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Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992

1992 CHAPTER 12

PART IV

SHARES, SECURITIES, OPTIONS ETC.

CHAPTER I

GENERAL

Gilt-edged securities and qualifying corporate bonds

115 Exemptions for gilt-edged securities and qualifying corporate bonds etc.

- (1) A gain which accrues on the disposal by any person of—
 - (a) gilt-edged securities or qualifying corporate bonds, or
 - (b) any option or contract to acquire or dispose of gilt-edged securities or qualifying corporate bonds,shall not be a chargeable gain.
- (2) In subsection (1) above the reference to the disposal of a contract to acquire or dispose of gilt-edged securities or qualifying corporate bonds is a reference to the disposal of the outstanding obligations under such a contract.
- (3) Without prejudice to section 143(5), where a person who has entered into any such contract as is referred to in subsection (1)(b) above closes out that contract by entering into another contract with obligations which are reciprocal to those of the first-mentioned contract, that transaction shall for the purposes of this section constitute the disposal of an asset, namely, his outstanding obligations under the first-mentioned contract.

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116 Reorganisations, conversions and reconstructions.

(1) This section shall have effect in any case where a transaction occurs of such a description that, apart from the provisions of this section—

- (a) sections 127 to 130 would apply by virtue of any provision of Chapter II of this Part; and
- (b) either the original shares would consist of or include a qualifying corporate bond and the new holding would not, or the original shares would not and the new holding would consist of or include such a bond;

and in paragraph (b) above “the original shares” and “the new holding” have the same meaning as they have for the purposes of sections 127 to 130.

(2) In this section [^{F1}references to a transaction include references to any conversion of securities (whether or not effected by a transaction) within the meaning of section 132 and] “relevant transaction” means a reorganisation, conversion of securities or other transaction such as is mentioned in subsection (1) above, and, in addition to its application where the transaction takes place after the coming into force of this section, subsection (10) below applies where the relevant transaction took place before the coming into force of this section so far as may be necessary to enable any gain or loss deferred under paragraph 10 of Schedule 13 to the ^{M1}Finance Act 1984 to be taken into account on a subsequent disposal.

(3) Where the qualifying corporate bond referred to in subsection (1)(b) above would constitute the original shares for the purposes of sections 127 to 130, it is in this section referred to as “the old asset” and the shares or securities which would constitute the new holding for those purposes are referred to as “the new asset”.

(4) Where the qualifying corporate bond referred to in subsection (1)(b) above would constitute the new holding for the purposes of sections 127 to 130, it is in this section referred to as “the new asset” and the shares or securities which would constitute the original shares for those purposes are referred to as “the old asset”.

[^{F2}(4A) In determining for the purposes of subsections (1) to (4) above, as they apply for the purposes of corporation tax—

- (a) whether sections 127 to 130 would apply in any case, and
- (b) what, in a case where they would apply, would constitute the original shares and the new holding,

it shall be assumed that every asset representing a loan relationship of a company is a security within the meaning of section 132.]

(5) So far as the relevant transaction relates to the old asset and the new asset, sections 127 to 130 shall not apply in relation to it.

(6) In accordance with subsection (5) above, the new asset shall not be treated as having been acquired on any date other than the date of the relevant transaction or, subject to subsections (7) and (8) below, for any consideration other than the market value of the old asset as determined immediately before that transaction.

(7) If, on the relevant transaction, the person concerned receives, or becomes entitled to receive, any sum of money which, in addition to the new asset, is by way of consideration for the old asset, that sum shall be deducted from the consideration referred to in subsection (6) above.

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(8) If, on the relevant transaction, the person concerned gives any sum of money which, in addition to the old asset, is by way of consideration for the new asset, that sum shall be added to the consideration referred to in subsection (6) above.

[^{F3}(8A) Where subsection (6) above applies for the purposes of corporation tax in a case where the old asset consists of a qualifying corporate bond, Chapter II of Part IV of the Finance Act 1996 (loan relationships) shall have effect so as to require such debits and credits to be brought into account for the purposes of that Chapter in relation to the relevant transaction as would have been brought into account if the transaction had been a disposal of the old asset at the market value mentioned in that subsection.]

