Form 6781 (2020)

- A loss position included in an identified straddle established before October 22, 2004, unless you disposed of all of the positions making up the straddle.
- A loss position included in an identified straddle established after October 21, 2004.
- A position that is part of a straddle if all of the positions of the straddle are section 1256 contracts.

Line 10, Column (a)

Enter the property and delivery date and indicate whether the property is a long or short position.

Line 10, Column (d)

For positions closed out or sold, enter the closing price or sales price.

Line 10, Column (e)

For positions closed out or sold, enter the cost or other basis plus commissions paid. Include nondeductible interest and carrying charges allocable to personal property that is part of a straddle. If any part of an unallowed loss from an offsetting position established in an identified straddle after October 21, 2004, increased your basis in the position, also include that amount. See Pub. 550 for details.

Line 10, Column (f)

Include in this column any loss not allowed in the prior year to the extent of the unrecognized gain.

Line 10, Column (g)

Enter the unrecognized gain on positions offsetting those in columns (a) through (f). Include unrecognized gain on any position you are treated as holding because it is held by a related party. Figure the amount to enter in this column by subtracting the cost or other basis of the offsetting position from the settlement price of that position as of the close of the last business day of your 2020 tax year.

Lines 11 and 13

Separate recognized gains and losses into short term and long term. Attach a separate statement for each. For information about holding periods for straddle positions, see Pub. 550 and Temporary Regulations section 1.1092(b)-2T.

Attach separate statements for (a) section 988 contracts that are part of a mixed straddle, and (b) any gain on the disposition or other termination of any position held as part of a conversion transaction (as defined in section 1258(c)). Identify the net gain or loss and report it on Form 4797, line 10.

Line 11a

Include this amount on Schedule D (Form 1040), line 4; or on Schedule D (Form 1041), line 4.

For other returns, enter it in Part I of a Form 8949 with box C checked. Enter "Form 6781, Part II" on line 1 in column (a). Enter the (loss) as a negative number (in parentheses) in column (h). Leave all other columns blank.

Line 11b

Include this amount on Schedule D (Form 1040), line 11; or on Schedule D (Form 1041), line 11.

For other returns, enter it in Part II of a Form 8949 with box F checked. Enter "Form 6781, Part II" on line 1 in column (a). Enter the (loss) as a negative number (in parentheses) in column (h). Leave all other columns blank.

Line 13a

If you are not deferring any of this amount due to an investment in a QOF, include this amount on Schedule D (Form 1040), line 4; or on Schedule D (Form 1041), line 4. If you are deferring any of this amount due to an investment in a QOF, follow the instructions in the next paragraph.

For other returns, enter it in Part I of a Form 8949 with box C checked. Enter "Form 6781, Part II" on line 1 in column (a). Enter the gain in column (h). Leave all other columns blank.

Line 13b

If you are not deferring any of this amount due to an investment in a QOF, include this amount on Schedule D (Form 1040), line 11; or on Schedule D (Form 1041), line 11. If you are deferring any of this amount due to an investment in a QOF, follow the instructions in the next paragraph.

For other returns, enter it in Part II of a Form 8949 with box F checked. Enter "Form 6781, Part II" on line 1 in column (a). Enter the gain in column (h). Leave all other columns blank.

Collectibles gain or (loss). A collectibles gain or (loss) is any long-term gain or deductible long-term loss from the sale or exchange of a collectible that is a capital asset. Collectibles include works of art, rugs, antiques, metals (such as gold, silver, and platinum bullion), gems, stamps, coins, alcoholic beverages, and certain other tangible property.

If any of the gain or loss you reported in Part II is a collectibles gain or (loss) and you are filing Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1041, follow the instructions below for the form you file.

Form 1040 or 1040-SR. If you checked "Yes" on line 17 of Schedule D (Form 1040), include the collectibles gain or (loss) from Part II on line 3 of the 28% Rate Gain Worksheet in the Instructions for Schedule D (Form 1040).

Form 1041. If you must complete the 28% Rate Gain Worksheet in the Instructions for Schedule D (Form 1041), include the collectibles gain or (loss) from Part II on line 3 of that worksheet.

Part III

Complete Part III by listing each position (whether or not part of a straddle) that you held at the end of the tax year (including any position you are treated as holding because it is held by a related party) if the FMV of the position at such time exceeds your cost or other basis as adjusted.

Don't include positions that are part of an identified straddle or hedging transaction, property that is stock in trade or inventory, or property subject to depreciation used in a trade or business.

Don't complete Part III if you don't have a recognized loss on any position (including section 1256 contracts).

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