

Finance Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 36

PART IV

INHERITANCE TAX ETC.

142 Property of historic interest etc

Schedule 25 to this Act (which makes provision about the designation of property of historic interest, etc. and about undertakings in relation to such property) shall have effect.

143 Removal of exemption for gifts for public benefit

- (1) Section 26 of the Inheritance Tax Act 1984 (gifts for public benefit) shall not apply to any transfer of value made on or after 17th March 1998.
- (2) Accordingly, in that Act, in relation to any transfer of value made on or after 17th March 1998—
 - (a) in sections 23(5) and 29A(6) (gifts to charities and abatement of exemptions), for the words "25 or 26", in each place where they occur, there shall be substituted "or 25"; and
 - (b) in section 29(5) (exemptions in loan cases), for "to 26", "25 or 26" and "25(2) and 26(7)" there shall be substituted, respectively, "to 25", "or 25" and "and 25(2)".
- (3) In relation to any property becoming the property of any person on or after 17th March 1998, in section 56(4) and (7) of that Act (exclusion of exemptions in relation to the acquisition of reversionary interests), for the words "to 26", in each place where they occur, there shall be substituted "to 25".
- (4) In section 76 of that Act (tax not charged on property becoming property held for charitable purposes etc.)—

- (a) paragraph (d) of subsection (1) and subsection (2) shall cease to have effect, and the word "or" shall be inserted at the end of paragraph (b) of subsection (1);
- (b) in subsection (3), for "to (d)" there shall be substituted "to (c)"; and
- (c) in subsections (6) and (8), for the words "(c) or (d)", in each place where they occur, there shall be substituted "or (c)".
- (5) Subsection (4) above has effect in relation to property which ceases to be relevant property, or to be property to which any of sections 70 to 74 of the Inheritance Tax Act 1984 or paragraph 8 of Schedule 4 to that Act applies, on or after 17th March 1998.
- (6) In relation to any property becoming the property of a body on a transfer of value made on or after 17th March 1998, in section 161(2)(b) of that Act (related property), for "25 or 26" there shall be substituted "or 25".
- (7) In relation to any disposal on or after 17th March 1998, in section 258(2) of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 (gains on disposal of works of art etc.), in paragraph (a), for "1984 Act" there shall be substituted "Inheritance Tax Act 1984 ("the 1984 Act")".

144 Maintenance funds for historic buildings, etc

- (1) In section 27 of the Inheritance Tax Act 1984 (exemption for transfers into maintenance funds for historic buildings etc.), at the beginning of subsection (1) there shall be inserted "Subject to subsection (1A) below," and after that subsection there shall be inserted the following subsection—
 - "(1A) Subsection (1) above does not apply in the case of a direction given after the time of the transfer unless the claim for the direction (if it is not made before that time) is made no more than two years after the date of that transfer, or within such longer period as the Board may allow."
- (2) This section has effect in relation to transfers of value made on or after 17th March 1998.

145 Accounting for property accepted in satisfaction of tax

- (1) Section 10 of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1866 shall have effect as if the accounts required to be rendered under that section to the Comptroller and Auditor General, in addition to containing information about payments to which that section applies, were required to contain such information about property accepted on or after 1st April 1998 in satisfaction of tax as may be specified in directions given by the Treasury.
- (2) In subsection (1) above the reference to property accepted in satisfaction of tax is a reference to property accepted by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue under any of the following provisions, that is to say—
 - (a) section 230 of the Inheritance Tax Act 1984;
 - (b) paragraph 17 of Schedule 4 to the Finance Act 1975;
 - (c) section 56 of the Finance (1909-1910) Act 1910;
 - (d) section 30 of the Finance Act 1953 and section 1 of the Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act Northern Ireland) 1954;

- (e) section 34(1) of the Finance Act 1956, section 46 of the Finance Act 1973, Article 10 of the Finance (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 and Article 5 of the Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1973.
- (3) The preceding provisions of this section have effect in relation to accounts rendered on or after such date as the Treasury may by order made by statutory instrument appoint.