(9) In any case where the old asset consists of a qualifying corporate bond, then, so far as it relates to the old asset and the new asset, the relevant transaction shall be treated for the purposes of this Act as a disposal of the old asset and an acquisition of the new asset.

(10) Except in a case falling within subsection (9) above, so far as it relates to the old asset and the new asset, the relevant transaction shall be treated for the purposes of this Act as not involving any disposal of the old asset but—

- (a) there shall be calculated the chargeable gain or allowable loss that would have accrued if, at the time of the relevant transaction, the old asset had been disposed of for a consideration equal to its market value immediately before that transaction; and
- (b) subject to subsections (12) to (14) below, the whole or a corresponding part of the chargeable gain or allowable loss mentioned in paragraph (a) above shall be deemed to accrue on a subsequent disposal of the whole or part of the new asset (in addition to any gain or loss that actually accrues on that disposal); and
- (c) on that subsequent disposal, section 115 shall have effect only in relation to any gain or loss that actually accrues and not in relation to any gain or loss which is deemed to accrue by virtue of paragraph (b) above.

(11) Subsection (10)(b) and (c) above shall not apply to any disposal falling within section 58(1), 62(4), 139, [^{F4}140A,] 171(1) or 172, but a person who has acquired the new asset on a disposal falling within any of those sections (and without there having been a previous disposal not falling within any of those sections or a devolution on death) shall be treated for the purposes of subsection (10)(b) and (c) above as if the new asset had been acquired by him at the same time and for the same consideration as, having regard to subsections (5) to (8) above, it was acquired by the person making the disposal.

(12) In any case where—

- (a) on the calculation under subsection (10)(a) above, a chargeable gain would have accrued, and
- (b) the consideration for the old asset includes such a sum of money as is referred to in subsection (7) above,

then, subject to subsection (13) below, the proportion of that chargeable gain which that sum of money bears to the market value of the old asset immediately before the relevant transaction shall be deemed to accrue at the time of that transaction.

(13) If ^{F5}... the sum of money referred to in subsection (12)(b) above is small, as compared with the market value of the old asset immediately before the relevant transaction, ^{F5}... subsection (12) above shall not apply.

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(14) In a case where subsection (12) above applies, the chargeable gain which, apart from that subsection, would by virtue of subsection (10)(b) above be deemed to accrue on a subsequent disposal of the whole or part of the new asset shall be reduced or, as the case may be, extinguished by deducting therefrom the amount of the chargeable gain which, by virtue of subsection (12) above, is deemed to accrue at the time of the relevant transaction.

(15) In any case where—

- (a) the new asset mentioned in subsections (10) and (11) above is a qualifying corporate bond in respect of which an allowable loss is treated as accruing under section 254(2), and
- (b) the loss is treated as accruing at a time falling after the relevant transaction but before any actual disposal of the new asset subsequent to the relevant transaction,

then for the purposes of subsections (10) and (11) above a subsequent disposal of the new asset shall be treated as occurring at (and only at) the time the loss is treated as accruing.

[^{F6}(16) This section has effect for the purposes of corporation tax notwithstanding anything in section 80(5) of the Finance Act 1996 (matters to be brought into account in the case of loan relationships only under Chapter II of Part IV of that Act).]

Textual Amendments

- F1 Words in s. 116(2) inserted (with effect in accordance with s. 88(6) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1997 \(c. 16\)](#), [s. 88\(4\)](#)
- F2 S. 116(4A) inserted (with effect in accordance with s. 105(1) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\)](#), [Sch. 14 para. 60\(2\)](#) (with [Sch. 15](#))
- F3 S. 116(8A) inserted (with effect in accordance with s. 105(1) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\)](#), [Sch. 14 para. 60\(3\)](#) (with [Sch. 15](#))
- F4 Words in s. 116(11) inserted (*retrosp.*) by [1992 c. 48](#), [s. 46\(1\)\(3\)](#)
- F5 Words in s. 116(13) repealed (with effect in accordance with s. 134(2) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\)](#), [Sch. 20 para. 51](#), [Sch. 41 Pt. V\(10\)](#)
- F6 S. 116(16) inserted (with effect in accordance with s. 105(1) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\)](#), [Sch. 14 para. 60\(4\)](#) (with [Sch. 15](#))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 S. 116 modified (with effect in accordance with s. 105(1) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\)](#), s. 98, [Sch. 10 para. 5\(1\)\(3\)](#)
- C2 S. 116 modified (with effect in accordance with s. 105(1) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\)](#), s. 105, [Sch. 15 para. 30\(2\)](#)
- C3 S. 116 excluded (24.7.1996) by [Broadcasting Act 1996 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 149(1), [Sch. 7 para. 7\(1\)\(b\)](#) (with [Sch. 7 para. 9\(1\)](#))

