



Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992

1992 CHAPTER 12

PART VI

COMPANIES, OIL, INSURANCE ETC.

CHAPTER I

COMPANIES

Losses attributable to depreciatory transactions

176 Depreciatory transactions within a group.

- (1) This section has effect as respects a disposal of shares in, or securities of, a company (“the ultimate disposal”) if the value of the shares or securities has been materially reduced by a depreciatory transaction effected [^{F1}on or after 31st March 1982]; and for this purpose “depreciatory transaction” means—
 - (a) any disposal of assets at other than market value by one member of a group of companies to another, or
 - (b) any other transaction satisfying the conditions of subsection (2) below, except that a transaction shall not be treated as a depreciatory transaction to the extent that it consists of a payment which is required to be or has been brought into account, for the purposes of corporation tax on chargeable gains, in computing a chargeable gain or allowable loss accruing to the person making the ultimate disposal.
- (2) The conditions referred to in subsection (1)(b) above are—
 - (a) that the company, the shares in which, or securities of which, are the subject of the ultimate disposal, or any 75 per cent. subsidiary of that company, was a party to the transaction, and
 - (b) that the parties to the transaction were or included 2 or more companies which at the time of the transaction were members of the same group of companies.

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- (3) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) above, the cancellation of any shares in or securities of one member of a group of companies under section [F2641] of the Companies Act [F2006] shall, to the extent that immediately before the cancellation those shares or securities were the property of another member of the group, be taken to be a transaction fulfilling the conditions in subsection (2) above.
- (4) If the person making the ultimate disposal is, or has at any time been, a member of the group of companies referred to in subsection (1) or (2) above, any allowable loss accruing on the disposal shall be reduced to such extent as [F3is] just and reasonable having regard to the depreciatory transaction, but if the person making the ultimate disposal is not a member of that group when he disposes of the shares or securities, no reduction of the loss shall be made by reference to a depreciatory transaction which took place when that person was not a member of that group.
- (5) [F4A reduction under subsection (4) above shall be made] on the footing that the allowable loss ought not to reflect any diminution in the value of the company’s assets which was attributable to a depreciatory transaction, but allowance may be made for any other transaction on or after 31st March 1982 which has enhanced the value of the company’s assets and depreciated the value of the assets of any other member of the group.
- (6) If, under subsection (4) above, a reduction is made in an allowable loss, any chargeable gain accruing on a disposal of the shares or securities of any other company which was a party to the depreciatory transaction by reference to which the reduction was made, being a disposal not later than 6 years after the depreciatory transaction, shall be reduced to such extent as [F5is] just and reasonable having regard to the effect of the depreciatory transaction on the value of those shares or securities at the time of their disposal, but the total amount of any one or more reductions in chargeable gains made by reference to a depreciatory transaction shall not exceed the amount of the reductions in allowable losses made by reference to that depreciatory transaction.

