

1 be gain from the sale or exchange of a capital asset held
2 for less than six months on the day that the option
3 expires.

4 “(2) DEFINITIONS.—

5 “(A) For purposes of this section a ‘straddle’
6 is defined as a combination of an option to buy and
7 an option to sell, giving the holder the right to both
8 buy and sell a specified quantity of a security at a
9 fixed price for a stated period of time.

10 “(B) For purposes of this paragraph ‘security’
11 shall not include contracts to buy or sell commod-
12 ities.

13 “(3) EXCLUSION OF DEALERS.—This subsection
14 shall not apply to any person who holds securities for
15 sale to customers in the ordinary course of his trade or
16 business.”

17 EFFECTIVE DATE

18 SEC. 2. This Act shall apply to options granted after
19 January 25, 1965.