STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2009 No. 273

The Tribunal Procedure (First-tier Tribunal) (Tax Chamber) Rules 2009

PART 2

General powers and provisions

Lead cases

- **18.**—(1) This rule applies if—
 - (a) two or more cases have been started before the Tribunal;
 - (b) in each such case the Tribunal has not made a decision disposing of the proceedings; and
 - (c) the cases give rise to common or related issues of fact or law.
- (2) The Tribunal may give a direction—
 - (a) specifying one or more cases falling under paragraph (1) as a lead case or lead cases; and
 - (b) staying (or, in Scotland, sisting) the other cases falling under paragraph (1) ("the related cases").
- (3) When the Tribunal makes a decision in respect of the common or related issues—
 - (a) the Tribunal must send a copy of that decision to each party in each of the related cases; and
 - (b) subject to paragraph (4), that decision shall be binding on each of those parties.
- (4) Within 28 days after the date that the Tribunal sent a copy of the decision to a party under paragraph (3)(a), that party may apply in writing for a direction that the decision does not apply to, and is not binding on the parties to, that case.
- (5) The Tribunal must give directions in respect of cases which are stayed or sisted under paragraph (2)(b), providing for the disposal of or further steps in those cases.
- (6) If the lead case or cases are withdrawn or disposed of before the Tribunal makes a decision in respect of the common or related issues, the Tribunal must give directions as to—
 - (a) whether another case or other cases are to be heard as a lead case or lead cases; and
 - (b) whether any direction affecting the related cases should be set aside or amended.

Changes to legislation:
There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Tribunal Procedure (First-tier Tribunal) (Tax Chamber) Rules 2009, Section 18.