.6% of the value of sales for the whole year. If the value of yearly sales is between NT\$ 30,000,000 and NT\$ 150,000,000, the expenses for social entertainment shall not exceed 0.3% for the portion of the value of sales in excess of NT\$ 30,000,000 to NT\$ 150,000,000 and, for an enterprise approved to use the Blue Returns, such expenses shall not exceed 0.4%. If the value of yearly sales is between NT\$ 150,000,000 and NT\$ 600,000,000, the expenses for social entertainment shall not exceed 0.2% for the portion of the value of sales between NT\$ 150,000,000 and NT\$ 600,000,000 and for an enterprise approved to use the Blue Returns, such expenses shall not exceed 0.3%. If the value of yearly sales is exceeds NT\$ 600,000,000, the expenses for social entertainment shall not exceed 0.1% for the portion of the value of sales in excess of NT\$600,000,000, and for an enterprise approved to use the Blue Returns, such expenses shall not exceed 0.15%.
3. If the amount of yearly freight charges of an enterprise is less than NT\$ 30,000,000, direct expenses for social entertainment incurred at the time and for the purpose of transportation of goods, shall not exceed 0.6% of the freight charge for the whole year and, for an enterprise approved to use the Blue Returns, such expenses shall not exceed 0.7% of the freight

charges for the whole year. If the amount of yearly freight charges is between NT\$ 30,000,000 and NT\$ 150,000,000, the expenses for social entertainment shall not exceed 0.5% for the portion of the freight charges between NT\$ 30,000,000 to NT\$ 150,000,000 and, for an enterprise approved to use the Blue Returns, such expenses shall not exceed 0.6%. If the yearly freight charges in excess of NT\$ 150,000,000, the expenses for social entertainment shall not exceed 0.4% for the portion of the value of the freight charges for the whole year and, for an enterprise approved to use the Blue Returns, such expenses shall not exceed 0.5%.

4. If the yearly business income of those businesses engaged in providing services or credit is less than NT\$ 9,000,000, direct expenses for social entertainment incurred at the time and for the purpose of consummating business transaction for the supply of services or credit shall not exceed 1% of the business income for the whole year and, for an enterprise approved to use the Blue Returns, such expenses shall not exceed 1.2% of the business income for the whole year. If the yearly business income is between NT\$ 9,000,000 and NT\$ 45,000,000, the expenses for social entertainment shall not exceed 0.6% for the portion of business income is between NT\$ 9,000,000 and NT\$ 45,000,000 and, for an enterprise approved to use the Blue Returns, such expenses shall not exceed 0.8%. If the yearly business income exceeds NT\$ 45,000,000, the expenses for social entertainment shall not exceed 0.4% for the portion of business income in excess NT\$ 45,000,000 and, for an enterprise approved to use the Blue Returns, such expenses shall not exceed 0.6%.

The limit of various entertainment expenses allowed for disbursement by state-owned enterprises shall be determined by the authority-in-charge and included in their budgets. For a profit-seeking enterprise which engages in export trade and earns foreign exchange receipts, besides listing as expenses the payment of social entertainment expenses as prescribed in the provisions of the sup-paragraphs of the preceding Paragraphs a special social entertainment expense may also be listed as expenses, not exceeding 2% of its total foreign exchange receipt settlement of the current year.

## Article 38

Losses incurred not in the course of operation of business or subsidiary business, family expenses, and such fines and surcharges for delinquent reporting, non-reporting, and delinquent payment of tax as provided in various tax acts shall not be included as expenses or losses.

## Article 39

Losses incurred in the operation of business in previous shall not be included in the computation for the current year provided, however, that in the case of a profit-seeking enterprise organized as a company that keeps a

complete set of account books, uses the Blue Returns as provided in Article 77 in the years such losses occurred and in the year of declaring such losses, or such losses have been duly certified by a certified public accountant and declared within the prescribed period, taxation may be made on its net income after deduction of losses incurred in the preceding ten years as verified and determined by the local collection authority-in-charge.

Before the implementation of the amendment of this Act made on January 6, 2009 ,to the preceding losses of a profit-seeking enterprise organized as a company conforming to the requirements set out in the proviso of the preceding Paragraph as verified and determined by the collection authority-in-charge which are not yet deducted completely according to the Act ,the amended provision shall apply after the amendment and implementation of this Article.

#### Article 40

Where the period of business operation is under one year, the amount of income derived for such period shall first be converted into corresponding annual income according to the proportion of the length of the period to the year, and the amount of income tax shall then be determined by the tax rate applicable to such annual income but paid basing on the original proportion for the period in which business is actually operated.

Where the period of business operation is under one month it shall be taken as one month.

#### Article 41

If a profit-seeking enterprise whose head office is outside the territory of the Republic of China has a fixed place of business or business agent is located inside the territory of the Republic of China, the fixed place of business or business agent shall keep separate accounting books and its profit-seeking enterprise income tax shall be assessed accordingly.

#### Article 42

The net dividend or net surplus earning received by a profit-seeking enterprise organized as a company from its investment in another domestic profit-seeking enterprise shall not be included in its taxable income, and the amount of tax deductible from such income shall be included in the balance in its shareholder deductible tax account in accordance with the provisions of Article 66-3 hereof.

Where an education, culture, public welfare, or charity institution or

organization has received any net dividend or net surplus earning as described in the preceding Paragraph, such income shall not be included in its taxable income, and the amount of tax deductible from such income shall not be used to offset the income tax payable by it, nor may it apply for refund thereof.

#### Article 43

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#### Article 43-1

A profit-seeking enterprise which has an affiliated relationship with, or is directly or indirectly owned or controlled by another enterprise within or without the territory of the Republic of China, whereof, if it is found that arrangement of their mutual income, cost, expense, profit or loss distribution does not conform with the regular business practice, hence, results in a tax evasion or reduction, the collection authority-in-charge for the purpose of computing the accurate income of the enterprise may report it to the Ministry of Finance for approval in effecting an adjustment in accordance with the regular business practice.

#### Article 43-2

Beginning from the year 2011, excess interest shall not be considered as expense or loss if the proportion of related party debt to equity of a profit-seeking enterprise exceeds a specified ratio.

The profit-seeking enterprise referred to in the preceding paragraph shall, when filing its tax return, disclose the information regarding the debt-to-equity ratio of the debt owed to related parties and other relevant information in its annual income tax return.

The regulations governing the scope of related parties, liabilities, and owner's equity, the specified debt-to-equity ratio, and other requirements to be observed by the profit-seeking enterprise specified in Paragraph 1 of this Article shall be prescribed by the Ministry of Finance.

The provisions of the preceding three paragraphs shall not apply to banks, credit cooperatives, financial holding companies, bills finance companies, insurance companies and securities firms.

#### Section 4 Evaluation of Assets

#### Article 44

Inventories of merchandise, raw materials, supplies, goods-in-process, finished goods and by-products shall be evaluated on the basis of actual cost. Where the cost is higher than the net realizable value, the taxpayer may take the net realizable value as the basis of evaluation. A loss on a decline in the net realizable value of the inventories is allowed to be the cost of goods sold. In case the cost is not ascertainable or the net realizable value is not derivable by reasonable anticipation, the local collection authority-in-charge shall determine it on the basis of expert opinion or by appraisal.

Net realizable value as provided in the preceding paragraph refers to the expected net margin from the sales under regular operation.

Cost as provided in Paragraph 1 may be calculated by using the specific identification method, first-in first-out method, weighted average method, moving average method, or other methods approved by the competent authority in accordance with the categories or characteristics of an inventory.

#### Article 45

Actual cost means the price paid for acquisition of an asset where such is paid, and includes not only the purchase price paid at time of acquisition but also all necessary expenses incidental to acquisition or incurred in making it fit for use in the operation of business. Where an asset is manufactured or constructed instead of purchased, the cost includes materials, labor and all expenses incurred in designing, manufacture, construction and installation necessary to make it fit for use in the operation of business. In the case of an asset brought forward at the beginning of a period, the cost means the original inventory price.

Expense incurred in the expansion, replacement, improvement or repair of any asset as a result of which its value or efficiency is increased may, to the extent of such increase, be added to the balance of the actual cost for computation.

#### Article 46

Market value means the current price prevailing at the locality concerned on the day of making final report of the account.

#### Article 47

The cost of goods-in-transit is the cost standing at time of commencement of transit, and the market value thereof is the market value prevailing at the place of destination.

Evaluation of a by-product shall be in accordance with the provisions of Article 44 of this Act where cost thereof is verifiable; and on the basis of the market value after deduction of selling expenses where cost thereof is not available.

#### Article 48

The provisions of Article 44 of this Act shall apply mutatis mutandis in the evaluation of short-terms investments in valuable securities. Where the market value of such securities at the close of a financial period has been subject to violent fluctuations, the average price during the immediately preceding month may be taken as their market value on the day of making final report of the account.

#### Article 49

Accounts receivable and notes receivable shall be evaluated at their respective amounts less deductions for estimated allowance for bad debts. Allowance for bad debts as set forth in the preceding Paragraph, shall be estimated and set aside in an amount not exceeding 1% of the amount of outstanding balance of the accounts receivable and the notes receivable, or of the amount of outstanding balance of credits in the case of a financial institution.

Where the percentage of bad debt losses actually incurred and declarable by a profit-seeking enterprise under the act exceeds the percentage specified in the preceding Paragraph, the allowance for such bad debts may be estimated and set aside in an amount not exceeding the average of the percentages of actual bad debts declarable by the said profit-seeking enterprise under the act in the preceding three years.

For a profit-seeking enterprise if it is found in the following year that the amount of all ascertained loss in bad debts differs from that of the estimated losses, adjustment shall be made in the estimation of loss in bad debts for the current year to conform to the allowable percentage.

Under any of the following circumstances, an account receivable or note receivable or any other item of uncollected credit may be deemed as an ascertained bad debts loss:

1. Where the outstanding amount is wholly or partially uncollectible by reason of insolvency, dodging of the debtor, compromise or adjudication of bankruptcy, or any other cause;
2. Where the outstanding amount has been past due for a period over two years during which neither the principal nor the interest accrued thereon has been paid despite demands made therefor.

If the outstanding amount as set forth in the preceding Paragraph is collected after being written off as loss, the amount actually collected shall be deemed as a profit for the year in which it is collected.

## Article 50

Buildings, fixtures, appurtenant equipment, vessels, machinery, tools apparatus appliances and other fixed assets shall be evaluated at cost less prescribed depreciation.

## Article 51

Fixed assets must be depreciated by using the straight-line method, fixed percentage on diminishing book value method, sum-of-years'-digits method, production method, working-hour method or other depreciation methods approved by the competent authority. Where the assets belong to different categories, the depreciation may combine the computation based on the respective categories.

The service life of various kinds of fixed assets shall be such as is prescribed in the Table of Service Life of Fixed Assets; however, the service life of equipment installed to the prevention of water pollution or air pollution may be accelerated to two years.

In the computation of depreciation of each kind of fixed assets, the service life of such fixed assets shall not be shorter than the minimum years of service life specified in the said table unless special permission has been granted by the Government to adopt the shortening as a measure of encouragement.

## Article 51-1

When a passenger sedan newly purchased by a profit-seeking enterprise is depreciated in accordance with the provision of paragraph 1 of the preceding Article, its actual cost shall not exceed the criteria prescribed by the Ministry of Finance.

If the aforementioned sedan, after having been used, is sold, destroyed or scrapped, its income or loss shall be also be computed on the basis of underpreciated value which is calculated in accordance with the formal method of depreciation prescribed by this act.

