



Finance Act 1988

1988 CHAPTER 39

PART IV

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Inheritance tax

136 Reduction of rates.

- (1) For the Table in Schedule 1 to the ^{M1}Inheritance Tax Act 1984 there shall be substituted—

“ TABLE OF RATES OF TAX

<i>Portion of value</i>		<i>Rate of tax</i>
<i>Lower limit</i>	<i>Upper limit</i>	<i>Per cent.</i>
£ 0	£ 110,000	Nil
110,000		40”

- (2) Subsection (1) above shall apply to any chargeable transfer made on or after 15th March 1988, and section 8(1) of the ^{M2}Inheritance Tax Act 1984 (indexation of rate bands) shall not apply to chargeable transfers made in the year beginning 6th April 1988.

- (3) Section 8(1A) of that Act shall cease to have effect.

Marginal Citations

M1 1984 c. 51.

M2 1984 c. 51.

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137 Gifts to political parties.

- (1) In section 24(1) of the Inheritance Tax Act 1984 (exemption from tax for gifts to political parties) paragraph (b) (which limits the exemption to £100,000 in respect of gifts on or within one year of the death of the transferor) shall cease to have effect.
- (2) This section shall have effect in relation to transfers of value made on or after 15th March 1988.

Petroleum revenue tax

138 Reduced oil allowance for certain Southern Basin and onshore fields.

- (1) For every relevant Southern Basin or onshore field, as defined in subsection (2) below, section 8 of the ^{M3}Oil Taxation Act 1975 (the oil allowance) shall have effect subject to the following modifications—
 - (a) in subsection (2) (the amount of the allowance for each chargeable period) for “250,000 metric tonnes” there shall be substituted “ 125,000 metric tonnes ”; and
 - (b) in subsection (6) (the total allowance for a field) for “5 million metric tonnes” there shall be substituted “ 25 million metric tonnes ”.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3) below, for the purposes of this section a “relevant Southern Basin or onshore field” is any oil field other than one—
 - (a) which is a relevant new field for the purposes of section 36 of the ^{M4}Finance Act 1983 (increased oil allowance for certain new fields); or
 - (b) for any part of which consent for development was granted to the licensee by the Secretary of State before 1st April 1982; or
 - (c) for any part of which a programme of development was served on the licensee or approved by the Secretary of State before that date.
- (3) In determining, in accordance with subsection (2) above, whether an oil field (in this subsection referred to as “the field in question”) is a relevant Southern Basin or onshore field, no account shall be taken of a consent for development granted before 1st April 1982 or a programme of development served on the licensee or approved by the Secretary of State before that date if—
 - (a) in whole or in part that consent or programme related to another oil field for which a determination under Schedule 1 to the ^{M5}Oil Taxation Act 1975 was made before the determination under that Schedule for the field in question; and
 - (b) on or after 1st April 1982, a consent for development is or was granted or a programme of development is or was served on the licensee or approved by the [^{F1}OGA] and that consent or programme relates, in whole or in part, to the field in question.
- (4) Subsections (4) and (5) of section 36 of the Finance ^{M6}Act 1983 (which define “development” for the purposes of subsections (2) and (3) of that section) shall apply also for the purposes of subsections (2) and (3) of this section.
- (5) This section shall have effect in relation to chargeable periods ending after 30th June 1988.
- (6) This section shall be construed as one with Part I of the ^{M7} Oil Taxation Act 1975.

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Textual Amendments

F1 Word in s. 138(3)(b) substituted (1.10.2016) by [The Petroleum \(Transfer of Functions\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/898\)](#), regs. 1(2), **10**

Marginal Citations

M3 1975 c. 22.
M4 1983 c. 28.
M5 1975 c. 22.
M6 1983 c. 28.
M7 1975 c. 22.

139 ^{X1}**Assets generating tariff receipts: extension of allowable expenditure.**

- (1) In Part I of Schedule 1 to the ^{M8}Oil Taxation Act 1983 (extensions of allowable expenditure for assets generating receipts) paragraph 3 (expenditure on enhancing the value of assets no longer in use for the principal field) shall be amended as follows—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) after the words “enhancing the value of” there shall be inserted “ or otherwise in connection with ”;
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (1)(d) for the words “the expenditure” there shall be substituted “ either the use of the asset ” and after the words “tariff receipts or” there shall be inserted “ the expenditure ”.
- (2) This section shall have effect with respect to expenditure incurred on or after 15th March 1988.

Editorial Information

X1 The text of s. 139 is in the form in which it was originally enacted; it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

Marginal Citations

M8 1983 c. 56.

