

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE



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We are responding to your correspondence requesting relief in order to establish S corporation status under the automatic relief provisions of Revenue Procedure 98-55. The cut-off date for 1999 automatic relief under this revenue procedure was March 15, 2000 (return due date). Based on the information submitted, your election has been submitted after such date, causing your corporation to be ineligible for automatic relief. Although we are unable to respond to your request as submitted, this letter provides useful information.

Announcement 97-4 (copy enclosed) provides guidance on seeking relief for late S corporation elections and inadvertent invalid S corporation elections. Generally, to request relief for a late or invalid S corporation election you must request a private letter ruling from the National Office. The procedures for requesting a private letter ruling are set out in Revenue Procedure 2000-1 (copy enclosed). In addition, Rev. Proc. 2000-1 requires taxpayers to submit a user fee along with their ruling request. The standard user fee for a private letter ruling is \$5,000. However, taxpayers with gross income of less than \$1 million on their last-filed tax return qualify for a **reduced user fee** in the amount of \$500. If you are eligible to pay the reduced fee, a statement certifying your gross income must accompany your request; otherwise, you will be billed for the higher fee. Please review Appendix B for a sample format for requesting a private letter ruling.

If you decide to submit a formal request for a private letter ruling, please refer your request to our office by adding the following to the address:

Attn: CC:P&A

P.O. Box 7604  
Ben Franklin Station  
Washington, DC 20044

Direct to: CC:PSI:B1  
Room 5002

Please keep this letter with your tax records and feel free to provide a copy of it to your authorized representative. We hope that the above information proves helpful.

Sincerely yours,

**/s/Dianna K. Miosi**  
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Enclosures:  
Announcement 97-4  
Rev. Proc. 2000-1