## Article 52

Where the actual cost of the fixed assets is increased or decreased after a

number of years of use, the depreciation of such assets shall be computed on the basis of the cost after such increase or decrease at the prescribed rate of depreciation with the remaining portion of the service life taken as their service life.

#### Article 53

Where the fixed assets have at the time of acquisition been used for a number of years, the depreciation thereof shall be computed at the prescribed rate of depreciation with the remaining portion of the service life taken as their service life.

Where it is foreseeable at the time of acquisition of the fixed assets that they will not have the normal length of service on account of certain special circumstances, the actual useful years may, upon presentation of documentary evidence, be taken as their service life for computing depreciation at the prescribed rate.

#### Article 54

For valuation of depreciable fixed assets, accumulated depreciation accounts must be established and presented as deductions of the respective assets. The depreciation of fixed assets must be presented on an annual basis.

When the depreciation of fixed assets is computed, the salvage value must be estimated. The balance after deduction of the salvage value shall be used as the basis for the computation.

If a fixed asset continues to be used after expiration of its duration limit, such asset can continue to be depreciated using the salvage value thereof.

#### Article 55

Where the fixed assets have reached the full period of their prescribed useful years but the accumulation of depreciation thereof has not amounted to the cost thereof, depreciation at the original rate may be made until full depreciation has been made.

#### Article 56

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## Article 57

If the fixed assets which have been completely depreciated are destroyed or become obsolete at the expiration of their useful years, the difference, if any, of the residual value previously estimated over the proceeds from sale of scraps may be charged to loss for the current year. In case the proceeds from sale of scraps exceed the residual value previously estimated, the difference shall be charged to income of the current year.

Where the fixed assets are destroyed or become obsolete on account of specific reasons, at any time before the end of their prescribed service years, their undepreciated value may, upon submission of reliable documentary evidence, be charged to loss for the proper fiscal year, provided, that proceeds from the sale of scraps, if any, shall be considered as income.

## Article 58

Where the service life of the fixed assets is less than two years, the cost thereof may be listed as loss for the fiscal year in which such assets are acquired, manufactured or constructed, and annual depreciation thereof is not required.

## Article 59

Depletion assets shall be valued on the basis of the value left over after deducting from the cost of such assets the depletion charge for each period. Computation of the depletion charge may be made according to one of the following formulas; provided that whichever is used shall not be changed afterwards:

1. To compute at the close of the business year the depletion charge deductible for the current year on the basis of the quantity actually exploited within the current year multiplied by the estimated unit depletion charge, which is worked out by dividing the cost of the depletion assets against the quantity exploitable;
2. To set aside annually from the gross amount of proceeds realized from the exploitation or sale of products the depletion charge according to the Table of Depletion Assets; provided that the depletion charge set aside annually shall not exceed fifty per cent of the amount of gain derived in the current year from the assets before deducting therefrom the depletion charge; and that the aggregation of such depletion charge shall in no case exceed the cost of the assets. In the case of depletion assets producing petroleum or natural gas a depletion in the amount of 27.5 per cent of the

gross amount of proceeds realized from sale of the production in the current year may be set aside therefrom annually till the assets are completely exhausted; provided that the depletion charge set aside annually shall not exceed fifty per cent of the amount of gain derived in the current year from the assets before deducting therefrom the depletion charge.

#### Article 60

Business rights, trademarks, copyrights, patents and other franchises are assets only if they are acquired by purchase.

Such intangible assets as referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be valued at cost less the amount amortized for each period.

The cost of intangible assets shall be amortized in equal annual installments in accordance with the following prescribed number of years of amortization; provided that Where an intangible asset after acquisition cannot be amortized according to the prescribed number of years of amortization on account of specific reasons, an application stating the reasons therefore may be submitted to the collection authority-in-charge for permission to amortize in a different manner:

1. Amortization of business rights shall be based on a period of ten years;
2. Amortization of copyrights shall be based on a period of fifteen years;
3. Amortization of trademarks, patents and all other franchises may be based on the number of years of enjoyment of such rights after acquisition.

#### Article 61

In the case of a 25 per cent rise in prices, the fixed assets depletion assets and intangible assets as referred to in this Act may be revalued.

Rules governing the conduction of assets revaluation and formulas of revaluation shall be separately prescribed by the Executive Yuan.

#### Article 62

Deposits, loans, or bonds for long-term investment shall be valued at the current value computed based on the period for amortization. Computation of the current value shall be based on the interest at the contracted rate if the debt is interest-bearing, or at the average interest rate prevailing among local banks on deposit at fixed term of one year if the debt is not interest-bearing.

When the debt as referred to in the preceding paragraph is recovered at maturity, the portion of interest accuring from the value in excess of the

current value shall be listed as profit for the year in which the debt is recovered.

#### Article 63

Where a long-term investment is made to hold all the shares or more than one-half of the shares of a subsidiary enterprise, it shall be valued on the basis of the total net worth of the assets of such an enterprise or a part thereof proportionate to the amount of shares held. Where the amount of long-term investment in any other enterprise is less than a majority of its total amount of capital, the valuation of the investment shall be based on the cost.

#### Article 64

##### Article 64

Evaluation of the prepaid expenses shall be based on the portion of the amount remaining within the unexpired period; inventory of supplies must be valued on the basis of the portion of amount covering the unused supplies; evaluation of other deferred expenses must be based on the non-amortized amount.

Expenditures of a profit-seeking enterprise incurred during the organizational period must be recorded as current expenses. The term "organizational period" means the period from the preparatory stage to the starting date of the business that commences to generate significant revenue.

The expenses defrayed for the issue of corporate bonds and the difference resulting from the discounted issuance of corporate bonds against their face value shall, where a definite period of amortization is provided for, be amortized in installments according to such a period.

#### Article 65

In the case of dissolution, discontinuance, merger or consolidation, division, acquisition, or transfer of ownership of a profit-seeking enterprise, evaluation of its assets shall be based on the current value or the actual price at which the transaction is made.

#### Article 66

A taxpayer shall keep an inventory stating therein the quantity, unit, unit price, total price and location of all his assets as well as that whether the price indicated is the cost, or the current value or the appraised value.

Where a taxpayer fails to produce reliable documentary evidence in support of the valuation of his assets, the collection authority-in-charge may directly determine the value of such assets by way of appraisement.

## Section 5 Shareholder Deductible Tax Account

### Article 66-1

Beginning from 1998, any profit-seeking enterprise subject to assessment of profit-seeking tax under this Act shall set up a shareholder tax offsetting account separate from its regular accounting books for recording the amount of income tax leviable on the dividends and surplus earnings distributable to its shareholders, and shall keep and make available for inspection by tax collection authorities any and all receipts, vouchers and records which are sufficient for making accurate calculation of the amount recorded in the said account. Any profit-seeking enterprise newly incorporated after 1998 shall set up such account and keep such records from the date of its incorporation.

Any of the following profit-seeking enterprises, institutions or organizations may be exempted from establishing the shareholder tax offsetting account, if:

1. Its head office is located outside the territory of the Republic of China;
2. Is a wholly owned entity or a partnership;
3. Is an education, culture, public welfare, or charity institution or organization in according with the provisions of Paragraph Four, Article 11; or
4. Is an entity of organization which is not permitted to make distribution of surplus profits or earnings under the provisions of other acts and regulations or its Articles of Incorporation.

### Article 66-2

The accounting period for a profit-seeking enterprise to enter the records into its shareholder tax offsetting account shall commence from January 1 and end on December 31 of each year provided, however, that if the from and to dates of the fiscal year of a profit-seeking enterprise is changed and approved in accordance with the provisions of Article 23 hereof, the profit-seeking enterprise shall apply to the competent tax collection authority for an approval of its use of the from and to dates of its fiscal year for the accounting purpose set forth in this Paragraph.

For the shareholder tax offsetting account which is set up in the year 1998 by an existing profit-seeking enterprise and/or a newly incorporated profit-seeking enterprise, the beginning balance of the said account for that current year shall be zero. The beginning balance thereof for each ensuing year thereafter shall be equal to the closing balance for the immediately preceding year.

### Article 66-3

A profit-seeking enterprise shall include the following amounts in the current year balance of its shareholder deductible tax account:

1. The amount for payment of additional income tax and/or the amount of tax on the undistributed earnings or profits as assessed by the tax collection authority after its examination and investigation of the amount of tax payable as declared in the annual income tax return filed by the profit-seeking-enterprise for the year 1998 or each ensuing year thereafter;
2. The amount of deductible tax contained in the aggregate of dividends or surplus earnings distributed to the said profit-seeking-enterprise in the year 1998 or each ensuing year thereafter for its investment in other profit-seeking-enterprise(s) located within the territory of the Republic of China;
3. The amount of tax withheld from the interest on short-term commercial papers whereof the issuing date is a day on or before December 31, 2009 as calculated based on the period of possession of such bills by the said profit-seeking-enterprise in the year 1998 or any ensuing year thereafter;
4. The amount of deductible tax which has been deducted in accordance with the provisions of Item 3, Paragraph 1, Article 66-4 thereof from the capitalized legal reserve or special reserve;
5. The amount of the balance in the shareholder deductible tax account of the extinguished company succeeded by the said profit-seeking-enterprise after a consolidation or merger arrangement provided, however, that it shall not exceed the amount of tax as calculated in accordance with the upper limit of the tax deduction ratio applicable to the aggregate amount of undistributed surplus earnings as originally booked by the extinguished company; and
6. Other accounting items and amount thereof as determined by the Ministry of Finance.

Under the circumstances set out in the preceding paragraph, the reference dates for a profit-seeking-enterprise to enter the deductible tax in its shareholder deductible tax account for each current year are fixed as follows:

1. In the case as described in Item 1 of the preceding paragraph: the payment date of the tax, if the tax is paid in cash; or the settlement date of annual accounts, if the income tax payable as declared in the annual income tax return is paid with temporary tax payment or by offsetting against the income tax withheld;
2. In the case as described in Item 2 of the preceding paragraph: the date

of receipt of the distributed dividends or surplus earnings;

3. In the case as described in Item 3 of the preceding paragraph: the date of transfer of the short term bills or the date of receipt of the interest;
4. In the case as described in Item 4 of the preceding paragraph: the date of capitalization of the legal reserve or the special reserve;
5. In the case as described in Item 5 of the preceding paragraph: the effective date of the consolidation or merger;
6. In the case as described in Item 6 of the preceding paragraph: the date to be decided by the Ministry of Finance.

None of the following amounts may be included in the balance of the shareholder deductible tax account maintained by a profit-seeking-enterprise for any current year:

1. The amount of profit-seeking-enterprise income tax withheld under Article 98-1 hereof;
2. The amount of profit-seeking-enterprise income tax paid by it, and the amount of deductible tax on the distributed dividend or surplus earnings received by it in the capacity as a trustee for the operation of trust business;
3. The amount of profit-seeking-enterprise income tax paid up before setting up the shareholder deductible tax account pursuant to this amendment;
4. The amount of profit-seeking-enterprise income tax paid for the year 1997 or any previous year; and
5. The amount of the paid-up surcharge for delayed tax declaration, surcharge for delinquency in filing tax return, surcharge or fine for delayed payment of tax, and the interest accrued upon the delinquent tax payment.

#### Article 66-4

The following amounts shall be deducted from the balance in the shareholder deductible tax account of a profit-seeking-enterprise being kept for any current accounting year:

1. The amount of deductible tax included in the aggregate of dividends or surplus earnings distributed for the year 1998 or each ensuing year thereafter;
2. The amount of deductible income tax as approved by the tax collection authority after its examination and verification of the amount of profit-seeking-enterprise income tax payable in the Republic of China as declared in the annual income return filed for the year 1998 or any ensuing year thereafter;
3. The amount of the profit-seeking-enterprise income tax which was included in the legal earned surplus reserve, legal reserve, public interest reserve or special surplus reserve set aside in accordance with the Company Act or other relevant acts and regulations and has been paid up for the then current year;
4. The amount of profit-seeking-enterprise income tax which was included in the bonus distributed to directors, supervisors and employees in accordance

with the Company Act and has been paid up for the then current year; and  
5. Other items and the amount thereof as determined by the Ministry of Finance.

