ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

ARIZONA INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RULING

ITR 94-9

(On 7/26/2011 the Arizona Administrative Code rule reference was updated to use the rule's new number. No substantive changes were made.)

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ISSUE:

Is an Arizona nonresident individual who is a partner in a partnership that regularly places orders with brokers in Arizona to buy or sell securities subject to Arizona income tax on his or her distributive share of that partnership income when the only activity of the partnership is buying, selling, and holding securities?

APPLICABLE LAW:

Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 43-1091 defines "Arizona gross income" of nonresident individuals.

A.R.S. § 43-1401.1 defines "Arizona gross income" of a partnership.

A.R.S. § 43-1401.2 defines "Arizona taxable income" of a partnership.

A.R.S. § 43-1412.17 provides that each partner, in computing taxable income, is required to include his or her distributive share of a partnership's Arizona taxable income.

Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) rule R15-2C-601(A)(2) provides that the income of a nonresident from sources within Arizona includes his or her distributive share of partnership income which is derived from sources within Arizona.

DISCUSSION:

When the only activity of a partnership is buying, selling, and holding securities and the partnership systematically and continuously buys, sells, or trades securities through Arizona brokers so as to constitute doing business in Arizona, the partnership's profit or gain derived from such activity conducted in Arizona constitutes Arizona source income.

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An Arizona nonresident individual is required to include in Arizona gross income that portion of federal adjusted gross income which is derived from Arizona sources. The income of a nonresident from sources within Arizona includes his or her distributive share of partnership income which is derived from sources within Arizona.

RULING:

An Arizona nonresident individual who is a partner in a partnership that regularly places orders with brokers in Arizona to buy or sell securities is subject to Arizona income tax on his or her distributive share of that partnership income since such income from activities conducted in Arizona is income from Arizona sources.

Harold Scott, Director

Signed: February 10, 1995

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