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Internal Revenue Code Section 168(c)

Accelerated cost recovery system

(a) General rule.

Except as otherwise provided in this section , the depreciation deduction provided by section 167(a) for any tangible property shall be determined by using-

- (1) the applicable depreciation method,
- (2) the applicable recovery period, and
- (3) the applicable convention.

(b) Applicable depreciation method.

For purposes of this section -

(1) In general.

Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) , the applicable depreciation method is-

- (A) the 200 percent declining balance method,
- (B) switching to the straight line method for the 1st taxable year for which using the straight line method with respect to the adjusted basis as of the beginning of such year will yield a larger allowance.

(2) 150 percent declining balance method in certain cases.

Paragraph (1) shall be applied by substituting "150 percent" for "200 percent" in the case of-

- (A) any 15-year or 20-year property not referred to in paragraph (3) ,
- (B) any property (other than property described in paragraph (3)) which is a qualified smart electric meter or qualified smart electric grid system, or
- (C) any property (other than property described in paragraph (3)) with respect to which the taxpayer elects under paragraph (5) to have the provisions of this paragraph apply.

(3) Property to which straight line method applies.

The applicable depreciation method shall be the straight line method in the case of the following property:

- (A) Nonresidential real property.
- (B) Residential rental property.
- (C) Any railroad grading or tunnel bore.

(D) Property with respect to which the taxpayer elects under paragraph (5) to have the provisions of this paragraph apply.

(E) Property described in subsection (e)(3)(D)(ii) .

(F) Water utility property described in subsection (e)(5) .


(G) Qualified improvement property described in subsection (e)(6) .

(H) Repealed.

(I) Repealed.

(4) Salvage value treated as zero.
Salvage value shall be treated as zero.

(5) Election.
An election under paragraph (2)(D) or (3)(D) may be made with respect to 1 or more classes of property for any taxable year and once made with respect to any class shall apply to all property in such class placed in service during such taxable year. Such an election, once made, shall be irrevocable.

 (c) Applicable recovery period.

For purposes of this section, the applicable recovery period shall be determined in accordance with the following table:

In the case of:	The applicable recovery period is:
3-year property	3 years
5-year property	5 years
7-year property	7 years
10-year property	10 years
15-year property	15 years
20-year property	20 years
Water utility property	25 years
Residential rental property	27.5 years
Nonresidential real property	39 years
Any railroad grading or tunnel bore	50 years

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