

other French entities is determined in accordance with the provisions of the laws and of the regulations thereunder applicable generally to nonresident alien individuals and to foreign corporations.

(d) The convention shall not be construed to affect the liability to United States income taxation of citizens of France who are resident in the United States except to the extent that such individuals are entitled to the benefits of Articles 8, 14A, and 19 and to paragraph V of the protocol of the convention. The tax liability of a United States citizen or a resident of the United States, a member of a French partnership carrying on a French enterprise is not affected by Article 3 of the convention. Such citizen or resident is subject to United States income tax upon his distributive share of the net income of such partnership even though the other members of such partnership are not subject to tax upon their share of the partnership's industrial and commercial profits from sources within the United States where the enterprise has no permanent establishment within the United States. The convention shall not be construed to affect the liability to United States income taxation of citizens of the United States or residents of the United States who are not citizens of France.

(e) The convention has no reference to rates of taxation imposed by the respective States but is concerned with the exempting of income arising in one of the contracting States when such income is derived from sources within such contracting State by a resident or corporation or other entity of the other contracting State and meets the conditions upon which such exemption depends as prescribed in the convention. This subpart is not concerned with the provisions of Articles 14B, 15, 16, and 17 of the convention since such articles affect only the allowance against the taxes imposed by France of income and excess profits taxes paid to the United States or the application of French revenue laws and decrees.

§ 514.104 Definitions.

(a) Any word or term used in this subpart which is defined in the convention shall be given the definition as-

signed to such word or term in such convention. Any word or term used in this subpart which is not defined in the convention but is defined in the Internal Revenue Code shall be given the definition contained therein.

(b) As used in this subpart:

(1) The term "permanent establishment" includes branches, mines and oil wells, plantations, factories, workshops, stores, purchasing and selling and other offices, agencies, warehouses and other fixed places of business. A French parent corporation having a domestic or foreign subsidiary corporation in the United States shall not be deemed by reason of such fact to have a permanent establishment in the United States. The mere fact that a foreign subsidiary corporation of a French parent corporation has a permanent establishment in the United States does not mean that such French parent corporation has a permanent establishment in the United States. The fact that a French enterprise carries on business dealings in the United States through a bona fide commission agent or broker shall not be held to mean that such enterprise has a permanent establishment in the United States. If, however, a French enterprise carries on business in the United States through an employee or agent established there who has general authority to negotiate and conclude contracts or has a stock of merchandise from which he regularly fills orders, such enterprise shall be deemed to have a permanent establishment in the United States. Thus, if a French enterprise has a full time employee or full time agent who for such enterprise maintains in the United States a stock of merchandise from which orders are filled, such enterprise has a permanent establishment in the United States even though such employee or agent has no general authority to negotiate and conclude contracts on behalf of such enterprise. However, the mere fact that a commission agent or broker through whom a French enterprise carries on business in the United States maintains a small stock of goods in the United States from which occasional orders are filled shall not be construed as meaning that such enterprise has a permanent establishment in the United States. The mere

fact that salesmen, employees of a French enterprise, promote the sale of its products in the United States does not mean that such enterprise has a permanent establishment therein. However, a French insurance enterprise which insures risks within the United States or receives premiums from sources within the United States is deemed to have a permanent establishment within the United States.

(2) The term "enterprise" means any commercial or industrial undertaking, whether conducted by an individual, partnership, corporation, or other entity. It includes such activities as manufacturing, merchandising, mining, banking, and insurance. It does not include the operation of, or the trading in, real property located in the United States. It does not include the rendition of personal services. Hence, a nonresident alien individual who is a resident of France, rendering personal services within the United States is not, merely by reason of such services, engaged in an enterprise within the meaning of the convention, and his liability to United States income tax is unaffected by Article 3 of the Convention.

(3) The term "French enterprise" means an enterprise carried on in France by a nonresident alien individual resident of France or by a French corporation or other French entity. The term "corporation or other entity" means a partnership, corporation, or other entity created or organized in France or under the laws of France. For example, an enterprise carried on wholly outside France by a French corporation is not a French enterprise within the meaning of the convention. Whether a French entity is a corporation, a partnership, or a trust is to be determined in accordance with the principles of existing law relating to the taxation of nonresident aliens and foreign corporations.

(4) The term "industrial and commercial profits" means the profits arising from the industrial, mercantile, manufacturing, or like activities of a French enterprise as defined in this section. Such term does not include income from real property, interest, dividends, rentals and royalties, gains from the sale or exchange of capital assets, or

compensation for labor or personal service. Such enumerated items of income are not governed by the provisions of Article 3 but, to the extent covered by the convention, are subject to the rules elsewhere set forth therein and in this subpart.

(5) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Treasury and the term "Minister" means the Minister of Finance of France.

§514.105 Scope of convention with respect to determination of "industrial and commercial profits" of a nonresident alien individual resident of France, or of a French corporation or other entity carrying on a French enterprise in the United States.

(a) *General.* Article 3 of the convention adopts the principle that an enterprise of one of the contracting States shall not be taxable in the other contracting State in respect of its industrial and commercial profits unless it has a permanent establishment in the latter State. Hence, a French enterprise is subject to United States tax upon its industrial and commercial profits from sources within the United States only if it has a permanent establishment within the United States. From the standpoint of Federal income taxation, the article has application only to a French enterprise and to the industrial and commercial income thereof from sources within the United States. It has no application, for example, to compensation for labor or personal services performed in the United States, to income derived from real property located in the United States or any interest therein, including rentals and royalties, to gains from the sale or other disposition of such real property or interest, to dividends and interest, to rentals and royalties arising from leasing personal property or any interest in such property, including rentals and royalties for the use of patents, copyrights, secret processes and formulae, good will, trade marks, trade brands, franchises, and other like property, or to profits from the sale or exchange of capital assets. Such enumerated items of income, to the extent covered by the convention, are treated separately elsewhere in this subpart and are subject to the rules laid down