Marginal Citations

- M1 [1984 c. 43](#).

117 Meaning of “qualifying corporate bond”.

[^{F7}(A1) For the purposes of corporation tax “qualifying corporate bond” means (subject to sections 117A and 117B below) any asset representing a loan relationship of

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a company; and for purposes other than those of corporation tax references to a qualifying corporate bond shall be construed in accordance with the following provisions of this section.]

(1) For the purposes of this section, a “corporate bond” is a security, as defined in section 132(3)(b)—

- (a) the debt on which represents and has at all times represented a normal commercial loan; and
- (b) which is expressed in sterling and in respect of which no provision is made for conversion into, or redemption in, a currency other than sterling,

and in paragraph (a) above “normal commercial loan” has the meaning which would be given by sub-paragraph (5) of paragraph 1 of Schedule 18 to the Taxes Act if for paragraph (a)(i) to (iii) of that sub-paragraph there were substituted the words “corporate bonds (within the meaning of section 117 of the 1992 Act)”.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(b) above—

- (a) a security shall not be regarded as expressed in sterling if the amount of sterling falls to be determined by reference to the value at any time of any other currency or asset; and
- (b) a provision for redemption in a currency other than sterling but at the rate of exchange prevailing at redemption shall be disregarded.

^{F8}(2AA) For the purposes of this section “corporate bond” also includes any asset which is not included in the definition in subsection (1) above and which is a relevant discounted security for the purposes of Schedule 13 to the Finance Act 1996.]

^{F9}(2A)

^{F10}(3)

(4) For the purposes of this section “corporate bond” also includes a share in a building society—

- (a) which is a qualifying share,
- (b) which is expressed in sterling, and
- (c) in respect of which no provision is made for conversion into, or redemption in, a currency other than sterling.

(5) For the purposes of subsection (4) above, a share in a building society is a qualifying share if—

- (a) it is a permanent interest bearing share, or
- (b) it is of a description specified in regulations made by the Treasury for the purposes of this paragraph.

(6) Subsection (2) above applies for the purposes of subsection (4) above as it applies for the purposes of subsection (1)(b) above, treating the reference to a security as a reference to a share.

^{F11}[(6A) For the purposes of this section “corporate bond” also includes, except in relation to a person who acquires it on or after a disposal in relation to which section 115 has or has had effect in accordance with section 116(10)(c), any debenture issued on or after 16th March 1993 which is not a security (as defined in section 132) but—

- (a) is issued in circumstances such that it would fall by virtue of section 251(6) to be treated for the purposes of section 251 as such a security; and
- (b) would be a corporate bond if it were a security as so defined.]

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[^{F12}(6B) An excluded indexed security issued on or after 6th April 1996 is not a corporate bond for the purposes of this section; and an excluded indexed security issued before that date shall be taken to be such a bond for the purposes of this section only if—

- (a) it would be so taken apart from this subsection; and
- (b) the question whether it should be so taken arises for the purposes of section 116(10).

(6C) In subsection (6B) above “excluded indexed security” has the same meaning as in Schedule 13 to the Finance Act 1996 (relevant discounted securities).]

(7) Subject to subsections (9) and (10) below, for the purposes of this Act, a corporate bond—

- (a) is a “qualifying” corporate bond if it is issued after 13th March 1984; and
- (b) becomes a “qualifying” corporate bond if, having been issued on or before that date, it is acquired by any person after that date and that acquisition is not as a result of a disposal which is excluded for the purposes of this subsection, or which was excluded for the purposes of section 64(4) of the ^{M2}Finance Act 1984.