Under the circumstances set out in the preceding Paragraph, the reference dates for a profit-seeking enterprise to make tax deduction from its shareholder deductible tax account for each current year are fixed as follows:

1. In the case as described in Item 1 of the preceding Paragraph: the distribution date;
2. In the case as described in Item 2 of the preceding Paragraph: the date of service of the tax refund notice;
3. In the case as described in Item 3 of the preceding Paragraph: the date on which such reserve funds are set aside;
4. In the case as described in Item 4 of the preceding Paragraph: the date of distribution of the bonus; and
5. In the case as described in Item 5 of the preceding Paragraph: the date to be decided by the Ministry of Finance.

#### Article 66-5

The amount of deductible tax distributable by a profit-seeking-enterprise to its shareholders or members in accordance with the provisions of Article 3 hereof shall be limited to an amount not exceeding the amount of the balance being kept in its shareholder deductible tax account on the date of distribution of the dividends or surplus earnings, as the case may be.

Upon dissolution, a profit-seeking-enterprise shall cancel the amount of the balance in the shareholder deductible tax account after completion of liquidation and distribution of its residual assets.

Upon consolidation or merger of profit-seeking-enterprises, the balance being kept in the shareholder deductible tax account of the company to be extinguished after the consolidation or merger shall be canceled on the effective date of the consolidation or merger.

#### Article 66-6

When making surplus earning distribution for the year 1998 or each ensuing year thereafter, a profit-seeking-enterprise shall use the ratio of the amount of balance in its shareholder deductible tax account to the booked amount of balance in its undistributed surplus earning account as the tax deduction ratio in calculating the amount of deductible tax based on the net amount of dividend or surplus earnings distributable to each shareholder or member, and shall have the amount of deductible tax so calculated plus the amount of distributable dividend or surplus earnings distributed to each shareholder or member accordingly. The following

formula shall be used for the purpose of this Article:

Tax deduction ratio = amount of balance in the shareholder deductible tax account/ the aggregate amount of balance in the undistributed surplus earnings

Amount of shareholder (member) deductible tax = amount of the net dividend (or surplus earnings)  $\times$  tax deduction ratio

In case the tax deduction ratio as calculated using the formula given in the preceding Paragraph is higher than the upper limit of the tax deduction ratio, the said upper limit of tax deduction ratio shall prevail in calculating the amount of shareholder (or member) deductible tax. The applicable upper limits of the tax deduction ratio are fixed as follows:

1. For an aggregate amount of undistributed surplus earnings not having been assessed with a 10% profit-seeking-enterprise income tax: 33.33% if the distributed surplus earnings are accumulated before 2009, and 20.48% if the distributed surplus earnings are accumulated after 2010.

2. For an aggregate amount of undistributed surplus earnings having been assessed with a 10% profit-seeking-enterprise income tax: 48.15% if the distributed surplus earnings are accumulated before 2009, and 33.87% if the distributed surplus earnings are accumulated after 2010.

3. For an aggregate amount of undistributed surplus earnings partially accumulated before 2009 and partially accumulated after 2010, partially assessed and partially not assessed with a 10% profit-seeking-enterprise income tax: the sum of the amounts of deductible tax to be calculated respectively based on the applicable tax deduction ratios specified in the preceding two Items in respect of the different proportions of the aforesaid two parts of undistributed surplus earnings to the aggregate amount of the undistributed surplus earnings.

The term "booked aggregate amount of undistributed surplus earnings of a profit-seeking-enterprise" shall refer to the amount of the aggregate undistributed surplus earnings as calculated by a profit-seeking-enterprise in accordance with the commercial accounting rules for the year 1998 or each ensuing year there after.

The amount of deductible tax to be calculated based on the tax deduction ratios specified in Paragraph 1 of this Article shall be rounded off to the nearest ten thousandth; and if the last figure of the amount of deductible tax for each shareholder or member is less than one dollar, such figure shall be rounded off.

## Article 66-7

Any profit-seeking-enterprise which is exempted from setting up a shareholder deductible tax account under Paragraph 2, Article 66-1 hereof shall not allocate any amount of deductible tax to its shareholders or members for offsetting the tax payable by them respectively, except for the profit-seeking-enterprises organized in the form of a wholly-owned enterprise or a partnership which shall be subject to the provisions otherwise provided for in this Act.

## Article 66-8

In case any individual person of profit-seeking-enterprise is discovered to have improperly evaded or reduced the tax burden for himself or for other person(s) by means of transfer of shareholder's equity or any other false arrangement, the tax collection authority may, with the approval of the Ministry of Finance and based on the information acquired during investigation, make necessary adjustment in accordance with the amount of dividend, surplus earnings or deductible tax distributable to or receivable by such individual person or profit-seeking-enterprise.

## Section 6 Taxation on Undistributed Surplus Earnings

### Article 66-9

Beginning from the year 1998, if there is any surplus earnings of the then current year not distributed by a profit-seeking enterprise, an additional profit-seeking income tax shall be levied at the rate of ten percent on such undistributed surplus earnings.

The term "undistributed surplus earnings" as referred to in the preceding Paragraph, beginning from the year 2005, shall denote the amount of income after tax as calculated by a profit-seeking enterprise in accordance with the Commercial Accounting Act, less the following sums:

1. (deleted);
2. Make-up of the losses in previous years and the next-year-loss which has been duly audited and certified by a certificated public accountant;
3. Net dividends or net earnings which have been distributed from the earnings gained in the current year;
4. Legal earned surplus reserve having been set aside from the surplus earnings of the current year in accordance with the Company Act or other acts, the legal reserve and the public interest reserve having been set aside in accordance with the Cooperative Act;
5. Sinking fund reserve or restricted distributable surplus earnings which were required to be set aside or restricted from distribution under any treaty signed by the nation with another country, or under any agreement signed in accordance with the economic assistance or loan agreement signed by the nation with any international organization;
6. Bonus or remuneration paid to directors, governors and employees from the surplus earnings in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation of the company or cooperative;
7. Special reserve or restricted distributable surplus earnings which were required to be set aside or restricted from distribution of the surplus earnings of the current year pursuant to the order given by the competent authority in accordance with the provisions of other laws;
8. Capital reserve which was required to be transformed from income after tax pursuant to the provisions of other laws;

9.(deleted); and

10. Other accounts as approved by the Ministry of Finance.

The amount of the accounts specifies in Items 3 through 8 of the preceding Paragraph shall be limited to those actually occurred prior to the end of the fiscal year following the year in which the respective incomes are taxable.

The term "income after tax" referred in Paragraph 2 of this Article, in the case where the financial statements in the current year of a profit-seeking enterprise were duly audited and certified by a certified public accountant, shall be based on the amount which was assessed by such certified public accountant. However, if thereafter the authority in charge conducts an assessment of such financial statements and makes an adjustment to the amount of income after tax, the original amount shall be replaced by the amount after such adjustment of which the authority in charge has informed the enterprise.

If the reasons why distributable surplus earnings were restricted from distribution pursuant to the provisions of Items 5 and 7 of Paragraph 2 of this Article are no longer pertaining, the part of which the distributable surplus earnings therefrom have been undistributed prior to the end of the fiscal year following the year when the reasons no longer pertain shall be added to the surplus earnings of the year when the reasons no longer pertain and be subject to the levy of an additional profit- seeking income tax at the rate of ten percent.

#### Chapter 4 Assessment & Collection Procedure

##### Section 1 Provisional Payment

###### Article 67

A profit-seeking enterprise, except those that conform to the provisions of Article 69, shall within one month from September 1 to September 30 of each year, take one-half of the amount of tax payable as declared in its profit-seeking enterprise income tax return filed in the preceding year as the amount of provisional payment of tax and pay to the public treasury and file with the local collection authority-in-charge a declaration for provisional payment of tax on a prescribed form along with the receipt of the provisional payment.

A profit-seeking enterprise, without using investment tax credit, refundable tax from administrative remedy and withholding tax to offset the amount of provisional tax payment in the preceding Paragraph, shall be exempt from filing a provisional income tax return according to the provision of the preceding Paragraph, if it pays the provisional tax to the public treasury.

Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1, a profit-seeking enterprise organized as a company which keeps a complete set of account books and evidential documents, uses the Blue Return as provided in Article 77 or entrusts a certified public accountant to examine and certify its provisional tax return, and files the return within the said period, may

alternatively compute the amount of provisional tax payment, which is based on the operating income incurred for the first six months of the current year under the relevant provisions of the Income Tax Act and applied with the tax rates.

## Article 68

In the case where a profit-seeking enterprise fails to make the provisional tax payment within the period as specified in Paragraph 1 of the preceding Article but has since filed the return and paid the amount of provisional tax payment, which is computed in accordance with the said provision, of his own accord to the collection authority before 31 October, an interest accruable thereon as calculated on a daily basis at the banking rate for deposits as specified in Article 123 from 1 October until the date of the payment shall be collected together with the aforesaid amount of provisional tax payment.

In the case where a profit-seeking enterprise fails to make the provisional payment in accordance with Paragraph 1 of the preceding Article, before October 31, the collection authority shall compute the amount of provisional tax payable by it in accordance with the provisions of the preceding paragraph and issue to the said profit-seeking enterprise a tax demand notice covering the provisional payment plus one month's interest to be calculated at the banking interest rate for deposits as specified in Article 123, requiring the said profit-seeking enterprise to make the payment to the public treasury in fifteen days.

## Article 69

The provisions of the preceding two Article shall not apply to the following cases:

1. (Deleted);
2. A profit-seeking enterprise without permanent establishment in the territory of the Republic of China, having its profit-seeking enterprise income tax withheld by business agent or the payer in accordance with the provisions of Article 98-1;
3. A sole proprietorship or a partnership and any approved small-scale profit-seeking enterprise;
4. Any profit-seeking enterprise not subject to profit-seeking enterprise income tax in accordance with this Act or other relevant acts;
5. (Deleted).
6. Other profit-seeking enterprises approved by the Ministry of Finance.

Article 70

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Section 2 Annual Income Tax Return

Article 71

A taxpayer shall, within the period from May 1 to May 31 of each year, fill out and file to the tax collection authority-in-charge and annual income return declaring therein the items and amounts that make up his gross consolidated income(for an individual person) or the gross profit-seeking income(for a profit-seeking enterprise) for the preceding year together with the tax deductions/exemptions, and/or offsets associated therewith, if any. The taxpayer shall further calculate the amount of income tax actually payable by him/it by deducting from the amount of income tax payable for the whole year the provisional income tax payment, the unused withholding tax and the amount of deductible tax, and shall make payment voluntarily of the same before filing the annual income tax return. However, the withholding tax from the income subject to separate taxation in accordance with the Act, and the amount of deductible tax included in the total amount of dividends or earnings paid to a profit-seeking enterprise shall not be deductible.

A profit-seeking enterprise organized as a sole proprietorship or a partnership shall file the annual income tax return according to the provision of the preceding Paragraph and need not calculate and pay the amount of income tax payable. Moreover, where the amount of aforesaid income of a profit-seeking enterprise shall be categorized as "income from profit-seeking" in accordance with Category 1, Paragraph 1 of Article 14 and filed with the local tax collection authority by the sole proprietor of such sole proprietorship or the partners of such profit-seeking partnership, the consolidated income tax shall be levied in accordance with this Act on such consolidated income.

