

# Finance Act 2003

# **2003 CHAPTER 14**

### PART 4

#### STAMP DUTY LAND TAX

## Reliefs

# [F175A Anti-avoidance

- (1) This section applies where—
  - (a) one person (V) disposes of a chargeable interest and another person (P) acquires either it or a chargeable interest deriving from it,
  - (b) a number of transactions (including the disposal and acquisition) are involved in connection with the disposal and acquisition ("the scheme transactions"), and
  - (c) the sum of the amounts of stamp duty land tax payable in respect of the scheme transactions is less than the amount that would be payable on a notional land transaction effecting the acquisition of V's chargeable interest by P on its disposal by V.
- (2) In subsection (1) "transaction" includes, in particular—
  - (a) a non-land transaction,
  - (b) an agreement, offer or undertaking not to take specified action,
  - (c) any kind of arrangement whether or not it could otherwise be described as a transaction, and
  - (d) a transaction which takes place after the acquisition by P of the chargeable interest.
- (3) The scheme transactions may include, for example—
  - (a) the acquisition by P of a lease deriving from a freehold owned or formerly owned by V;
  - (b) a sub-sale to a third person;
  - (c) the grant of a lease to a third person subject to a right to terminate;

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- (d) the exercise of a right to terminate a lease or to take some other action;
- (e) an agreement not to exercise a right to terminate a lease or to take some other action;
- (f) the variation of a right to terminate a lease or to take some other action.
- (4) Where this section applies—
  - (a) any of the scheme transactions which is a land transaction shall be disregarded for the purposes of this Part, but
  - (b) there shall be a notional land transaction for the purposes of this Part effecting the acquisition of V's chargeable interest by P on its disposal by V.
- (5) The chargeable consideration on the notional transaction mentioned in subsections (1) (c) and (4)(b) is the largest amount (or aggregate amount)—
  - (a) given by or on behalf of any one person by way of consideration for the scheme transactions, or
  - (b) received by or on behalf of V (or a person connected with V within the meaning of section 839 of the Taxes Act 1988) by way of consideration for the scheme transactions.
- (6) The effective date of the notional transaction is—
  - (a) the last date of completion for the scheme transactions, or
  - (b) if earlier, the last date on which a contract in respect of the scheme transactions is substantially performed.
- (7) This section does not apply where subsection (1)(c) is satisfied only by reason of—
  - (a) sections 71A to 73, or
  - (b) a provision of Schedule 9.1

#### **Textual Amendments**

F1 Ss. 75A-75C inserted (with effect in accordance with s. 71(2) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 2007 (c. 11), s. 71(1) (with s. 71(3))

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