

# Finance Act 1934

## **1934 CHAPTER 32**

## PART III

#### NATIONAL DEBT AND GUARANTEED LOANS

#### **23** Provisions as to permanent annual charge for the National Debt

- (1) The permanent annual charge for the National Debt for the financial year ending on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-five, shall be the sum of two hundred and twenty-four million pounds instead of the sum of three hundred and fifty-five million pounds.
- (2) The Treasury may at any time, if they think fit, raise money in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under and for the purposes of subsection (1) of section one of the War Loan Act, 1919, for providing any sums required during the said financial year for the purposes mentioned in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section twenty-three of the Finance Act, 1928, as amended by this section, and the amount required by the said subsection (4) to be issued from the permanent annual charge for the National Debt for the purposes aforesaid in that year shall be decreased by the amount raised under this subsection.
- (3) Any securities created and issued to raise money under the last preceding subsection shall be deemed to have been created and issued under subsection (1) of section one of the War Loan Act, 1919.
- (4) Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of the said section twenty-three shall have effect as if the following sub-paragraph were inserted immediately after sub-paragraph (iii) thereof—
  - "(iiia) for the purpose of fulfilling the undertaking contained in the prospectus relating to the three per cent. Funding Loan 1959-69 to set aside certain sums for sinking fund purposes."

### 24 Provision for sinking fund of three per cent. Funding Loan 1959-69

Any moneys required for the purpose of fulfilling the undertaking contained in the prospectus relating to the three per cent. Funding Loan 1959-69 to set aside certain sums for sinking fund purposes shall be charged on and issued out of the Consolidated Fund or the growing produce thereof.

#### 25 Power of Treasury to guarantee loans issued to redeem existing guaranteed loans

(1) Where a loan which may be redeemed before maturity at the option of the borrower has been guaranteed by the Treasury, whether before or after the passing of this Act, and it is proposed to issue another loan (in this section referred to as a conversion loan) solely for the purpose of providing for the redemption of the first-mentioned loan as aforesaid, whether by way of cash payments or by exchange of securities, the Treasury may guarantee the conversion loan:

Provided that-

- (a) a conversion loan shall not be guaranteed under this section unless—
  - (i) the amount required in each year to pay the interest on the conversion loan is less than the amount which would have been required in the year beginning at the date of the issue of that loan to pay the interest on the loan to be redeemed; and
  - (ii) the Treasury are satisfied that the substitution of the guarantee of the conversion loan for the guarantee of the loan to be redeemed will benefit the Exchequer; and
- (b) where a conversion loan has been guaranteed under this section the Treasury shall not guarantee another conversion loan issued for the purpose of providing for the redemption of the first-mentioned conversion loan.
- (2) Any guarantee given under this section may be given in such form and manner, and on such terms and subject to such conditions, as the Treasury think fit.
- (3) Any moneys required for fulfilling a guarantee given under this section shall be charged on and issued out of the Consolidated Fund or the growing produce thereof and any moneys paid in or towards repayment of any sum issued out of the Consolidated Fund under this section shall be paid into the Exchequer.

(4) The Treasury shall lay before both Houses of Parliament—

- (a) a statement of any guarantee given under this section as soon as may be after it is given; and
- (b) once in each year, an account of any sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund for the purpose of any such guarantee.
- (5) In this section, references to the guaranteeing of a loan shall be construed as references to guaranteeing, whether wholly or in part, and whether solely or jointly with other guarantors, the payment either of the interest, or of both the interest and the principal, of the loan, and the expression " guaranteed" shall be construed accordingly.