

Part III

26 CFR 601.105: Examination of returns and claims for refund, credit, or abatement; determination of correct tax liability. (Also Part I, § 911, 1.911-1)

Rev. Proc. 2002-20

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

01. This revenue procedure provides information to any individual who failed to meet the eligibility requirements of § 911(d)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code because adverse conditions in a foreign country precluded the individual from meeting those requirements for taxable year 2001.

02. The Internal Revenue Service has previously listed countries for which the eligibility requirements of § 911(d)(1) of the Code are waived under § 911(d)(4) because of adverse conditions in those countries on and after the date stated. See Rev. Proc. 2001-27, 2001-19 I.R.B. 1155, Rev. Proc. 2000-14, 2000-1 C.B. 960, and Rev. Proc. 99-20, 1999-1 C.B. 872 . This revenue procedure lists the country added to the list in 2001, for which the eligibility requirements of § 911(d)(1) are waived. Rev. Proc. 2001-27, Rev. Proc. 2000-14, and Rev. Proc. 99-20 remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 2. BACKGROUND

01. Section 911(a) of the Code allows a “qualified individual,” as defined in § 911(d)(1), to exclude foreign earned income and housing cost amounts from gross income. Section 911(c)(3) of the Code allows a qualified individual to deduct housing cost amounts from gross income.

02. Section 911(d)(1) of the Code defines the term “qualified individual” as an

individual whose tax home is in a foreign country and who is (A) a citizen of the United States and establishes to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury that the individual has been a bona fide resident of a foreign country or countries for an uninterrupted period that includes an entire taxable year, or (B) a citizen or resident of the United States who, during any period of 12 consecutive months, is present in a foreign country or countries during at least 330 full days.

03. Section 911(d)(4) of the Code provides an exception to the eligibility requirements of § 911(d)(1). An individual will be treated as a qualified individual with respect to a period in which the individual was a bona fide resident of, or was present in, a foreign country if the individual left the country during a period for which the Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Secretary of State, determines that individuals were required to leave because of war, civil unrest, or similar adverse conditions that precluded the normal conduct of business. An individual must establish that but for those conditions the individual could reasonably have been expected to meet the eligibility requirements.

04. For 2001, the Secretary of the Treasury in consultation with the Secretary of State, has determined that war, civil unrest, or similar adverse conditions that precluded the normal conduct of business existed in the following country beginning on the specified date:

| <i>Date of Departure</i> | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Country</i> | <i>On or After</i> |
| Macedonia | July 27, 2001 |

05. Accordingly, for purposes of § 911 of the Code, an individual who left

Macedonia on or after July 27, 2001, shall be treated for 2001 as a qualified individual with respect to the period during which that individual was present in, or was a bona fide resident of Macedonia, if the individual establishes a reasonable expectation of meeting the requirements of § 911(d) but for those conditions.

06. To qualify for relief under § 911(d)(4) of the Code, an individual must have established residency on or prior to July 27, 2001, or have been physically present in Macedonia on July 27, 2001, the date that the Secretary of the Treasury determined that individuals were required to leave the foreign country. Individuals who establish residency or are first physically present in Macedonia after July 27, 2001, shall not be treated as qualified individuals under § 911(d)(4) of the Code for taxable year 2001.

07. In order to assist those individuals who are filing prior year or amended tax returns, the Internal Revenue Service is republishing the countries listed for tax years 1998, 1999, and 2000, for which the eligibility requirements of § 911(d)(1) of the Code are waived under § 911(d)(4):

Tax Year 1998 -

| <i>Date of Departure</i> | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Country</i> | <i>On or After</i> |
| Albania | August 14, 1998 |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | August 5, 1998 |
| Eritrea | June 5, 1998 |
| Guinea-Bissau | June 10, 1998 |
| Indonesia | May 15, 1998 |
| Pakistan | August 16, 1998 |
| Sierra Leone | December 23, 1998 |
| Serbia-Montenegro | October 11, 1998 |

Tax Year 1999 -

Date of Departure

| <i>Country</i> | <i>On or After</i> |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Eritrea | February 12, 1999 |
| Ethiopia | February 12, 1999 |
| Serbia-Montenegro | March 20, 1999 |

Tax Year 2000 -

Date of Departure

| <i>Country</i> | <i>On or After</i> |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Eritrea | May 19, 2000 |

SEC. 3. INQUIRIES

A taxpayer who needs assistance on how to claim this exclusion, or on how to file an amended return, should contact a local IRS Office or, for a taxpayer residing or traveling outside the United States, the nearest overseas IRS office.

SEC. 4. EFFECT ON OTHER DOCUMENTS

Rev. Proc. 2001-27, 2001-19 I.R.B. 1155, is supplemented.

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