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LEGEND

X =

D1 =

D2 =

Country =

Dear :

This is in response to a letter dated April 24, 2009, submitted on behalf of X, requesting an extension of time under § 301.9100-3 of the Procedure and Administration Regulations to file an election under § 301.7701-3(c) to be treated as a disregarded entity for federal tax purposes.

FACTS

According to the information submitted, X was formed on D1 under the laws of Country. X intended to be treated as a disregarded entity for federal tax purposes effective D2. However, X inadvertently failed to timely file Form 8832, Entity Classification Election, to be treated as a disregarded entity for federal tax purposes effective D2.

LAW AND ANALYSIS

Section 301.7701-3(a) provides that a business entity that is not classified as a corporation under § 301.7701-2(b)(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), or (8) (an eligible entity) can elect its classification for federal tax purposes. An eligible entity with a single owner can elect to be classified as an association or to be disregarded as an entity separate from its owner.

Section 301.7701-3(b)(2) provides guidance on the classification of a foreign eligible entity for federal tax purposes. Generally, a foreign eligible entity is treated as an association if all members have limited liability, unless the entity makes an election to be treated otherwise. A foreign eligible entity with a single owner having limited liability may elect to be treated as a disregarded entity pursuant to the rules of § 301.7701-3(c). Section 301.7701-3(c)(1)(i) and (iii) provides that an entity classification election must be filed on Form 8832 and can be effective up to 75 days prior to the date the form is filed or up to 12 months after the date the form is filed.

Section 301.7701-3(c)(2)(i) provides that an election under § 301.7701-3(c)(1)(i) must be signed by – (A) Each member of the electing entity who is an owner at the time the election is filed; or (B) Any officer, manager or member of the electing entity who is authorized (under local law or the entity's organizational documents) to make the election and who represents to having such authorization under penalties of perjury.

Section 301.7701-3(c)(1)(iii) provides that, if a purchasing corporation makes an election under § 338 regarding an acquired subsidiary, an election under § 301.7701-3(c)(1)(i) for the acquired subsidiary can be effective no earlier than the day after the acquisition date (within the meaning of § 338(h)(2)).

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

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

Section 301.9100-2 provides automatic extensions of time for making certain elections. Section 301.9100-3 provides rules for requesting extensions of time for regulatory elections that do not meet the requirements of § 301.9100-2.

Requests for relief under § 301.9100-3 will be granted when the taxpayer provides evidence to establish that the taxpayer acted reasonably and in good faith, and that granting relief will not prejudice the interests of the government.

CONCLUSION

Based solely on the facts submitted and the representations made, we conclude that the requirements of § 301.9100-3 have been satisfied. As a result, X is granted an extension of time of 60 days from the date of this letter to file a properly executed Form 8832, effective D2, with the appropriate service center, to elect to be classified as a disregarded entity. A copy of this letter should be attached to the Form 8832.

Except as expressly provided herein, no opinion is expressed or implied concerning the tax consequences of any aspect of any transaction or item discussed or referenced in this letter.

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

In accordance with the Power of Attorney on file with this office, a copy of this letter is being sent to your authorized representative.

Sincerely,

Curt G. Wilson

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Enclosures (2)

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