Stamp duty and stamp duty reserve tax

F2¹⁴⁰

Textual Amendments

F2 [S. 140](#) repealed (27.7.1999 with effect as mentioned in Sch. 20 Pt. V(2) notes 1, 2 of the amending Act) by 1999 c. 16, s. 139, [Sch. 20 Pt. V\(2\)](#)

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Textual Amendments

- F3** S. 141 repealed (27.7.1999 with effect as mentioned in Sch. 20 Pt. V(2) notes 1, 2 of the amending Act) by 1999 c. 16, s. 139, **Sch. 20 Pt. V(2)**

142 Stamp duty: housing action trusts.

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(2) In section 107 of the ^{M9}Finance Act 1981 (sales at a discount by local authorities etc.) after paragraph (f) of subsection (3) there shall be inserted—

“(ff) a housing action trust established under Part III of the Housing Act 1988;”

Textual Amendments

- F4** S. 142(1) omitted (with effect in accordance with Sch. 39 para. 10(1) of the amending Act) by virtue of Finance Act 2012 (c. 14), **Sch. 39 para. 3(2)(b)** (with Sch. 39 paras. 11-13)

Marginal Citations

- M9** 1981 c. 35.

143 Stamp duty: paired shares

(1) This section applies where —

- (a) the articles of association of a company incorporated in the United Kingdom (“the UK company”) and the equivalent instruments governing a company which is not so incorporated (“the foreign company”) each provide that no share in the company to which they relate may be transferred otherwise than as part of a unit comprising one share in that company and one share in the other; and
- (b) such units are to be or have been offered for sale to the public in the United Kingdom and, at the same time, an equal number of such units are to be or, as the case may be, have been offered for sale to the public at a broadly equivalent price in the country in which the foreign company is incorporated (“the foreign country”).

[^{F5}(2) In relation to an instrument to which this subsection applies, no duty is chargeable under paragraph 1 of Schedule 15 to the Finance Act 1999 (bearer instruments: charge on issue); but this does not affect the other requirements of that Schedule.]

(3) [^{F6}Subsection (2) above applies] to any bearer instrument issued on or after 1st November 1987 which represents shares in the UK company, or a right to an allotment of or to subscribe for such shares, if the purpose of the issue is —

- (a) to make such shares available for sale (as part of such units as are referred to in subsection (1) above) in pursuance of either of the offers referred to in subsection (1)(b) above or of any other offer for sale of such units to the public made at the same time and at a broadly equivalent price in a country other than the United Kingdom or the foreign country; or
- (b) to give effect to an allotment of such shares (as part of such units) as fully or partly paid bonus shares.

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- [^{F7}(4) In relation to an instrument to which this subsection applies—
- (a) the foreign company shall be treated for the purposes of Schedule 15 to the Finance Act 1999 (stamp duty on bearer instruments) as a UK company, and
 - (b) paragraph 17 of that Schedule (exemption for non-sterling instruments) shall not apply.]
- (5) [^{F8}Subsection (4) above applies] to any bearer instrument issued on or after 9th December 1987 which represents shares in the foreign company, or a right to an allotment of or to subscribe for such shares, and is not issued for the purpose —
- (a) of making shares in the foreign company available for sale (as part of such units as are referred to in subsection (1) above) in pursuance of either of the offers referred to in subsection (1)(b) above or of any other offer such as is mentioned in subsection (3)(a) above; or
 - (b) of giving effect to an allotment of such shares (as part of such units) as fully or partly paid bonus shares.
- (6) In relation to any instrument which transfers such units as are referred to in subsection (1) above and is executed on or after the date of the passing of this Act, the foreign company shall be treated for the purposes of sections 67 and 68 (depository receipts) and 70 and 71 (clearance services) of the Finance Act 1986 as a company incorporated in the United Kingdom.
- (7) Section 3 of the Stamp Act 1891 (which requires every instrument written upon the same piece of material as another instrument to be separately stamped) shall not apply in relation to any bearer instrument issued on or after 9th December 1987 which represents shares in the UK company or the foreign company, or a right to an allotment of or to subscribe for such shares.
- (8) This section shall be construed as one with the Stamp Act 1891.
- (9) Subsections (2) and (3) above, together with subsection (1) above so far as relating to them, shall be deemed to have come into force on 1st November 1987, and subsections (4), (5) and (7) above, together with subsection (1) above so far as relating to them, shall be deemed to have come into force on 9th December 1987.

Textual Amendments

- F5** S. 143(2) substituted (with application in accordance with s. 113(4) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1999 \(c. 16\)](#) s. 113(3), {Sch. 16 para. 11(2)}
- F6** Words in s. 143(3) substituted (with application in accordance with s. 113(4) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1999 \(c. 16\)](#) s. 113(3), {Sch. 16 para. 11(3)}
- F7** S. 143(4) substituted (with application in accordance with s. 113(4) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1999 \(c. 16\)](#) s. 113(3), {Sch. 16 para. 11(4)}
- F8** Words in s. 143(5) substituted (with application in accordance with s. 113(4) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1999 \(c. 16\)](#) s. 113(3), {Sch. 16 para. 11(5)}

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 143 modified (26.7.1990) by [Finance Act 1990 \(c. 29\)](#) s. 112

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144 Stamp duty reserve tax: paired shares etc

(1) Section 99 of the Finance Act 1986 (stamp duty reserve tax: interpretation) shall be amended as follows.