Filing of an annual income tax return shall be exempt for an individual residing in the territory of the Republic of China whose annual gross consolidated income does not exceed the sum of the amount of exemption plus the standard deduction for the current year provided, however, that if an application has been filed for refund of the tax withheld and the tax credit, the said taxpayer shall still be required to file the annual income tax return.

The term "amount of deductible tax" set forth in Paragraph 1 and Paragraph 3 above shall refer to the amount of tax paid as indicated in the dividend distribution voucher.

Article 71-1

In case an individual residing in the territory of the Republic of China dies in the taxable year, his taxable income occurred in the year of his death and in the previous year, except those who are exempt from filing an annual income tax return as provided in Article 71, shall be subject to the annual income tax return which shall be filed by the will executors, heirs or estate administrators within three months from the date of death of the decedent. In such a case, the will executors, heirs or estate administrators shall, within the total value of the estate, be responsible for all the obligations concerning the tax return. However in case the deceased is survived by his spouse who is an individual residing in the territory of the Republic of China, the spouse shall file the annual income tax return and make tax payment thereof in accordance with the provision of Article 71.

Any individual residing in the territory of the Republic of China, who abolishes his domicile or residence in the territory of the Republic of China and is going to leave the territory of the Republic of China, shall file his annual income tax return in the taxable year before his departure. However, in case the spouse is an individual residing in the territory of the Republic of China, and continues to live in the territory of the Republic of China, he(she) shall file the annual income tax return and make tax payment in accordance with the provisions of Article 71.

In conformity with the provisions of Paragraph 13 Article 4, an organization or institution established for educational, cultural, public welfare or charitable purposes or its operating subsidiary shall file its income tax return in accordance with the provisions of Article 71, and still shall pay income tax, if it is not qualified to be exempt from income tax.

## Article 72

The period for filing annual income tax return as provided in Paragraph 1 of Article 71-1 may, before the time limit and under special circumstances, through the application of the will executors, or heirs, or estate administrator and upon the approval of the collection authority, be extended to a date not later than the time limit prescribed for filing estate tax.

Any taxpayer as provided in Paragraph 2 of Article 71-1 and Article 73 may, under special circumstances, not being able to file his tax return within the time limit personally and upon the approval of the collection authority, appoint an individual residing in the territory of the Republic of China to file tax return and make tax payment on his behalf. In the case of delinquent payment or failure to entrust a legally registered accountant or any other lawful agent to file the tax return and make tax payment on his behalf, the collection authority-in-charge may notify the exit/entry control office to deny exit clearance to such a taxpayer.

## Article 73

In the case of an individual not residing in the territory of the Republic of China or a profit-seeking enterprise having no permanent establishment or business agent within the territory of the Republic of China, in the event of having income within the territory of the Republic of China as provided in Article 88, the income reporting provisions under Article 71 shall not apply and the tax withholder shall withhold the income tax payable in accordance with prescribed withholding rates. In case the taxpayer has income which does not fall within the withholding scope as provided in Article 88, and is going to leave the territory of the Republic of China prior to the time limit prescribed for filing income tax return in the taxable year, he shall file a tax return with the local collection authority-in-charge prior to his departure and make tax payment according to the prescribed tax rates, and in case he does not leave within the time limit prescribed for filing income tax return in the taxable year, he shall file a tax return and make tax payment in accordance with the regulations concerned.

In the case of a profit-seeking enterprise with no permanent establishment but having a business agent in the territory of the Republic of China, except where computation of income is made in accordance with Article 25 and 26 where income tax is withheld and paid in accordance with the provisions concerned, the business agent concerned shall be responsible for filing of income return with the local collection authority-in-charge and for payment of income tax in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

## Article 73-1

Except for those which are tax-exempt according to the Act, all interests derived from loans extended to individuals, legal entities, government agencies or financial institutions within the territory of the Republic of China, by branches of international banking business institutions (Off-shore Banking Branches) shall be reported for tax assessment based on the total amount of interest received against the prescribed tax withholding rates within the time limit as stipulated in the provision of Article 71 of this Act.

## Article 73-2

The provisions of Article 3-1 hereof does not apply to the amount of taxes included in the total amount of dividends or the total amount of surplus earnings distributed to an individual person not residing in the territory

of the Republic of China, and any profit-seeking enterprise having its head office outside the territory of the Republic of China. However, in case that the total amount of dividends or the total amount of surplus earnings received by such individual person or profit-seeking enterprise contains any income subject to a 10% surcharge of profit-seeking income tax which was actually paid under the provisions of Article 66-9 hereof, then the surcharged amount of profit-seeking income tax may offset the amount of income tax which should be withheld from the payment of the net amount of such dividends or surplus earnings.

#### Article 74

Where a profit-seeking enterprise changes its fiscal year with the approval of the local collection authority-in-charge, it shall. Within one month from the date of change, file with the local collection authority-in-charge on a prescribed form the amount of income accrued prior to the change, compute the income tax payable in accordance with the provisions of Article 49 and effect payment thereof voluntarily prior to filing its income tax return.

#### Article 75

A profit-seeking enterprise shall make its current final report up to the date of dissolution, closure, amalgamation or ownership transfer, and then its total business income and taxable amount on a prescribed form to the local collection authority-in-charge within forty-five days, and further make tax payment by itself before filing its income tax return.

Any income earned from liquidation during the period of liquidation shall be reported on a prescribed form to the local collection authority-in-charge within thirty days from the date of completion of liquidation, and the taxpayer shall, before filing his tax return, make tax payment by himself at the prescribed rates applicable to the profit-seeking enterprise in the taxable year. But this is not applicable to those enterprises which are exempt from the liquidation process in accordance with other acts.

The term "period of liquidation" as referred to in the preceding Paragraph shall be the time limit as provided in the Company Act, if the profit-seeking enterprise is organized in the form of corporation; and shall be three months from the date of dissolution, closure, amalgamation or ownership transfer, if it is not organized in the form of corporation.

A profit-seeking enterprise organized as a sole proprietorship or a partnership shall make its current final report on total business income or income earned from liquidation in accordance with the preceding Paragraphs 1 and 2 and be exempt from computing and making tax payment by itself before filing its income tax return. Thereafter, the sole proprietor or partners shall include the amount of aforesaid income which shall be categorized as "income from profit-seeking" in accordance with Category 1

of Paragraph 1, Article 14 and levy consolidated income tax in accordance with this Act.

In the case of failure in submitting a current final report on total business income and income earned from liquidation within the time limit as provided in the preceding Paragraphs 1 and 2, the collection authority shall assess and determine the amount of business income and tax payable according to the finding made by itself; provided that where a taxpayer is organized as a sole proprietorship or a partnership profit-seeking enterprise, the collection authority shall incorporate the income that has been assessed from profit-seeking enterprise with its sole proprietor's or partners' consolidated income and levy consolidated income tax in accordance with this Act.

In the event of bankruptcy, a profit-seeking enterprise shall, within ten days prior to the time limit prescribed for credit registration announced by the court, file its current business income tax return with the local collection authority-in-charge. In the case of failure in filing tax return within the time limit, the collection authority shall assess and determine its amount of business income and taxable amount immediately according to the finding made by itself.

The court shall, at the same time of announcement of credit registration, notify the local collection authority of the bankruptcy declared on that profit-seeking enterprise.

## Article 76

A taxpayer shall attach to his annual income tax return, receipts for taxes paid voluntarily, and other related documents of evidences and, in the case of a profit-seeking enterprise, also the balance sheet, inventory of properties and profit and loss statement.

At the time of filing an income tax return by a company or cooperative, its responsible person shall submit a statement listing the names and residences of shareholders or members and the amount of dividends or profits paid. In the case of partnership, its responsible person shall submit a statement listing the names and residences of partners and their respective percentages of investment and profit or loss allocation.

## Article 76-1

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## Article 77

Profit-seeking income tax return forms shall be used in accordance with the following provisions:

1. Ordinary return - to be used by profit-seeking enterprises other than those authorized to use the Blue return;

2. Blue return - to be used by profit-seeking enterprises duly authorized by tax collection authority. The Blue return refers to the tax form which is printed according to the prescribed form on blue paper and designed for encouraging profit-seeking enterprises to make honest reporting of their income. Rules governing the use of blue and simplified income return forms shall be prescribed by the Ministry of Finance;

There are two kinds of consolidated income return forms namely the general return and the simplified return. The forms and the usages thereof shall be prescribed by the Ministry of Finance.

#### Article 78

The local collection authority-in-charge shall at all times assist and urge taxpayers to file annual income tax returns within the prescribed period and shall, fifteen days prior to expiration thereof, send a reminder pointing out the responsibility associated with belated reporting.

Reminder as provided in the preceding paragraph may be sent in the form of a public notice.

#### Article 79

Where a taxpayer fails to file an annual income tax return within the prescribed period the collection authority shall serve on him a delinquent notice, requesting him to complete his annual income tax return within fifteen days from the date of his receipt of the notice. In the event of failure in filing the annual income tax return after expiration of the prescribed period, the collection authority shall make provisional assessment of the amount of income and tax payable on the basis of available taxation data or the profit standard of the same trade and serve on the taxpayer the assessment notices along with a tax demand notice. In case other taxation information is afterwards found out by the collection authority, the case shall be handled in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Tax Collection Act. Where a taxpayer is organized as a sole proprietorship or a partnership profit-seeking enterprise, the collection authority shall incorporate the income that has been assessed from the profit-seeking enterprise with its sole proprietor's or partners' consolidated income and levy consolidated income tax in accordance with this Act.

The provisions of the preceding Paragraph shall not apply to a taxpayer

subject to consolidated income tax or a small-size profit-seeking enterprise using simplified profit-seeking income tax return. In the event of failure on the part of such a taxpayer in filing annual income tax return after expiration of the prescribed period, the collection authority shall forthwith determine the amount of income and tax payable based on the available taxation data or the profit standard of the same trade and notify the taxpayer of making tax payment within the time limit. In case any additional taxation data one afterwards discovered upon investigation by the collection authority, the case shall be still dealt with in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Tax Collection Act.

#### Article 102-4

After receiving a tax return filed by a profit-seeking enterprise for its retained earnings, the tax collection authority shall appoint personnel to conduct an investigation and to verify the amount of its retained earnings and the amount of income tax leviable thereon. For implementation of the investigation and verification, the provisions of Articles 80 through 86 of this Act shall govern.

#### Section 3 Investigation

##### Article 80

The collection authority shall, after receipt of an annual income tax return, appoint a person to make investigation thereof and determine the amount of income and tax payable.

Where there is great number of taxpayers in a locality, the collection authority may, in lieu of individual investigation as provided in the preceding Paragraph, conduct random checks by trade and determine the income standard of each trade.

Where the amount of income reported by a taxpayer is above such standard, the reported income shall be taken as the basis for taxation. However a taxpayer who is found by the collection authority to have reported his or her income unusually or with any under-reporting, omission or evasion of the taxable income, or income reported as lower than the standard set forth in the preceding Paragraph shall be subjected to an investigation.

Opinions of trade associations may be sought in determining income standards of taxpayers in the various trades.

The measure governing how the collection authority conducts an assessment of an income tax return by paper reviewing, auditing or any other method of investigation, as well as the criteria governing how the aforesaid authority audits the items affecting the amounts of income, tax payable and tax credits of an income tax return, shall be prescribed by the Ministry of Finance.

## Article 81

The collection authority-in-charge shall, on the basis of its findings, work out and serve upon the taxpayer a notice showing the amount of tax leviable as determined as well as the tabulation of amounts of various items which make up the tax.

