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- 93 Meaning of permitted area.
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General amendment of enactments relating to beer

1 Subject to section 7 of this Act and the following...

The Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 (c.4)

- 2 In section 1 of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979,...
- 3 (1) In section 2 of that Act, in subsection (3A)...
- 4 In section 3 of that Act (meaning of, and method...
- 5 (1) Section 4(1) of that Act (definitions) shall be amended...
- 6 Sections 37, 38 and 39 of that Act (which make...
- 7 Section 40 of that Act (duty on imported beer etc)...
- 8 For section 41 of that Act (exemption from duty of...
- 9 In section 42 of that Act (drawback on exportation, removal...
- 10
- 11 In section 44 of that Act (remission or repayment of...
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- 13 For section 46 of that Act (remission or repayment of...
- 14 For section 49 of that Act (power to regulate manufacture...
- 15 (1) In section 49A of that Act, in subsection (1)...
- 16 Section 50 of that Act (regulations as respects sugar kept...
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- 18 Section 53 of that Act (limited licences to brew) shall...
- 19 Section 71A of that Act (restrictions on adding substances to...
- 20 Section 72 of that Act (offences by wholesaler or retailer...

The Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985 (c.66)

21 In Schedule 3 to the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985 (list...

The Insolvency Act 1986 (c.45)

- 21A In section 386(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (categories of...
- 22 In Schedule 6 to the Insolvency Act 1986 (categories of...

The Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989

- 22A In Article 346(1) of the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989...
- 23 In Schedule 4 to the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989...

The Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1990

24 In the definition of “intoxicating liquor in Article 2(2) of...

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Excise duty on, and licensing of, mechanically propelled vehicles

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Exemptions from duty

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- 5 (1) In section 7 (miscellaneous exemptions from duty)—

Liability to pay duty and consequences of non-payment

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- 7
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- 9 (1) In section 18A (additional liability in relation to alteration...
- 10 (1) Section 18B (combined transport of goods) shall be amended...

Registration and registration marks, etc.

- 11

Miscellaneous

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Supplementary

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— SECTION 11 OF THE FINANCE ACT 1976

- 24 In section 11 of the Finance Act 1976, for subsection...

SCHEDULE 4 — REGISTERED EXCISE DEALERS AND SHIPPERS

SCHEDULE 5 — PROTECTION OF THE REVENUES DERIVED FROM EXCISE DUTIES

SCHEDULE 6 — RESTRICTION OF HIGHER RATE RELIEF: BENEFICIAL LOANS ETC

Taxation of beneficial loan arrangements

- 1 (1) In section 160 of the Taxes Act 1988 (charge...
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- 3 (1) In Schedule 7 to that Act (taxation of benefit...
- 4 Paragraph 6 of that Schedule (meaning of “interest eligible for...
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Applicable rates of capital gains tax

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SCHEDULE 7 — BASIC LIFE ASSURANCE AND GENERAL ANNUITY BUSINESS

Management expenses

1 In section 76 of the Taxes Act 1988 (expenses of...

Interpretation of Chapter I of Part XII

2

Apportionment of income and gains

3 (1) In section 432A of that Act (apportionment of income...

Computation of trading profit

4 (1) In section 436 of that Act (general annuity business...

Deduction for annuities referable to basic life assurance and general annuity business

5 In section 437 of that Act, for subsection (1) there...

Transfer of assets between classes of business

6 (1) In section 440 of that Act (transfers of assets...

United Kingdom branches of overseas life assurance companies

7 (1) In section 446 of that Act (computation under section...

Treatment of tax-free income

8 In section 474 of that Act, in subsection (1)(b) (certain...

Life annuity contracts: taxation of gain on chargeable event

9 (1) In section 547 of that Act (method of charging...

