



Corporation Tax Act 2009

2009 CHAPTER 4

PART 8

INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

CHAPTER 11

TRANSFER OF BUSINESS OR TRADE

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- (1) For the purposes of this Chapter, a reconstruction, transfer or merger meets the genuine commercial transaction requirement if it—
 - (a) is effected for genuine commercial reasons, and
 - (b) does not form part of a scheme or arrangements of which the main purpose, or one of the main purposes, is avoidance of liability to corporation tax, capital gains tax or income tax.
- (2) The conditions in subsection (1) are treated as met if before the reconstruction, transfer or merger—
 - (a) the appropriate applicant has applied to the Commissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, and
 - (b) the Commissioners have notified the appropriate applicant that they are satisfied that the requirements of subsection (1) will be met.
- (3) In subsection (2) “the appropriate applicant” means—
 - (a) in the case of an application about a reconstruction within section 818(1)(a), the transferee (within the meaning of that section),

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- (b) in the case of an application about a transfer falling within section 820 because condition A in section 819(2) is met, the transferor and the transferee (within the meaning of section 819(2)),
 - (c) in the case of an application about a transfer falling within section 820 because condition B in section 819(3) is met, the transferor and the transferee (within the meaning of section 819(3)),
 - (d) in the case of an application about a merger falling within section 821(2), the transferor (as defined in section 823(2)), and
 - (e) in the case of an application about a transfer falling within section 827(1)(a), the transferor (within the meaning of that section).
- (4) For the procedure on such an application, see section 832.

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