Where the notice carries any erroneous entries or miscalculations, the taxpayer may, within 10 days after receipt of the said notice, check with the collection authority-in-charge or request for corrections.

If the circumstances of assessment of the individual income tax fall under any of the following conditions, the collection authority-in-charge shall make public declaration of the tax assessments instead of issuing and serving a "Notice of Consolidated Income Tax Assessment" :

- 1.The refund to the taxpayer is equal to the amount filed on his/her consolidated income tax return.
- 2.The taxpayer receives no tax payable or refundable because the amount filed in his/her consolidated income tax return and the amount assessed by the collection authority-in-charge are the same.
- 3.The taxpayer receives no additionally payable or refundable amounts in that his/her tax refund or tax payable fails to meet the collection threshold for tax payment and tax refund.

## Article 82

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## Article 82-1

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## Article 83

A taxpayer shall, in the course of an investigation or reinvestigation conducted by the collection authority, produce account books and related documents of evidence that will prove the amount of his income. Where such account books and documents of evidence are not produced, the collection authority may determine the amount of his income based on the available taxation data or the profit standard of the same trade concerned.

The taxpayer shall present the account books and documents of evidence as referred to in the preceding paragraph to the collection authority for

investigation within the prescribed time limit. Under special circumstances, if it is requested by the taxpayer or deemed necessary by the collection authority, investigation at the taxpayer's place of business may be made by a designated official.

Where a taxpayer has already filed the income tax return in accordance with the established regulation but failed to produce the account books and documents of evidence to prove the amount of his income within a prescribed time limit when notified by the local collection authority conducting an investigation, the local collection authority may determine the amount of his income based on the available taxation data or the profit standard of the same trade concerned. If more taxation data are subsequently discovered upon investigation, the case it shall be still dealt with according to act.

#### Article 83-1

If the collection authority or a tax investigators designated by the Ministry of Finance discovers a taxpayer is suspected of tax evasion or omission in substantial amounts, the authority or investigator may, as the case merits, report to the Ministry of Finance for approval, to institute a further investigation on the taxpayer's net assets, fund flowing, and other business data which are not conformable to the regular business practice. If the result of further investigation, as prescribed in the preceding paragraph, conducted by the collection authority or tax investigator proves that the taxpayer has evaded and/or omitted taxes payment the taxpayer shall be responsible for the submission of evidence favorable to himself.

#### Article 84

The collection authority may, when making investigation or reinvestigation, call for the presence of the taxpayer or his agent at the office of the collection authority to answer question.

The taxpayer, if unable to present himself to answer questions at the indicated time for justifiable reasons, shall submit a statement to the collection authority within seven days from the date of receipt of the notice.

#### Article 85

The household registration agency shall, when effecting household movement registration in accordance with act, make out and send duplicate copies of such registration to the collection authority concerned.

## Article 86

The local collection authority-in-charge shall issue receipts for any account books or documents of evidence submitted by the taxpayer or concerned parties and shall return the same within seven days from the date of completion of submission of all account books and documents of evidence called for. Under special circumstances and subject to the approval of the head of the local collection authority-in-charge, the time of retention may be extended for a period of seven days.

## Article 87

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## Section 4 Withholding of Tax

### Article 88

For a taxpayer having any income of the following categories, the tax withhold holder involved shall withhold tax payable at the time of payment as per the prescribed tax rates and withholding procedures, and pay the tax withheld in accordance with the provisions of Article 92 of this Act:

1. Net dividends distributed by a company to an individual not residing in the territory of the Republic of China or a profit-seeking enterprise having its head office outside the territory of the Republic of China; or the net surplus profits distributed by a cooperative, partnership or a wholly-owned organization to its member, partner, or sole investor not residing in the territory of the Republic of China;
2. Salary, interest, rental, commission, royalty, cash award or prize given in a contest or game competition, prizes of a chance winning, retirement pay, severance pay, separation pay, resignation pay, life-time pension, old-age pension not covered by insurance benefits, reward for information or accusation, income from transactions in structured products, and fees for professional practices paid by any organization, institution, school, enterprise, bankruptcy estate, or practitioner of profession, and the income paid to a foreign profit-seeking enterprise having no fixed place of business or business agent within the territory of the Republic of China;
3. Profit-seeking enterprise income derived from operations by a profit-seeking enterprise as provided in Article 25 having its income tax withheld by a business agent or the payer in accordance with the provision of Article 98-1; or
4. Profit-seeking enterprise income derived from business in the Republic of China by a foreign motion picture enterprise which has no branch office in the territory of the Republic of China as provided in Article 26 of this

Act.

Where a profit-seeking enterprise organized as a sole proprietorship or a partnership files its annual income tax return according to the provision of Paragraph 2 of Article 71 or its current final report on total business income or income earned from liquidation according to the provision of Paragraph 4 of Article 75, the income tax payable on the gross surplus profits payable by a sole proprietorship or a partnership to its sole proprietor or partners not residing in the territory of the Republic of China shall be withheld in accordance with prescribed withholding rates by the tax withholder and pay the tax withheld in accordance with the provisions of Article 92 of this Act; and thereafter, Subparagraph 1 in the preceding paragraph of this Article shall not apply when the gross surplus profits are actually distributed to the sole proprietor or partners of the aforesaid profit-seeking enterprise.

For a taxpayer having securities transactions income stipulated in Subparagraph 1 in the proviso to Article 4-1 in the case of which the amount of income is calculated according to the Paragraphs 4 and 5 of Article 14-2, the tax withholder shall withhold tax payable on the date of settlement as per the prescribed tax rates, and pay the tax withheld in accordance with the provisions of Article 92 of this Act.

The withholding rates and withholding procedures applicable to the various kinds of income as prescribed in the preceding three Paragraphs of this Article shall be drafted and established by the Ministry of Finance and submitted to the Executive Yuan for approval.

## Article 89

For tax to be levied on different categories of income as set forth in the preceding Article, the tax withholders and taxpayers are designated as follows;

1. For the net dividends distributed by a company to an individual person not residing in the territory of the Republic of China and a profit-seeking enterprise having its head office outside the territory of the Republic of China; or the net surplus profits distributed by a cooperative to its members not residing in the territory of the Republic of China; or the gross surplus profits distributed or payable by a profit-seeking enterprise organized as a sole proprietorship or a partnership to its sole proprietor or partners not residing in the territory of the Republic of China, the tax withholder shall be the person in-charge of the said company, cooperative, sole proprietorship or partnership; while the taxpayer(s) shall be the said individual shareholder not residing in the territory of the Republic of China, or the profit-seeking enterprise shareholder having its head office outside the territory of the Republic of China, or the member, partner of a partnership or the sole proprietor not residing in the territory of the Republic of China;
2. For the income from salary, interest, rental, commission, royalty, fee for professional practices, cash award or prize given in any contest or

game or won by chance, retirement pay, severance pay, separation pay, resignation pay, life-time pension, old-age pension not covered by insurance benefits, reward for information or accusation, income from transactions in structured products, and the income payable to a foreign profit-seeking enterprise having no fixed place of business or business agent within the territory of the Republic of China the tax withholders shall be the head of the unit responsible for tax withholding in charge of the relevant organizations or institutions, schools, the responsible persons of enterprises, the trustees of bankrupt estates and the practitioners of professions, as the case may be, while, the taxpayers shall be the recipients of such income;

3. The withholder of profit-seeking enterprise income tax on income as provided in Subparagraph 3, Paragraph 1 of the preceding Article shall be the business agent or the payer of such income, while the taxpayer shall be the profit-seeking enterprise having its head office outside the territory of the Republic of China;

4. The withholder of profit-seeking enterprise income tax on income receivable by a foreign motion picture enterprise shall be the business agent thereof or the payer of such income, while the taxpayer shall be the foreign motion picture enterprise.

5. For the income on securities transactions stipulated in Subparagraph 1 in the proviso to Article 4-1, the tax withholder shall be the collecting agent prescribed in Article 4 of the Securities Transactions Tax Act, while the taxpayer shall be the seller of security.

Where a withholder fails to fulfill his obligation of making tax withholding, and where demanding has become impossible by reason that the whereabouts of the withholder is unknown or for other causes, the collection authority may collect the tax directly from the taxpayers concerned.

For a payment made in each year by an organization, institution, school, enterprise, bankrupt estate, or professional practitioner of any income which is subject to tax withholding under the provisions of the preceding Article, and a payment of any other income as prescribed under Category 10, Paragraph 1 of Article 14, if the tax is not withheld because the amount paid does not reach the minimum amount of income subject to tax withholding, or any payment which does not come under the categories subject to tax withholding stipulated in this Act, a list containing detailed information of the name, address, and National Identification Card number of the recipients of such payments, as well as the total amount paid during the year shall be prepared in accordance with the prescribed form and submitted to the tax collection authority-in-charge before or on the last day of January of each year. In addition, a withholding exemption certificate shall be prepared and issued to taxpayers concerned before or on February 10 of each year. In the case that three national holidays occur in immediate succession in January, the period for the submission of the withholding exemption certificates shall be extended to February 5 and the period of the issuance of the certificates to taxpayers concerned shall be extended to February 15.

## Article 89-1

With regard to the revenue arising from the trust property referred to in Article 3-4 hereof, the tax withholder concerned shall, at the time of payment thereof, name the trustee of the said trust deed as the tax payer for that payment and shall completing the tax withholding process in accordance with the provisions of the preceding two Articles. However, for the trust benefits, except for the income subject to separate taxation in accordance with the Act, payable by the tax withholder in respect of a public trust set forth in Paragraph 5, Article 3-4 hereof, such payments shall be exempt from the assessment of withholding tax which is otherwise payable under the provisions of Article 88 hereof.

When issuing a withholding certificate in accordance with the provisions of Article 92-1 hereof, the trustee of a trust deed shall take the amount of tax withheld from each category of the trust benefits paid to a trust beneficiary as the amount of income tax withheld for the said trust beneficiary provided, however, that if there are two or more trust beneficiaries, the trustee shall calculate the withholding tax paid by each trust beneficiary in accordance with the proportion to be determined under Paragraph 2, Article 3-4 hereof.

Where the trust beneficiary is an individual who is not residing in the territory of the Republic of China or a profit-seeking enterprise which does not have a fixed business place in the territory of the Republic of China, the trustee of the said trust deed shall be regarded as the tax withholder, and shall, in accordance with the provisions of Article 88 hereof, withhold the income tax from various income payments payable to said trust beneficiary as calculated under the provisions of Paragraphs 1 and 2, Article 3-4 hereof provided, however, that the withholding tax already paid up by the trust beneficiary/beneficiaries as set forth in the preceding Paragraph may be deductible from the withholding tax payable by such trust beneficiary/beneficiaries under this paragraph.

Where the trust beneficiary is a profit-seeking enterprise having its head office outside the territory of the Republic of China but having a fixed business place within the territory of the Republic of China, the provision in the preceding paragraph shall apply mutatis mutandis to the net dividends or earnings among its trust benefits.

When making distribution of trust benefits in respect of a public trust or a trust fund as set forth in Paragraphs 5 and 6, Article 3-4 hereof, the trustee thereof shall be considered as the tax withholder who shall complete the withholding process in accordance with the provisions of the preceding two Articles.

## Article 90

For purchases or sales of goods on behalf of a client, a profit-seeking

enterprise shall record in detail the name and address of the client, the description and classification of the goods, quantity, price, date and amount of commission, and preserve all relevant documents of evidence.

#### Article 91

All warehouses or godowns accepting goods for storage shall report on a prescribed form the name and address of client, the description, kind, quantity and assessed value of the goods stored, amount of storage charge and the dates of receipt and delivery of the goods, to the local collection authority-in-charge within three days from the date of receipt of goods. The collection authority may dispatch personnel for regular inspection of warehouses and godowns, accounting books and records.