Computation of offshore income gains

10

Interpretation of sections 85 to 89 of Finance Act 1989

11 In section 84 of the Finance Act 1989, for subsection...

Miscellaneous receipts

12 In section 85 of the Finance Act 1989 (charge of...

Spreading of relief for acquisition expenses

13 (1) In section 86 of the Finance Act 1989 (spreading...

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Deemed disposal of unit trusts etc

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Exemptions and exclusions from charges by virtue of section 46

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Transitional relief for old general annuity contracts

16 (1) In computing for the purposes of corporation tax the...

Transitional provisions for chargeable gains and unrelieved general annuity losses

17 (1) An insurance company's unrelieved general annuity losses shall be...

Application of this Schedule

18 Paragraphs 1, 3, 4, 5, 6(1) and (2), 7, 8,...

SCHEDULE 8 — PENSION BUSINESS: PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF TAX CREDITS AND DEDUCTED TAX

SCHEDULE 9 — FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

Tax exempt life or endowment business

1 (1) Section 460 of the Taxes Act 1988 (exemption from...
2 After section 462 of that Act there shall be inserted—...

Maximum benefits payable to members

3 (1) Section 464 of that Act (maximum benefits payable to...

Qualifying policies

4 (1) In Schedule 15 to that Act (qualifying policies) in...
5 (1) This paragraph applies to any policy—

SCHEDULE 10 — BUILDING SOCIETIES: QUALIFYING SHARES

Capital gains: exemption

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Accrued income scheme: inclusion

2 (1) Section 710 of the Taxes Act 1988 (meaning of...

Incidental costs of issue

3 (1) The following section shall be inserted after section 477A...

Preferential rights of acquisition

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Deduction of income tax

- 1 (1) Section 349 of the Taxes Act 1988 (annual interest...
- 2 (1) Section 477A of the Taxes Act 1988 (building societies:...

Collection

- 3 (1) Schedule 16 to the Taxes Act 1988 (collection of...
- 4 (1) A building society may not make more than one...

Information

- 5 (1) In section 18 of the Taxes Management Act 1970...

SCHEDULE 12 — SECURITIES: NEW ISSUES

General treatment of extra return

- 1 The following section shall be inserted after section 587 of...

Accrued income scheme

- 2 The following section shall be inserted after section 726 of...

Deep discount securities

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Deep gain securities

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General

- 5 This Schedule applies if the new securities are issued on...

SCHEDULE 13 — MANUFACTURED DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST

The new arrangements

- 1 After Schedule 23 to the Taxes Act 1988 there shall...

Power to obtain information in connection with dealings in securities

- 2 In Schedule 18 to the Finance Act 1986, in paragraph...

Manufactured dividends etc: amendments of section 737

- 3 (1) Section 737 of the Taxes Act 1988 (manufactured dividends:...

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- 4 In section 738 of that Act, subsection (2) (which confers...

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Buildings and structures in enterprise zones

- 1 In section 1 of the Capital Allowances Act 1990 (enterprise...

Transitional relief for regional projects

- 2 (1) In section 2 of that Act, in subsection (1)...

Writing-down allowances

- 3 (1) In section 3 of that Act (writing-down allowances in...

Balancing allowances and balancing charges

- 4 (1) In section 4 of that Act, in subsection (1)...

Writing off of expenditure and meaning of “residue of expenditure

- 5 (1) In section 8 of that Act, for subsection (2)...

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Transitional relief for regional projects

- 6 (1) In section 22 of that Act (first-year allowances: transitional...

Writing-down allowances and balancing adjustments

- 7 (1) In section 24 of that Act, after subsection (1)...

The disposal value

- 8 (1) In section 26 of that Act (which defines the...

Short-life assets

- 9 (1) In section 37 of that Act, after subsection (4)...

Fixtures

- 10 In section 54(1)(c) of that Act (which refers to a...

Further restrictions on allowances

- 11 (1) In section 75 of that Act (connected persons etc)...

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Deduction for additional VAT liability on capital expenditure

- 12 (1) In section 137 of that Act (deductions for capital...

