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This letter responds to a letter dated September 14, 2000, together with subsequent correspondence, submitted on behalf of X, requesting a time extension under section 301.9100-3 of the Procedure and Administration Regulations.

FACTS

According to the information submitted, X was validly formed under Country law on D1. X and X's shareholders intended from inception to elect to classify X as a partnership for federal tax purposes. However Form 8832, Entity Classification Election, was not timely filed.

LAW AND ANALYSIS

Section 301.7701-3(b)(2)(i) provides that unless a foreign eligible entity elects otherwise, the entity is: (A) a partnership if it has two or more members and at least one member does not have limited liability; (B) an association if all members have limited liability; or (C) disregarded as an entity separate from its owners if it has a single owner that does not have limited liability.

Section 301.7701-3(b)(2)(ii) provides that for purposes of 301.7701-3(b)(2)(i), a member of a foreign eligible entity has limited liability if the member has no personal liability for the debts of or claims against the entity by reason of being a member.

Section 301.7701-3(c)(1)(i) allows an entity to elect to change its classification by filing Form 8832, Entity Classification Election, with the service center designated on that Form. Section 301.7701-3(c)(1)(iii) provides that all such elections become effective on

the date specified by the entity on Form 8832 or on the date filed if no effective date is specified. The specified effective date must not be earlier than 75 days prior to the filing date of Form 8832, nor later than twelve months after that filing date.

Section 301.9100-1(c) gives the Commissioner discretion to grant reasonable extensions of time to make regulatory elections under the rules of sections 301.9100-2 and 301.9100-3. Under section 301.9100-1(b), a regulatory election includes an election whose due date is prescribed by a regulation published in the Federal Register or a notice published in the Internal Revenue Bulletin.

Section 301.9100-3 sets forth the standards which the Commissioner uses to determine whether to grant a discretionary time extension. Under section 301.9100-3, a request for relief will be granted when the taxpayer provides evidence proving to the satisfaction of the Commissioner 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 X has satisfied the requirements of sections 301.9100-1 and 301.9100-3. As a result, X is granted an extension of time for making the election to be classified as a partnership for federal tax purposes, effective D1, until 60 days following the date of this letter. X should make the election by filing Form 8832. A copy of this letter should be attached to that Form.

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(s) requesting it. Section 6110(k)(3) of the Code 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 the taxpayer.

Sincerely,
/s/ Paul F. Kugler
Paul F. Kugler
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