All such adjustments, whether by way of discharge or repayment of tax, or otherwise, as are required to give effect to the provisions of this subsection may be made at any time.
- (7) For the purposes of this section—
 - (a) “securities” includes any loan stock or similar security whether secured or unsecured,
 - (b) references to the disposal of assets include references to any method by which one company which is a member of a group appropriates the goodwill of another member of the group, F6...
 - F6(c)
- (8) References in this section to the disposal of shares or securities include references to the occasion of the making of a claim under section 24(2) that the value of shares or securities has become negligible, and references to a person making a disposal shall be construed accordingly.
- (9) In any case where the ultimate disposal is not one to which section 35(2) applies, the references above to 31st March 1982 shall be read as references to 6th April 1965.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 176(1) substituted (with effect in accordance with s. 28(2) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2018 \(c. 3\)](#), **s. 28(1)**
- F2** Figures in s. 176(3) substituted (1.10.2009) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Taxes and National Insurance\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1890\)](#), arts. 1(1), **9**
- F3** Words in s. 176(4) substituted (with effect in accordance with s. 134(2) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\)](#), **Sch. 20 para. 57(1)**
- F4** Words in s. 176(5) substituted (with effect in accordance with s. 134(2) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\)](#), **Sch. 20 para. 57(2)**
- F5** Words in s. 176(6) substituted (with effect in accordance with s. 134(2) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\)](#), **Sch. 20 para. 57(1)**
- F6** S. 176(7)(c) and preceding word repealed (with effect in accordance with Sch. 29 para. 24(2) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2000 \(c. 17\)](#), Sch. 29 para. 24(1), **Sch. 40 Pt. II(12)** (with Sch. 29 para. 46(5))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 176 modified (27.7.1993) by [1993 c. 37](#), s. 12, **Sch. 2 Pt. I para. 18(2)**
- C2** S. 176 applied (with effect in accordance with s. 105(1) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\)](#), s. 105, **Sch. 15 para. 8(9)**
- C3** Ss. 170-192 restricted (27.7.1999) by [Commonwealth Development Corporation Act 1999 \(c. 20\)](#), Sch. 3 paras. 1, **4(1)**
- C4** Ss. 170-181 restricted (12.1.2000) by [Greater London Authority Act 1999 \(c. 29\)](#), **ss. 419(3)**, 425(2); [S.I. 1999/3434](#), art. 2
- C5** Ss. 170-181 modified (5.10.2004) by [Energy Act 2004 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 198(2), **Sch. 9 para. 35(a)** (with s. 38(2)); [S.I. 2004/2575](#), art. 2(1), Sch. 1
- C6** S. 176(1) applied (23.3.1995) by [The Exchange Gains and Losses \(Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 1994 \(S.I. 1994/3226\)](#), regs. 1(2), **9(6)**
- C7** S. 176(2) applied (23.3.1995) by [The Exchange Gains and Losses \(Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 1994 \(S.I. 1994/3226\)](#), regs. 1(2), **14(4)**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 176(7)(c) and word repealed by [2000 c. 17 Sch. 40 Pt. 2\(12\)](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act applied by [1997 c. 16 Sch. 12 para. 12\(7\)1314](#)
- Act applied by [2002 c. 23 Sch. 16 para. 48\(1\)\(2\)](#)
- Act construed as one with reg. 37 by [S.I. 2006/575 reg. 37\(2\)](#)
- Act construed as one with reg. 38 by [S.I. 2006/575 reg. 38\(3\)](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 4(10)(11) inserted by [2016 c. 11 s. 15\(4\)](#)
- s. 4(10) words inserted by [2016 c. 24 s. 83\(11\)](#)
- s. 35(3)(d)(xviii) added by [2008 c. 17 Sch. 7 para. 9](#)
- s. 35(3)(d)(xviii) inserted by [2008 c. 18 Sch. 13 para. 46](#)
- s. 35(3)(d)(xviii) repealed by [S.I. 2008/3002 Sch. 1 para. 42Sch. 3](#) (This amendment comes into force on the day 2008 c. 4, s. 5 comes into force, see art. 1(2). That provision was brought into force on 1.12.2008 by [S.I. 2008/3068, art. 2\(1\)\(b\)](#))
- s. 104(4)(b)(i) words substituted by [S.I. 1989/469, reg. 27\(2\)](#) (as amended) by [S.I. 1997/1716 reg. 13\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 107(11) words substituted by [S.I. 1989/469, reg. 27\(2A\)](#) (as amended) by [S.I. 1997/1716 reg. 13\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 169S(4A) inserted by [2015 c. 11 s. 43\(2\)](#)
- s. 587B inserted by [2000 c. 17 s. 43\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 5C para. 3(1) modified by [S.I. 2004/2199 reg. 7\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 5C para. 3(6) modified by [S.I. 2004/2199 reg. 7\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 5C para. 5(1) modified by [S.I. 2004/2199 reg. 7\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 5C para. 3 words inserted by [S.I. 2005/3229 reg. 128](#)
- Sch. 5C para. 5 words inserted by [S.I. 2005/3229 reg. 128](#)
- Sch. 5C para. 6 words inserted by [S.I. 2005/3229 reg. 128](#)
- Sch. 5C para. 3(1)(f) words substituted by [2007 c. 3 Sch. 1 para. 347](#)