Charge in respect of additional VAT rebate on capital expenditure

- 13 (1) In section 138 of that Act, after subsection (2)...

Part IV — SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

General provisions about additional VAT liabilities and rebates

- 14 In section 159 of that Act, in subsection (2) (time...

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The Taxes Management Act 1970 (c. 9)

- 1 (1) In section 86 of the Taxes Management Act 1970...
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The Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 (c. 1)

- 3 In section 114 of the Taxes Act 1988 (special rules...
- 4 In section 118 of that Act (restriction on relief: companies)—...
- 5 (1) In section 242 of that Act (set-off of losses...
- 6 (1) In section 243 of that Act, in subsection (1)...
- 7 (1) In section 343 of that Act (company reconstructions without...
- 8 In section 393 of that Act (losses other than terminal...
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- 10 In section 397(2) of that Act (which excludes certain losses...
- 11 In section 399 of that Act (dealings in commodity futures...
- 12 In section 400 of that Act (write-off of government investment)...
- 13 (1) In section 403 of that Act (losses etc which...
- 14 (1) In section 407 of that Act (relationship between group...
- 15 In section 434 of that Act (insurance companies: franked investment...
- 16 In section 458 of that Act (capital redemption business) in...
- 17 In section 492 of that Act (treatment of oil extraction...
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- 19 (1) In section 518 of that Act (harbour reorganisation schemes)...
- 20 (1) After section 768 of that Act (change in ownership:...
- 21 In section 808 of that Act (restriction on deduction of...
- 22 In section 825 of that Act, in subsection (4) (restrictions...
- 23 In section 826 of that Act (interest on tax overpaid)...
- 24 In section 843 of that Act (commencement) in subsection (4)...
- 25 In Schedule 5 to that Act (treatment of farm animals...
- 26 In Schedule 26 to that Act (reliefs against liability for...
- 27 (1) In Schedule 30 to that Act (transitional provisions and...

The Capital Allowances Act 1990 (c. 1)

- 28 In section 17 of the Capital Allowances Act 1990 (mining...

SCHEDULE 16 —

Conditions for the charge

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The charge

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Construction of paragraph 1(1)(e)

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Right of recovery

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Meaning of “settlor”

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Meaning of “originating”

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Qualifying settlements, and commencement

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Increased tax: the main rule

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More than one qualifying amount

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Transfers between settlements

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Matching after transfer

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Beneficiaries

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Other amendments

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Part III — VEHICLES EXCISE DUTY: GENERAL

1 The repeals in section 4 of each of the Vehicles...

2 The repeals of section 7(4) of each of the 1971...

3 The repeals of section 38(4) of, and Schedule 6 to,...

4 The repeal in Schedule 2 to the Finance Act 1985,...

Part IV — VEHICLE EXCISE DUTY: NORTHERN IRELAND

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1 The repeal of section 78(4) of the Taxes Management Act...

2 The repeal in section 86 of the Taxes Management Act...

3 The repeals in sections 76, 432A, 436, 437, 446, 447,...

4 The following repeals have effect in relation to losses incurred...

5 The repeals of section 339A of the Income and Corporation...

6 The following repeals have effect for the year 1991-92 and...

7 The repeals in section 465 of, and Schedule 15 to,...

8 The repeal of section 590(5) and (6) of the Income...

9 The repeals of sections 737(4) and 738(2) of the Income...

10 The repeal of section 62(2) of the Finance Act 1989...

11 The repeals in sections 2(1), 3(3) and 26(1) of the...

12 The repeal of section 25(2)(h) of the Finance Act 1990...

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- 1 The repeals in sections 342 and 342A of the Income...
- 2 The repeals of section 80(2) of the Finance Act 1980...
- 3 The repeal in section 64 of the Finance Act 1984...
- 4 The remaining repeals (other than the repeal in Schedule 9...

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