#### Article 92

The tax withholders of various kinds of income as provided in Article 88 shall, within the first ten days of each month, effect payment to the national treasury of all the taxes withheld in the previous month, and shall, before or on the last day of January of each year, make out withholding certificates and submit them to the tax collection authority-in-charge for verifying the amounts of tax withholdings from the taxpayers in the preceding year, and shall issue a receipt of the withholding certificate to each of the taxpayers before or on February 10 of each year. In the case that three national holidays occur in immediate succession in January, the period for the submission of the withholding certificates shall be extended to February 5 and the period of the issuance of the certificates to taxpayers concerned shall be extended to February 15. However, in the case of dissolution, closure, merger or transfer of ownership of a profit-seeking enterprise, or deactivation or change of an agency or organization, the tax withholders concerned shall immediately make out withholding certificates for the amount withheld and submit them to the tax collection authority-in-charge within ten days thereafter. In the case of a non-resident individual or a profit-seeking enterprise without a fixed place of business in the Republic of China but having income as enumerated under Article 88, the tax withholders shall within ten days from the date of withholding, effect payment to the national treasury of all the taxes withheld, make out withholding certificates and issue them to the taxpayer after submitting them to the tax collection authority-in-charge for verification. In the case of net dividends or earnings received by a profit-seeking enterprise having its head office outside the territory of the Republic of China but having a fixed place of business within the territory of the Republic of China, the provision in the preceding Paragraph shall apply mutatis mutandis.

#### Article 92-1

The trustee of trust deed(s) shall, before or on the last day of January of each year, submit in prescribed format, the inventory of property, the revenue and expenditure statements, the statement of trust benefits accrued and payable to trust beneficiaries under Paragraphs 1, 2, 5 and 6, Article 3-4 hereof, and the statement of withholding tax and other relevant documents as required under Article 89-1 to the tax collection authority-in-charge, and shall prepare and issue, before or on February 10 of each year, the withholding certificates or withholding exemption certificates and relevant certificates and receipts to taxpayers concerned. In the case that three national holidays occur in immediate succession in January, the period for the submission of inventory of property, the revenue and expenditure statements, the statement of trust benefits and other relevant documents shall be extended to February 5 and the period of the issuance of the withholding certificates or withholding exemption certificates and relevant certificates and receipts to taxpayers concerned shall be extended to February 15.

#### Article 93

The collection authority shall, immediately upon receipt of withholding report from a tax withholder, review the amount of income and tax withheld. It may further appoint a person to make an investigation thereof.

#### Article 94

Any tax withholder shall notify the taxpayers of withholding at time thereof and shall make out and issue to the taxpayers tax withholding certificates in accordance with Article 92 of this Act. In case the amount withheld differs from that determined by the collection authority for assessment, the tax withholder shall return to the taxpayer the amount over-withheld or shall make additional payment of the deficit, which the tax withholder may claim from the taxpayer.

#### Article 95

The local collection authority-in-charge shall at various times check on tax withholders to see whether their withholding reports are accurate and shall urge them to withhold tax and make tax payment according to the

provisions of this Act.

Article 96

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Article 97

The provisions of the Article 83 through Article 86 shall apply mutatis mutandis to withholding of tax.

Section 5 Payment of Tax

Article 98

Voluntary payment of tax by a taxpayer and payment of tax withheld by a tax withholder as provided in this Act shall each be made with a paying-in-slip completed by the payer.

Payment of tax against demand notice issued by the collection authority as provided in this Act shall be made by the taxpayer within ten days from the date of receipt of the demand notice.

Article 98-1

A profit-seeking enterprise having its head office outside the territory of the Republic of China which has been approved as in compliance with the provision of Article 25 or by application of the provision of that Article by the Ministry of Finance to compute its profit-seeking enterprise income tax in accordance with the following provisions:

1. For an enterprise having a branch office in the territory of the Republic of China, the branch office shall make the provisional tax payment and file a declaration on such provisional payment in accordance with the provision of Article 67 and at the close of the year, shall further compute the tax for annual settlement, make payment of the same and file annual income tax return in accordance with the provision of Article 71;
2. For an enterprise without a branch office but maintaining a business agent in the territory of the Republic of China, the business agent shall be responsible for withholding the tax. In the event that the business agent does not collect the price of goods pursuant to contractual agreement, it shall be responsible for reporting and paying the tax in accordance with the relevant withholding provisions or the payer shall withhold the tax at the time of payment under the approval of the competent

collection authority;

3. For an enterprise having neither branch office nor business agent in the territory of the Republic of China, the payer shall withhold the tax at the time of payment.

## Article 99

A taxpayer may, at time of making provisional tax payment, offset there from tax withheld evidenced by withholding certificates and pay the balance in cash. Where the tax withheld exceeds the provisional payment, the portion in excess thereof may be offset from the tax payable for annual settlement for the same year.

## Article 100

The tax collection authority shall, after having determined the annual income of a taxpayer, make out and serve on him a tax demand notice giving the balance of the tax payable for the full taxing year after deducting the provisional payment, the tax withheld yet to be offset, the amount of credit tax, and the voluntary payment of tax made provided however, that the withholding tax from the income subject to separate taxation in accordance with the Act, and the amount of credit tax included in the total amount of dividends or earnings paid to a profit-seeking enterprise shall not be deductible.

In case the tax as determined payable for annual settlement falls short of the total amount of tax paid, the collection authority shall make out and issue to the taxpayer a refund notice or an exchequer's check for refunding the overpaid amount of income tax.

If, thereafter any tax is decided upon as additionally payable or refundable pursuant to reinvestigation result, or a decision made on an administrative appeal or an administrative proceeding, the tax collection authority shall make out and serve to the taxpayer a tax demand notice, or a revenue refund notice, or an exchequer's check for refunding underpaid tax and for demanding the full payment of the tax payable. The taxpayer shall, within 10 days after service of the foregoing tax demand notice, make the full payment of the income tax payable by him/it.

In the case of refund as provided in the preceding two Paragraphs, the tax collection authority shall, promptly and no later than ten days from the date of verification, fill out and serve to the taxpayer an over-paid tax refund notice or an exchequer's check. The period for refund of overpaid tax shall be three months commencing from the date of service of the over-paid tax refund notice to the taxpayer. Upon expiration of the said refunding period, no refund will be made.

Where the amount of retained surplus profits declared by a taxpayer under the provisions of Article 102-2 hereof is verified as being under-declared

or overdeclared, the supplemental payment of the shortfall tax or the refund of the overpaid tax shall be governed by the provisions set out in Paragraphs One through Four of this Article.

#### Article 100-1

When refunding, in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph Three of Article 100 hereof, the income tax overpaid by a profit-seeking enterprise for the year of 1998 or any ensuing year thereafter, the tax collection authority shall make the refund out of the balance in the deductible tax account credited to the shareholders of the said profit-seeking enterprise as of the date of refunding; whereas if there is any additional balance left over in the said account, such balance may be retained by the profit-seeking enterprise for offsetting the profit-seeking enterprise income tax which shall become payable by it in any ensuing year afterwards.

Where the amount of tax which should be made good by a taxpayer or should be refunded by the tax collection authority is trifle to the extent less than a specific amount, the Ministry of Finance may, depending upon the actual situation and after obtaining the approval of the Executive Yuan, decide not to demand supplemental payment from or to refund to the taxpayer of such a trifle amount of income tax.

#### Article 100-2

In the case where the items or the amounts of tax exemptions and various kinds of deductions declared in the annual income tax return filed by a taxpayer subject to consolidate income tax, or the deductions of various kinds of costs, expenses, losses, or investment tax credit declared in the annual income tax return filed by a taxpayer subject to profit-seeking enterprise income tax exceed the limitations prescribed by this Act and other subordinate acts, or other laws and thus the voluntary payment of tax falls short, the amount of tax as determined by the collection authority as additionally payable shall be levied and together with the interest to be calculated on a daily basis at the banking interest rate as specified in Article 123 hereof deposit from the date immediately following the expiry date prescribed for filing annual income tax return until the date of payment. However, the interest to be charged shall be limited to the amount accrueable for a period of one year.

In the case where the amount of interest to be charged under the preceding Paragraph does not exceed NT\$1,500, such charge shall be exempted.

## Article 101

The provisions of all Sections and Articles of this Chapter relating to the computation of various time limits shall apply mutatis mutandis where the fiscal year comes under the provision of Article 23.

## Article 102

A taxpayer may appoint a legally registered accountant or any other lawful agent to act on his behalf in such matters relating to income estimation and filing of statement, income return, application for reinvestigation, administrative appeal or administrative proceedings as provided in this chapter. The measures governing such appointment shall be prescribed by the Ministry of Finance.

The annual income tax return of a profit-seeking enterprise within a certain scope shall be examined and signed by a legally registered accountant or any other lawful agent appointed by the profit-seeking enterprise. The regulations governing such appointments shall be prescribed by the Ministry of Finance.

In the case of business income tax return filed and signed by a legally registered accountant or any other lawful agent, the profit-seeking enterprise may enjoy the various benefits conferred by using the Blue Return in accordance with this Act.

## Section 6 Declaration of Surplus Earnings

### Article 102-1

Where a profit-seeking enterprise is required, by the provisions of Article 66-1 hereof, to set up a shareholder imputation credit account, it shall, before or on the last day of January of each year, submit the data of dividends distributed to its shareholders or the surplus earnings distributed to its members for the whole year of the preceding year to the tax collection authority-in-charge for verification; and shall further issue the dividend vouchers to all shareholders before or on February 10 of each year. In the case that three national holidays occur in immediate succession in January, the period for the submission of the aforementioned data shall be extended to February 5 and the period of the issuance of the dividend vouchers to shareholders concerned shall be extended to February 15. However, if the profit-seeking enterprise enters into the process of dissolution or merger, it shall forthwith fill out the dividend vouchers in respect of the dividends or surplus earnings which have been distributed, and shall submit them to the tax collection authority-in-charge within 10 days.

The profit-seeking enterprise referred to in the preceding Paragraph shall,

when filing its tax return, prepare, in a prescribed format, a statement of changes occurred in the preceding year in the shareholder imputation credit account and file the said statement along with the filled out tax return form with the tax collection authority-in-charge for its auditing and verification. However, it shall file the tax return upon the completion date of the liquidation process, if it enters into the process of dissolution; or on the effective date of merger, if it enters into the process of merger, except in the case as described in Item 5, Paragraph 1, Article 66-3 hereof.

The statement of changes in the shareholder imputation credit accounts referred to in the preceding Paragraph shall mean the amount of beginning balance, the amount of increases and decreases in the then current year, and the current balance in the said account.

#### Article 102-2

A profit-seeking enterprise shall, during the period from May 1 to May 31 in the year following the year for which an income tax return shall be filed, fill out and file to the local tax collection authority a tax return indicating therein the retained earnings as calculated in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 2, Article 66-9 hereof and the amount of additional income tax leviable thereon which shall be paid before the filing of the tax return. This tax return shall still be filed even if the amount of the retained earnings so calculated turns out to zero or a negative figure.