(8) Where a person disposes of a corporate bond which was issued on or before 13th March 1984 and, before the disposal, the bond had not become a qualifying corporate bond, the disposal is excluded for the purposes of subsection (7) above if, by virtue of any enactment—

- (a) the disposal is treated for the purposes of this Act as one on which neither a gain nor a loss accrues to the person making the disposal; or
- (b) the consideration for the disposal is treated for the purposes of this Act as reduced by an amount equal to the held-over gain on that disposal, as defined for the purposes of section 165 or 260.

[^{F13}(8A) A corporate bond falling within subsection (2AA) above is a qualifying corporate bond whatever its date of issue.]

^{F14}(9)

^{F14}(10)

(11) For the purposes of this section—

- (a) where a security is comprised in a letter of allotment or similar instrument and the right to the security thereby conferred remains provisional until accepted, the security shall not be treated as issued until there has been acceptance; and
- (b) “permanent interest bearing share” has the same meaning as in the ^{M3}Building Societies (Designated Capital Resources) (Permanent Interest Bearing Shares) Order 1991.

(12) The Treasury may by regulations provide that for the definition of the expression “permanent interest bearing share” in subsection (11) above (as it has effect for the time being) there shall be substituted a different definition of that expression, and regulations under this subsection or subsection (5)(b) above may contain such supplementary, incidental, consequential or transitional provision as the Treasury thinks fit.

(13) This section shall have effect for the purposes of section 254 with the omission of subsections (4) to (6), (11) and (12).

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Textual Amendments

- F7** S. 117(A1) inserted (with effect in accordance with s. 105(1) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\)](#), [Sch. 14 para. 61\(1\)](#) (with [Sch. 15](#))
- F8** S. 117(2AA) inserted (with effect in accordance with s. 105(1) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\)](#), [Sch. 14 para. 61\(2\)](#) (with [Sch. 15](#))
- F9** S. 117(2A) repealed (with effect in accordance with s. 105(1) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\)](#), [Sch. 41 Pt. V\(3\)](#) (with [Sch. 15](#))
- F10** S. 117(3) repealed (with effect in accordance with s. 105(1) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\)](#), [Sch. 41 Pt. V\(3\)](#) (with [Sch. 15](#))
- F11** S. 117(6A) inserted (27.7.1993 with effect as mentioned in s. 84(3)) by [1993 c. 34, s. 84\(1\)\(3\)](#)
- F12** S. 117(6B)(6C) inserted (with effect in accordance with s. 105(1) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\)](#), [Sch. 14 para. 61\(3\)](#) (with [Sch. 15](#))
- F13** S. 117(8A) inserted (with effect in accordance with s. 105(1) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\)](#), [Sch. 14 para. 61\(4\)](#) (with [Sch. 15](#))
- F14** S. 117(9)(10) repealed (with effect in accordance with s. 105(1) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\)](#), [Sch. 41 Pt. V\(3\)](#) (with [Sch. 15](#))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C4** S. 117 applied by [1993 c. 34, s. 153\(11A\)](#) (as inserted (retrospective to 27.7.1993) by [Finance Act 1995 \(c. 4\)](#), [Sch. 24 paras. 1, 4\(4\)](#))
S. 117 modified by [1993 c. 34, Sch. 17 para. 5](#) (as substituted (retrospective to 27.7.1993) by [Finance Act 1995 \(c. 4\)](#), [Sch. 24 paras. 1, 6](#))

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- M2** [1984 c. 43](#).
M3 [S.I.1991/702](#).

[^{F15}117A Assets that are not qualifying corporate bonds for corporation tax purposes.

- (1) An asset to which this section applies is not a qualifying corporate bond for the purposes of corporation tax in relation to any disposal of that asset.
- (2) This section applies to any asset representing a loan relationship of a company where—
 - (a) subsection (3) or (4) below applies to the asset; and
 - (b) it is held in exempt circumstances.
- (3) This subsection applies to an asset if—
 - (a) the settlement currency of the debt to which it relates is a currency other than sterling; and
 - (b) that debt is not a debt on a security.
- (4) This subsection applies to an asset if the debt to which it relates is a debt on a security and is in a foreign currency.
- (5) For the purposes of subsection (4) above a debt is a debt in a foreign currency if it is—
 - (a) a debt expressed in a currency other than sterling;
 - (b) a debt the amount of which in sterling falls at any time to be determined by reference to the value at that time of a currency other than sterling; or
 - (c) subject to subsection (6) below, a debt as respects which provision is made for its conversion into, or redemption in, a currency other than sterling.