(2) For subsections (3) to (6) there shall be substituted —

“(3) Subject to the following provisions of this section, “chargeable securities” means —

- (a) stocks, shares or loan capital,
- (b) interests in, or in dividends or other rights arising out of, stocks, shares or loan capital,
- (c) rights to allotments of or to subscribe for, or options to acquire, stocks, shares or loan capital, and
- (d) units under a unit trust scheme.

(4) “Chargeable securities” does not include securities falling within paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of subsection (3) above which are issued or raised by a body corporate not incorporated in the United Kingdom unless —

- (a) they are registered in a register kept in the United Kingdom by or on behalf of the body corporate by which they are issued or raised, or
- (b) in the case of shares, they are paired with shares issued by a body corporate incorporated in the United Kingdom, or
- (c) in the case of securities falling within paragraph (b) or (c) of subsection (3) above, paragraph (a) or (b) above applies to the stocks, shares or loan capital to which they relate.

(5) “Chargeable securities” does not include —

- (a) securities the transfer of which is exempt from all stamp duties, or
- (b) securities falling within paragraph (b) or (c) of subsection (3) above which relate to stocks, shares or loan capital the transfer of which is exempt from all stamp duties.

(6) “Chargeable securities” does not include interests in depositary receipts for stocks or shares.

(6A) For the purposes of subsection (4) above, shares issued by a body corporate which is not incorporated in the United Kingdom (“the foreign company”) are paired with shares issued by a body corporate which is so incorporated (“the UK company”) where —

- (a) the articles of association of the UK company and the equivalent instruments governing the foreign company each provide that no share in the company to which they relate may be transferred otherwise than as part of a unit comprising one share in that company and one share in the other, and
- (b) such units have been offered for sale to the public in the United Kingdom and, at the same time, an equal number of such units have been offered for sale to the public at a broadly equivalent price in the country in which the foreign company is incorporated.”

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(4) In subsection (10), for paragraph (a) there shall be substituted —

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“(a) paragraph (a) of subsection (4) above and the reference to that paragraph in paragraph (c) of that subsection shall be ignored, and”.

(5) After subsection (10) there shall be added —

“(11) In interpreting “chargeable securities” in section 93 or 96 above in a case where —

- (a) newly subscribed shares, or
- (b) securities falling within paragraph (b) or (c) of subsection (3) above which relate to newly subscribed shares,

are issued in pursuance of an arrangement such as is mentioned in that section (or an arrangement which would be such an arrangement if the securities issued were chargeable securities), paragraph (b) of subsection (4) above and the reference to that paragraph in paragraph (c) of that subsection shall be ignored.

(12) In subsection (11) above, “newly subscribed shares” means shares issued wholly for new consideration in pursuance of an offer for sale to the public.”

(6) This section applies in relation to —

- (a) agreements to transfer chargeable securities (within the meaning of section 99 of the Finance Act 1986 as amended by this section) made on or after 9th December 1987; and
- (b) the transfer, issue or appropriation of such securities, or the issue of securities such as are mentioned in subsection (11) of that section, on or after that date in pursuance of an arrangement such as is mentioned in that subsection (whenever the arrangement was made),

and shall be deemed to have come into force on that date.

Textual Amendments

F9 S. 144(3) repealed (with effect as mentioned in Sch. 20 Pt. V(5) notes 1, 2 of the amending Act) by Finance Act 1999 (c. 16), s. 139, **Sch. 20 Pt. V(5)**

Miscellaneous

145 Building societies: change of status.

Schedule 12 to this Act (which makes provision in connection with the transfer of a building society’s business to a company in accordance with the ^{M10}Building Societies Act 1986) shall have effect.

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M10 1986 c. 53.

146 Post-consolidation amendments.

The enactments specified in Schedule 13 to this Act shall have effect subject to the amendments specified in that Schedule (being amendments to correct errors in the

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Taxes Act 1988 and in the amendments made by the ^{M11}Finance Act 1987 for the purposes of the consolidation effected by the Taxes Act 1988).

Marginal Citations

M11 1987 c. 16.

147 Interpretation etc.

- (1) In this Act “the Taxes Act 1970” means the ^{M12}Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 and “the Taxes Act 1988” means the ^{M13}Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.
- (2) Part II of this Act shall be construed as one with the ^{M14}Value Added Tax Act 1983.
- (3) Part III of this Act, so far as it relates to income tax, shall be construed as one with the Income Tax Acts, so far as it relates to corporation tax, shall be construed as one with the Corporation Tax Acts and, so far as it relates to capital gains tax, shall be construed as one with the ^{M15}Capital Gains Tax Act 1979.

Marginal Citations

M12 1970 c. 10.

M13 1988 c. 1.

M14 1983 c. 55.

M15 1979 c. 14.

148 Repeals.

The enactments specified in Schedule 14 to this Act (which include unnecessary enactments) are hereby repealed to the extent specified in the third column of that Schedule, but subject to any provision at the end of any Part of that Schedule.

149 Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Finance Act 1988.

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