In the case where a profit-seeking enterprise is dissolved or merged with another profit-seeking enterprise prior to its filing of the income tax return under the provisions of the preceding paragraph, it shall, within 45 days from the date of dissolution or merger, file to the local tax collection authority a tax return in respect of its retained earnings which have not been surcharged with an additional 10% profit-seeking income tax up to the date of its dissolution or merger, and shall calculate and make the payment of such surcharged tax before filing the tax return. Upon failure of a profit-seeking enterprise to declare such portion of retained earnings within the aforementioned filing period, the tax collection authority shall forthwith investigate the case, assess the amount of the surcharge income tax on such retained earnings, and advise, by a notice, the said profit-seeking enterprise to pay the surcharge tax accordingly. Where a profit-seeking enterprise has obtained from the local tax collection authority an approval to the change of its fiscal year, it shall include its retained earnings which have not been surcharged with a 10% additional profit-seeking income tax prior to such change of its fiscal year into the amount of its retained earnings in the fiscal year after the change of fiscal year, and shall take appropriate action in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 1 of this Article.

When filing its tax return in accordance with the provisions of Paragraphs

1 and 2 of this Article, the profit-seeking enterprise shall submit along with the tax return the receipt of its voluntary tax payment and other relevant evidential documents.

#### Article 102-3

A competent tax collection authority shall assist profit-seeking enterprises to file the declaration of their respective retained surplus earnings prior to the cut-off date of the filing period, and shall issue a remainder notice at least 15 days prior to the expiration date of the filing period stating therein the responsibility of taxpayer for the delay in filing the tax return. The remainder notice may be issued by means of a public notice.

Where a profit-seeking enterprise fails to file the income tax return for its retained surplus earnings within the prescribed filing period, the competent tax collection authority shall forthwith serve to it a late declaration notice requiring the profit-seeking enterprise to file the tax return in rarer within 15 days from the date of its receipt of the said late declaration notice. If the profit-seeking enterprise further fails to file the tax return after expiry of the given time limit, the competent tax collection authority shall, based on the investigation results, assess the amount of undeclared retained surplus earnings and amount of additional profit-seeking enterprise income tax leviable on thereon, and shall issue to the said profit-seeking enterprise a tax assessment notice together with a tax payment slip for its payment of the tax due within a given time limit. In case any other information is found afterwards by the tax collection authority, the case shall be handled in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Taxation Act.

#### Chapter 5 Reward and Penalty

#### Article 103

When receiving information or accusation to the effect that a taxpayer or tax withhold is evading tax payment through concealment, under-reporting, fraud or other improper means, the collection authority, upon verification of the information or accusation, shall grant the informant or accuser a reward of twenty per cent of the fine and keep his name in strict confidence.

The collection authority shall notify the informant or accuser of the reward as provided in the preceding paragraph when the judgment for fine is confirmed by the court and within three days from receipt of the fine and set a time limit for his collection of the reward.

An informant of accuser who has participated in the tax evasion shall not be entitled to the reward.

Where the informant or accuser is a public functionary, the provisions of this Article relating to grant of reward shall not apply.

Article 104

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Article 106

Under any of the following circumstances, the local collection authority-in-charge shall, in addition to requiring submission of report or amendment of report entries within a specified time period, impose upon the violator a fine of not exceeding NT\$1,500:

1. (Deleted)
2. Where the responsible person of a profit-seeking enterprise organized as a company or of a cooperative fails, in violation of the provisions of Article 76, to report within the prescribed time period the dividends or profits payable or paid to shareholders or members;
3. Where the responsible person of a partnership fails, in violation of the provisions of Article 76, to report the names and residences of partners, the amount of their respective investments and the percentage of allocation of profit or loss in a detailed list;
4. Where the responsible person of a profit-seeking enterprise fails to record the necessary information in the account books required by the provisions of Article 90;
5. Where the responsible person of a warehouse or godown fails to report the necessary information as required by the provisions of the Paragraph 1 of Article 91;

Article 107

Where a taxpayer fails in violation of the provisions of Article 83, to produce account books and documentary evidences within the specified time period, the collection authority shall impose upon him a fine of not exceeding NT\$1,500.

Where a taxpayer refused to accept a tax demand notice without furnishing

justifiable reasons, the local collection authority-in-charge shall, in addition to accomplishing the service of such notice in accordance with the provisions of Article 18 of the Tax Collection Act, impose upon him a fine of not exceeding NT\$500.

Article 107-1

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Article 108

Where a taxpayer failed to file annual income return within the period as specified in the provisions of Article 71 but has subsequently filed it in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 1 of Article 79, the collection authority shall, after determining the amount of its income and the amount of tax payable through investigation, levy a delinquent reporting surcharge in an amount equal to ten per cent of the tax determined as payable; and moreover provided that where a profit-seeking enterprise is organized as a sole proprietorship or a partnership shall be levied a delinquent reporting surcharge in an amount equal to ten per cent of the tax on the assessed taxable income calculated at the profit-seeking enterprise income tax rate applicable in the current year. The amount of delinquent reporting surcharge shall not exceed NT\$30,000 but shall not be less than NT\$1,500. Where a taxpayer further fails to file an annual income tax return within the time limit as prescribed in Article 79, and the amount of taxable income and the amount of tax payable have been determined by the collection authority based on the available data or the profit standard of the same trade, the collection authority shall levy a delinquent reporting surcharge in an amount equal to twenty per cent of the tax determined as payable; provided that where a profit-seeking enterprise organized as a sole proprietorship or a partnership shall be levied a delinquent reporting surcharge in an amount equal to twenty per cent of the tax on the assessed taxable income calculated at the profit-seeking enterprise income tax rate applicable in the current year. The amount of delinquent reporting surcharge shall not exceed NT\$90,000 but shall not be less than NT\$4,500. The provisions of Paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply to taxpayers who are subject to consolidated income tax, small size businesses using simplified income tax return and those who are exempt from filing annual income tax returns according to Article 71 of this Act.

Article 108-1

Where a profit-seeking enterprise had failed to file the income tax return for its undistributed surplus earnings before the filing deadline as required by the provisions of Article 102-2, but subsequently completed the tax filing procedure in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 2 of Article 102-3 hereof, the tax collection authority shall, after having verified the actual amount of such undistributed surplus earnings and the amount of additional income tax payable, surcharge a delinquent fee at the rate equal to ten percent of the amount of additional income tax payable so assessed. The amount of delinquent reporting surcharge shall not exceed NT\$30,000 but shall not be less than NT\$1,500.

Where a profit-seeking enterprise further fails to file the tax return within the time limit as prescribed in Paragraph 2 of Article 102-3, the tax collection authority shall, after having verified the actual amount of the undistributed surplus earnings and the amount of additional income tax payable, surcharge a late filing fee at the rate equal to twenty percent of the assessed amount of additional income tax payable. The amount of delinquent reporting surcharge shall not exceed NT\$90,000 but shall not be less than NT\$4,500.

## Article 109

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## Article 110

In the case of a taxpayer who has filed an annual income tax return, current final report on total business income or income earned from liquidation in accordance with the provisions of this Act, any omission or under-reporting of income taxable hereunder shall be subject to a fine of no more than twice the amount of the tax evaded.

In the case of a taxpayer who fails to file an annual income tax return, current final report on total business income or income earned from liquidation in accordance with the provisions of this Act and who is found by the collection authority to have income taxable hereunder, the collection authority shall, in addition to determining the tax payable in accordance with act, impose a fine of no more than three times the amount of tax determined as payable.

Where a profit-seeking enterprise, due to tax exemption provided under the incentive statute or because of business deficit, shall not have a taxable income even though the amount of income omitted or under-reported is added to it, a fine shall be imposed separately at prescribed times according to the preceding two paragraphs on the taxable omission and under-reporting of income calculated at the profit-seeking enterprise income tax rate applicable in the current year. The amount of the fine, however, shall not exceed NT\$ 90,000 or be less than NT\$ 4,500.

Where a profit-seeking enterprise organized as a sole proprietorship or a partnership in accordance with the preceding Paragraphs 1 and 2 who has any omission or under-reporting of taxable income hereunder shall be imposed a multiplier fine respectively according to the preceding Paragraphs 1 and 2 on the assessed taxable omission and under-reporting of income by the collection authority calculated at the profit-seeking enterprise income tax rate applicable in the current year and the provision in the preceding Paragraph 3 shall not apply.

#### Article 110-1

In case a taxpayer has, after an additional tax payment notice has been served, for his tax evasion or omission, been found out by the collection authority indications of suspected concealment of his properties or making ownership transfer in order to avoid enforced execution, the collection authority may, with a statement of detailed facts, apply to the court for an attachment on the taxpayer's properties and may be exempt from furnishing guaranty against attachment. But if the taxpayer has furnished appropriate guarantee in property or a surety from a reliable businessman, the collection authority may file an application to the court for a withdrawal of the case or lifting the attachment.

#### Article 110-2

Where a profit-seeking enterprise has filed the income tax return in accordance with the provisions of Article 102-2 hereof, but did not declare or under-declared its retained surplus earnings in such tax return, it shall be imposed with a fine for such failure in an amount not more than twice as much as the amount of short-declared or under-declared profit-seeking enterprise income tax.

Where a profit-seeking enterprise failed to make voluntary filing of income tax return in accordance with the provisions of Article 102-2 hereof, and was discovered by the tax collection authority to have failed to declare a retained surplus earnings which should be declared under the act, the tax collection authority shall, in addition to assess the amount of additional income tax leviable, also impose on the said profit-seeking enterprise a fine in an amount of not more than twice as much as the amount of additional tax leviable.

#### Article 111

Where the head of the unit responsible for the tax withholding personnel of

a government agency, public school or enterprise, in violation of the provisions of Paragraph 3 for Article 89 of this Act, fails to submit a prescribed report in time or to submit a truthful report or to issue withholding exemption certificate in time; a notice shall be served upon the competent authority concerned to take disciplinary action. The head of the unit responsible for the tax withholding personnel of a private institution or school; the responsible person of an enterprise; the trustee of a bankrupt estate, or the practitioner of a profession who fails to prepare and submit a report within the prescribed time limit or fail to make a truthful report or to issue withholding exemption certificate as required by the provisions of Paragraph 3 of Article 89 of this Act shall be subject to a fine of NT\$1,500, and a notice shall be served demanding supplemental report within a prescribed time limit. In case of failure to do so in time, the institution or enterprise shall be subject to a fine at the rate of five per cent of the amount of payment made by the said enterprise or institution. However, the maximum amount of the fine shall not be more than NT\$90,000, and the minimum amount shall not be less than NT\$3,000.

#### Article 111-1

Where the trustee of a trust deed is found to have under-declared or omitted the declaration of any revenue accrued on the trust property, or made false declaration of any relevant costs, necessary expenses and/or losses, and thus has caused under-calculation of the amount of trust beneficiaries' income as required in Paragraphs 1 and 2 and Paragraphs 5 and 6, Article 3-4; or has failed to make accurate sort the categories of the beneficiaries' income, and thus has caused reduction of trust beneficiaries' tax-paying obligation, the trustee shall be imposed a fine in an amount equal to 5% of the amount of under-declared or evaded income of trust beneficiaries or the amount of incorrectly sorted income of such beneficiaries. The amount of the fine, however, shall not exceed NT\$ 300,000 or be less than NT\$ 15,000.

Where the trustee of a trust deed fails to calculate the amount of trust beneficiaries' income from different categories of income in accordance with the proportions set out in Paragraph Two, Article 3-4 of this Act, the said trustee shall be imposed a fine in an amount equal to 5% of the deficit between the amount of income calculated by the trustee and the amount of income to be calculated in accordance with the applicable proportions. The amount of the fine, however, shall not exceed NT\$ 300,000 or be less than NT\$ 15,000.

Where the trustee of a trust deed fails to file or to file accurate tax withholding return, or to prepare and issue the relevant documents or withholding certificates or withholding free certificates or other relevant certificates or receipts as required in Article 92-1 hereof, the said trustee shall be impose a fine in the amount of New Taiwan Dollar Seventy Five Hundred (NTD 7,500), and in addition thereto, shall be required to make supplemental filing or issuing within a given time limit. Failure to

make such supplemental filing or issuing beyond the given deadline shall subject the trustee to a fine in an amount equal to 5% of the amount of revenue accrued on the trust property in the then current year. The amount of the fine, however, shall not exceed NT\$ 300,000 or be less than NT\$ 15,000.

