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14	In section 15—(a) for subsection (2) there shall be
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20	Sections 65, 68, 70 and 85 to 89 shall cease
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- 28 (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph and of...
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- 30 (1) In relation to relief in respect of any period...

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- 3 The trader employs staff and incurs expenses in the trade... PART II
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- 5 Purchases are matched with forward sales or vice versa.
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- 6 Where the transferor became entitled to his interest on the...
- 7 For the purposes of paragraph 3 above, where the transferor...
- 8 (1) Where— (a) the whole or part of the value...

Shares and securities of companies

- 9 (1) Where the whole or part of the value transferred...
- 10 Where paragraph 9 above applies, the references in paragraph 2(2)(a)...
- 11 Subject to the following provisions of this Schedule, paragraph 2...
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- 13 For the purposes of paragraph 11 above, a company shall...

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- 4 (1) Where tax is chargeable under paragraph 3 above it...
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- 5 (1) Where a participator has under paragraph 2 of Schedule...
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Appeals

- 7 (1) A participator may appeal to the Special Commissioners against...
- 8 (1) A participator who has given notice of appeal under...

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- 9 Subject to paragraphs 7 and 8 above, the duty charged...
- 10 (1) Every participator in an oil field shall, at the...
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- 9 (1) Every person who is chargeable with the tax shall...
- 10 (1) If a person fails to deliver a return within...

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