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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 5

LANDFILL TAX

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Sch. 5 extended (19.3.1997) by 1997 c. 16, s. 50(1), Sch. 5 Pt. I para. 4(3)

PART IV

CRIMINAL PENALTIES

Criminal penalties

- 16 (1) A person guilty of an offence under paragraph 15(1) above is liable—
- (a) on summary conviction, to a penalty of [^{F1}the statutory maximum][^{F1}£20,000] or of three times the amount of the tax, whichever is the greater, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both;
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to a penalty of any amount or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding [^{F2}14] years or to both.
- (2) The reference in sub-paragraph (1) above to the amount of the tax shall be construed, in relation to tax itself or a payment falling within paragraph 15(2) above, as a reference to the aggregate of—
- (a) the amount (if any) falsely claimed by way of credit, and
 - (b) the amount (if any) by which the gross amount of tax was falsely understated.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under paragraph 15(3) or (4) above is liable—
- (a) on summary conviction, to a penalty of [^{F3}the statutory maximum][^{F3}£20,000] (or, where sub-paragraph (4) below applies, to the alternative penalty there specified if it is greater) or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both;
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to a penalty of any amount or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding [^{F4}14] years or to both.
- (4) Where—
- (a) the document referred to in paragraph 15(3) above is a return required under this Part of this Act, or
 - (b) the information referred to in paragraph 15(4) above is contained in or otherwise relevant to such a return,

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the alternative penalty is a penalty equal to three times the aggregate of the amount (if any) falsely claimed by way of credit and the amount (if any) by which the gross amount of tax was understated.

- (5) A person guilty of an offence under paragraph 15(5) above is liable—
- (a) on summary conviction, to a penalty of [^{F5}the statutory maximum][^{F5}£20,000] (or, if greater, three times the amount of any tax that was or was intended to be evaded by his conduct) or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both;
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to a penalty of any amount or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding [^{F6}14] years or to both;
- and paragraph 15(2) and sub-paragraph (2) above shall apply for the purposes of this sub-paragraph as they apply respectively for the purposes of paragraph 15(1) and sub-paragraph (1) above.
- (6) A person guilty of an offence under paragraph 15(6) above is liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [^{F7}level 5 on the standard scale][^{F7}£20,000] or three times the amount of the tax, whichever is the greater.
- (7) A person guilty of an offence under paragraph 15(7) above is liable on summary conviction to a penalty of [^{F8}level 5 on the standard scale][^{F8}£20,000].
- (8) In this paragraph—
- (a) “credit” means credit for which provision is made by regulations under section 51 of this Act;
 - (b) “the gross amount of tax” means the total amount of tax due before taking into account any deduction for which provision is made by regulations under section 51(2) of this Act.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Sum substituted for figure in Sch. 5 para. 16(1)(a) (E.W.) (12.3.2015) by The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Fines on Summary Conviction) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/664), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 2 para. 9(a)** (with reg. 5(1))
- F2** Word in Sch. 5 para. 16(1)(b) substituted (22.2.2024) by Finance Act 2024 (c. 3), s. 32(1) (with s. 32(6))
- F3** Sum substituted for figure in Sch. 5 para. 16(3)(a) (E.W.) (12.3.2015) by The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Fines on Summary Conviction) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/664), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 2 para. 9(b)** (with reg. 5(1))
- F4** Word in Sch. 5 para. 16(3)(b) substituted (22.2.2024) by Finance Act 2024 (c. 3), s. 32(1) (with s. 32(6))
- F5** Sum substituted for figure in Sch. 5 para. 16(5)(a) (E.W.) (12.3.2015) by The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Fines on Summary Conviction) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/664), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 2 para. 9(c)** (with reg. 5(1))
- F6** Word in Sch. 5 para. 16(5)(b) substituted (22.2.2024) by Finance Act 2024 (c. 3), s. 32(1) (with s. 32(6))
- F7** Sum substituted for level in Sch. 5 para. 16(6)(a) (E.W.) (12.3.2015) by The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Fines on Summary Conviction) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/664), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 2 para. 9(d)** (with reg. 5(1))
- F8** Sum substituted for level in Sch. 5 para. 16(7)(a) (E.W.) (12.3.2015) by The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Fines on Summary Conviction) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/664), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 2 para. 9(e)** (with reg. 5(1))

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