



# Finance (No. 2) Act 1979

## 1979 CHAPTER 47

### PART I

#### VALUE ADDED TAX AND EXCISE DUTIES

#### **1 Increase of value added tax**

- (1) As from 18th June 1979—
  - (a) section 17 of the Finance (No. 2) Act 1975 and Schedule 7 to that Act (higher rate of value added tax) shall cease to have effect; and
  - (b) in section 9(1) of the Finance Act 1972 (standard rate of value added tax) for the words " eight per cent. " there shall be substituted the words " fifteen per cent. ".
- (2) Subsection (1)(a) above does not affect Note (7) of Group 9 or item 1 of Group 17 of Schedule 4 to the said Act of 1972 (which contain exceptions from zero-rating expressed by reference to items in Schedule 7 to the said Act of 1975).
- (3) Subsection (1)(b) above does not affect the rate of tax on any supply of telephone services provided by the Post Office or the District Council of Kingston upon Hull by means of their public switched telephone exchange systems, being services in respect of which—
  - (a) the Post Office issue a tax invoice which includes a rental charge for a rental quarter beginning before 1st November 1979; or
  - (b) the Council issue a tax invoice which includes a rental charge for a rental period beginning before that date or charges for calls made in a period ending before 1st September 1979.

In this subsection " tax invoice " has the same meaning as in section 7 of the said Act of 1972.

- (4) Where a supply in fact made wholly or partly before the said 18th June, or a supply which, apart from the other provisions of the said section 7, would be treated as so made by subsection (2) or (3) of that section, is treated under those other provisions as made on or after that date, the person making the supply may account for and pay

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tax on the supply or, as the case may be, on the relevant part of it as if the rate of tax had not been increased by subsection (1)(b) above.

- (5) Where a person avails himself of subsection (4) above in relation to a supply in respect of which he is required by regulations to issue a tax invoice, any provision of the regulations requiring the amount of tax chargeable or the rate of tax to be stated in the invoice shall be construed as referring to the amount and rate that apply by virtue of that subsection.

## **2 Hydrocarbon oil etc.**

- (1) In section 6(1) of the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979 (duty of £0.0660 a litre in case of light oil and £0.0770 a litre in case of heavy oil) for " £0.0660 " and " £0.0770 " there shall be substituted respectively " £0.0810 " and " £0.0920 ".
- (2) In section 11(1)(b) of that Act (rebate on aviation turbine fuel and heavy oil other than kerosene at rate of £0.0055 a litre less than the rate at which duty is for the time being chargeable) for " £0.0055 " there shall be substituted " £0.0066 ".
- (3) In section 14(1) of that Act (rebate on light oil delivered to approved person for use as furnace fuel at rate of £0.0055 a litre less than the rate at which duty is charged) for " £0.0055 " there shall be substituted " £0.0066 ".
- (4) This section shall be deemed to have come into force at 6 o'clock in the evening of 12th June 1979.

## **3 Tobacco products**

- (1) In paragraph 1 of the Table in Schedule 1 to the Tobacco Products Duty Act 1979 (duty on cigarettes) for " 30 per cent." and "£9.00" there shall be substituted respectively " 21 per cent. " and " £11.77 ".
- (2) This section shall come into force on 13th August 1979.

## **4 Continuation of regulator powers**

In section 2(2) of the Excise Duties (Surcharges or Rebates) Act 1979 (which provides that no order under section 1 of that Act shall be made or continue in force after the end of August 1979) for the words " August 1979 " there shall be substituted the words " August 1980 ".