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- (6) A debt is not a debt in a foreign currency for those purposes by reason only that provision is made for its redemption on payment of an amount in a currency other than sterling equal, at the rate prevailing at the date of redemption, to a specified amount in sterling.
- (7) The provisions specified in subsection (8) below, so far as they require a disposal to be treated as a disposal on which neither a gain nor a loss accrues, shall not apply to any disposal of an asset to which this section applies.
- (8) The provisions referred to in subsection (7) above are—
 - (a) sections 139, 140A, 171 and 172 of this Act; and
 - (b) section 486(8) of the Taxes Act.
- (9) Paragraph 3 of Schedule 17 to the Finance Act 1993 shall have effect for construing the reference in subsection (2)(b) above to exempt circumstances as if references to a currency were references to the debt to which the relationship relates.
- (10) In this section “security” includes a debenture that is deemed to be a security for the purposes of section 251 by virtue of subsection (6) of that section.

Textual Amendments

F15 Ss. 117A, 117B inserted (with effect in accordance with s. 105(1) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\)](#), [Sch. 14 para. 62](#) (with [Sch. 15](#))

117B Holdings in unit trusts and offshore funds excluded from treatment as qualifying corporate bonds.

- (1) For the purposes of corporation tax an asset to which this section applies is not a qualifying corporate bond in relation to any disposal of that asset in an accounting period for which that asset falls, under paragraph 4 of Schedule 10 to the Finance Act 1996 (holdings in unit trusts and offshore funds), to be treated as a right under a creditor relationship of a company.
- (2) This section applies to an asset which is comprised in a relevant holding (within the meaning of paragraph 4 of Schedule 10 to the Finance Act 1996) if—
 - (a) it is denominated in a currency other than sterling; and
 - (b) it is held in exempt circumstances.
- (3) For the purposes of this section—
 - (a) a unit in a unit trust scheme, or
 - (b) a right (other than a share in a company) which constitutes a relevant interest in an offshore fund,

shall be taken to be denominated in a currency other than sterling if the price at which it may be acquired from, or disposed of to, persons concerned in the management of the trust or fund is fixed by those persons in a currency other than sterling^{F16}; and shares of a given class in an open-ended investment company shall be taken to be denominated in a currency other than sterling if the price at which they may be acquired from, or disposed of to, the company or its authorised corporate director is fixed by the company or director in a currency other than sterling, or (as the case may be) the price or prices at which they are quoted in The Stock Exchange Daily Official List is in a currency other than sterling].

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- (4) For the purposes of this section shares constituting a relevant interest in an offshore fund shall be taken to be denominated in a currency other than sterling if their nominal value is expressed in such a currency.
- (5) The provisions specified in subsection (6) below, so far as they require a disposal to be treated as a disposal on which neither a gain nor a loss accrues, shall not apply to any disposal in relation to which this section applies.
- (6) The provisions referred to in subsection (5) above are—
 - (a) sections 139, 140A, 171 and 172 of this Act; and
 - (b) section 486(8) of the Taxes Act.
- (7) Paragraph 3 of Schedule 17 to the Finance Act 1993 shall have effect for construing the reference in subsection (2)(b) above to exempt circumstances as if references to a currency were references to the asset in question.
- (8) Paragraph 7 of Schedule 10 to the Finance Act 1996 shall apply for construing any reference in this section to a relevant interest in an offshore fund as it applies for the purposes of paragraph 4 of that Schedule.]

Textual Amendments

- F15** Ss. 117A, 117B inserted (with effect in accordance with s. 105(1) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\)](#), [Sch. 14 para. 62](#) (with [Sch. 15](#))
- F16** Words in s. 117B(3) added (28.4.1997) by [The Open-ended Investment Companies \(Tax\) Regulations 1997 \(S.I. 1997/1154\)](#), regs. 1(1), [21](#)

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