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New Long-Term Capital Gains Tax Rate

On May 28, 2003, President Bush signed the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 (JGTRRA). As part of the JGTRRA, the tax rate on long-term capital gains was reduced from 20% to 15%.

The new U.S. tax cut on dividends does not impact all kinds of dividends. For example, interest earned on a bond fund, REIT, is not qualified. FT Interactive Data has already begun polling some of the major dividend paying companies to determine if they plan on including this data in their press releases. We do not have any responses as of yet. Currently, companies do not report any tax information in their press releases. The exchanges provide some tax data for ADRs and some derivatives. When we have more information, we will issue another DATAFEED Update.

We are in the process of planning changes that will allow us to include the amount of capital gains subject to the 15% rate in the DATAFEED Dividend (D) format record responses that return capital gains information. We will be discussing these proposed changes to DATAFEED with your software developer. We anticipate that we will complete changes to DATAFEED sometime in the fall.