

802.51(b)(1)

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Miko--

This question came up years ago, before I began collecting the documents that are now in our database. It concerns the situs of assets owned by a foreign corporation for purposes of section 802.51(b)(1). Assume the acquiring person, a foreign corporation, seeks to acquire control of another foreign issuer that operates cruise ships. The ships are registered in a foreign country, but some of them operate regularly out of US ports, although perhaps not exclusively. Assume also that the book value of the ships on the acquired person's LRPBS exceeds the limitation of the rule. Do these ships alone constitute acquired person's assets in the US to deny the exemption under 802.51(b)(1)?

I remember discussing this with Dick, and I cannot recall the answer with any certainty. My vague recollection is that ships of foreign registry that do not use US ports as their home ports are not assets in the US. However, ships of foreign registry that do use US ports as their home ports are assets in the US. If a ship has more than one home port, who knows?

What's the PNO's current position?

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