#### Article 112

A taxpayer who fails to pay within the prescribed time limit any amount of income tax, or surcharge for delinquent reporting or non-reporting shall be subject to a surcharge for delinquent payment at the rate of one per cent of the amount of the payment due for every two days of delay. If the payment is still not made within thirty days after the time limit, the collection authority may, in addition to referring the case to the court for compulsory execution, in the case of a profit-seeking enterprise, order a suspension of business until the date of payment.

Any amount of income tax or surcharge for delinquent reporting, non-reporting, or delinquent payment is not paid within the time limit as provided in the preceding Paragraph, an interest accruable thereon as calculated on a daily basis at the interest rate for deposits as specified in Article 123 hereof for the period from the date immediately following the date of expiration of the time limit till the date of payment shall be collectable together with the amount of aforesaid income tax or surcharge due.

Business suspension as provided in this Act shall be enforced by the collection authority with the assistance of the police.

#### Article 113

To an agent or business agent as provided in Article 73 of this Act who violates the provisions hereof, the respective penalty provisions applicable to taxpayers shall apply.

#### Article 114

Under any of the following circumstances, the tax withholder shall be subject to the applicable punishment as set forth respectively herein below:

1. A tax withholder who fails to withhold tax in accordance with the provision of Article 88 shall, in addition to being instructed to pay the tax amount which should be withheld but was not withheld or has short withheld and to submit supplemental tax-withholding certificates within a

given time limit, be subject to a fine of no more than one fold of the amount of the tax amount that should be withheld but was not withheld or was short withheld. If the withholders still does not comply with the instruction to pay the tax amount or to submit supplemental tax-withholding certificates truthfully within the given time limit, he shall be subject to a fine of no more than three folds the amount of the tax amount which should be withheld but was not withheld or was short withheld;

2. A tax withholders who has withheld taxes in accordance with this Act but fails to fill out the tax-withholding certificates truthfully within the time limit prescribed in Article 92, shall be instructed to make a supplemental report and be subject to a fine at the rate of twenty per cent of the tax amount withheld. The amount of the fine, however, shall not exceed NT\$ 20,000 or be less than NT\$ 1,500. If the report is filed after the deadline as a result of the tax withholders' own initiative, the fine shall be reduced by fifty per cent. The tax withholders, who is instructed to make a supplemental report on the tax withholding certificates within a time limit prescribed by the tax authority but fails to do so, shall be subject to a fine of no more than three folds the amount of the tax withheld. The amount of the fine, however, shall not exceed NT\$ 45,000 or be less than NT\$ 3,000.

3. A tax withholders who fails to pay the tax withheld within the time limit prescribed in Article 92 shall be subject to a surcharge for delinquent payment at the rate of one per cent of the amount of the payment due for every two days delay.

#### Article 114-1

Where a profit-seeking enterprise fails to set up a shareholder tax offsetting account which should be set up under this Act, or fails to update the records in such account as required, it shall be imposed with a fine in the amount of not less than NT\$ 3,000 but not more than NT\$ 7,500 and shall be ordered, by a notice, to set up that account or to update the records in that account within one month accordingly. If the profit-seeking enterprise again fails to set up or to update the shareholder tax offsetting account after expiry of the one month time limit, it shall be imposed with a fine in the amount not less than NT\$ 7,500 but not more than NT\$ 15,000 and shall be ordered, by a notice, to set up or to update such an account accordingly. Any further failure of the profit-seeking enterprise to set up or to update the shareholder tax offsetting account shall be subject the same punishment successively on a monthly basis until the said account has been set up and is regularly updated in accordance with the act.

#### Article 114-2

Under any of the following circumstances, the act violating profit-seeking enterprise shall be ordered to pay up the income tax which shall otherwise be offset in respect of the amount of over-distributed surplus earnings, and shall be imposed a fine in an amount no more than one fold of the said amount of over-distributed surplus earnings:

1. The profit-seeking enterprise has violated the provisions of Paragraph 2, Article 66-2, or Article 66-3, or Article 66-4 of this Act by falsely increasing the amount in the shareholder tax offsetting account, or short-declaring the amount of balance in the account of booked cumulating of retained surplus earnings set forth in Article 66-6 hereof, to the extent that the amount of deductible tax actually allocated to shareholders or members has exceeded the amount of deductible tax which may be allocated to shareholders.
2. The profit-seeking enterprise has violated the provisions of Paragraph 1, Article 66-5 hereof because the amount of deductible tax allocated by it to its shareholders or members has exceeded the amount of balance in its shareholder tax offsetting account as booked as of the date of distribution of dividends or other surplus earnings.
3. The profit-seeking enterprise has violated the provisions of Article 66-6 hereof when distributing the net dividend by using a tax deduction ratio which is higher than the designated ratio for such purpose, whereby the amount of deductible tax actually allocated to its shareholders has exceeded the amount of deductible tax to be calculated in accordance with the act.

Where a profit-seeking enterprise has violated the provisions of Article 66-7 hereof by allocating amount of deductible tax to its shareholders or members for them to offset the income tax payable by them, the said profit-seeking enterprise shall be ordered to pay, within a given time limit, the amount of deductible tax so allocated by it, and shall be imposed with a fine in an amount no more than one fold of the amount allocated.

In case the profit-seeking enterprise set forth in the preceding two Paragraphs has wound up, closed down or moved to an unknown place, the competent tax collection authority shall collect from the shareholders or members of the said enterprise the amount of deductible tax which was over-allocated or unlawfully allocated by the said enterprise to its shareholders or members.

#### Article 114-3

A Profit-seeking enterprise which has failed to enter correct data in or to issue the dividend voucher (warrant) by the deadline as fixed in Paragraph 1, Article 102-1 hereof shall be ordered to correct the entries of or to issue the dividend warrant, and shall further be imposed with a fine in an amount equal to 20% of the total amount of deductible tax indicated in the dividend voucher (warrant) provided that the amount of the fine shall not exceed NT\$ 30,000, nor may it be less than NT\$ 1,500, but may be reduced by

one half if the said enterprise takes initiative to declare the dividend or to issue the dividend voucher (warrant) after expiry of the foregoing deadline. In case the profit-seeking enterprise further fails to declare correct dividend or to issue the dividend voucher (warrant) within a given time limit after having been ordered to do so, it shall be subject to a fine of no more than three times the total amount of deductible tax provided that the amount of such fine shall not exceed NT\$ 60,000 or be less than NT\$ 3,000.

A profit-seeking enterprise which has violated the provisions of Paragraph 2, Article 102-1 hereof by failing to file timely or accurate statement of changes in shareholder tax offsetting account shall be imposed with a fine of NT\$ 7,500 and shall be ordered, by a notice, to file such statement within a given time limit. If the said profit-seeking enterprise further fails to do so after expiry of the deadline, the fine shall be imposed on a monthly basis until the time of its filing of the statement required.

#### Article 115

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#### Article 116

Any surcharge for reporting or non-reporting and under estimation as provided in this Chapter shall be made known to the party at default by the collection authority by serving a surcharge assessment notice in which the facts and the basis of imposition thereof shall be given. Where the notice carries a wrong entry or computation error, the party at default may, within ten days from receipt thereof, apply to the collection authority for recheck or correction.

Upon expiration of the time limit as provided in the preceding Paragraph, the collection authority shall issue a surcharge demand notice requiring payment by the party at default within ten days.

#### Article 117

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#### Article 118

Where a legally registered accountant or any other lawful agent, when

acting on behalf of a taxpayer in matters relating to income estimation, filing of returns, application for reinvestigation, administrative appeal or administrative proceedings, certification of contents of account books or other affairs connected with taxation, commits a breach of any of the provisions of this Act, the local collection authority-in-charge may report the matter through channels to the Ministry of Finance.

#### Article 119

All personnel of the collection authority shall keep in strict confidence, except to concerned parties and agencies, the amounts of income and income tax of any taxpayer, documentary evidences, and statements or documents made or produced by other parties. Any person found guilty thereof by the authority-in-charge or upon information of the injured party shall be subject to severe disciplinary action. Where such a person is also guilty of violating the Criminal Code, Code, he shall further be referred to the court to be dealt with in accordance with act.

Concerned parties and agencies as provided in the preceding paragraph refer to the taxpayer himself, his agent, attorneys, partners, successors, tax withholders, taxation agencies, control agencies, agencies receiving administrative appeal or handing administrative proceedings related to taxation, and such other agencies and personnel thereof as determined by the Ministry of Finance.

The furnishing of information by a collection authority to other government agencies for statistical purposes involving no disclosure of name of taxpayers is not subject to the confidence keeping restriction.

Personnel of government agencies disclosing such information furnished by tax agencies as provided in the first paragraph of this Article shall be subject to punishment comparable to that imposable on personnel of tax agencies.

#### Article 120

Tax assessors and collectors violating the provisional of Article 68, 78 or 103 of this Act shall be punished.

### Chapter 6 Supplementary Provisions

#### Article 121

The enforcement rules of this Act, the tabulation of minimum estimated service life in years of fixed assets, and the tabulation of depletion rates of assets subject to depletion shall be prescribed by the Ministry of Finance.

## Article 122

Except as otherwise provided by act, all forms of applications, registrations, books and certificates herein specified shall be prescribed by the Ministry of Finance.

## Article 123

The term "the prevailing deposit interest rate (Or bid rate) adopted by local banking industries" shall refer to the fixed interest rate of postal savings for a one-year time deposit.

## Article 124

Where there are special provisions in income tax agreement signed by the Republic of China with a foreign country, such special provisions shall prevail.

## Article 125

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## Article 125-1

A worker who was employed by an employer to do work, received wages and paid tax on the pension, retirement pay, severance pay, and old-age pension not covered by insurance benefits received by him/her after Aug 1, 1984 and before amendment and implementation of this Act, may apply for refund of over paid tax within five (5) years after amendment and implementation of this Act and shall not apply for such refund again if he/she failed to apply for it within the time limit. The refundable amount of tax approved by concerned taxation authority shall be refunded together with interest accrued thereon calculated on daily basis for the period from the date of payment thereof by the taxpayer to the date of issuance of a national treasury check for the refunded amount at the fixed interest rate of postal savings for a one-year time deposit on the day when the refundable amount was paid.

Refund based on provisions in the preceding Paragraph of tax paid within five (5) years before amendment and implementation of this Act shall be

applied for by the taxpayer concerned; however, if said five-year period is exceeded, the taxpayer shall submit concrete supporting evidence when filing an application.

## Article 126

This Act shall come into force from the date of its original promulgation provided with the condition, however that the text of Article 17 amended on December 6, 2005 shall come into force retroactively on January 1, 2005; the text in Category 9, Paragraph 1 of Article 14, amended on December 14, 2007 shall come into force on January 1, 2008 and the text of Article 17 amended on December 12, 2008 shall come into force retroactively on January 1, 2008. The text in Paragraph 2 of Article 5 amended on May 1, 2009 and the text in Paragraph 5 of the same Article amended on May 28, 2010 shall come into force in fiscal year 2010. The text in Subparagraphs 1 and 2, Paragraph 1 of Article 4, and Item 4, Subparagraph 1, Paragraph 1 of Article 17 amended on January 7, 2011 shall come into force on January 1, 2012. The articles amended on July 25, 2012 shall come into force on January 1, 2013.

The effective date of the amendments made on May 29, 2001 shall be decided by the Executive Yuan.

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