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PART I

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE AND VALUE ADDED TAX

CHAPTER II

LOTTERY DUTY

The duty

24 Lottery duty

- (1) Subject to subsections (3) and (4) below, a duty of excise called “lottery duty” is chargeable—
 - (a) on the taking in the United Kingdom of a ticket or chance in a lottery, and
 - (b) in such cases as may be determined by regulations, on the taking outside the United Kingdom of a ticket or chance in a lottery promoted in the United Kingdom.
- (2) Regulations may make provision for determining when and where the taking of a ticket or chance in a lottery is to be treated as occurring for the purposes of this Chapter.
- (3) Lottery duty is not chargeable in respect of a lottery that constitutes a game of bingo (or any version of bingo, by whatever name called).
- (4) Lottery duty is not chargeable in respect—
 - (a) of a lottery promoted as an incident of an exempt entertainment within the meaning of the Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976 or the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985;
 - (b) of a private lottery within the meaning of that Act or Order;

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- (c) of a society's lottery within the meaning of that Act or Order in respect of which the conditions set out in section 5(3) of that Act or Article 135(1) of that Order are satisfied;
 - (d) of a local lottery within the meaning of that Act in respect of which the conditions set out in section 6(2) of that Act are satisfied;
 - (e) of a lottery promoted in accordance with the Art Unions Act 1846.
- (5) The Treasury may by order amend subsection (4) above so as to add to the descriptions of lottery for the time being mentioned in that subsection, so as to omit any of them or so as to substitute a different description of lottery for any of them.

25 Amount of duty

- (1) The amount of the lottery duty chargeable on the taking of a ticket or chance in a lottery is equal to 12 per cent. of the value of the consideration given for the ticket or chance.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3) below, the aggregate of everything paid or given by (or debited to the account of) the person taking the ticket or chance for, on account of, or in connection with, the ticket or chance shall be taken to be the consideration given for it.
- (3) If a price is shown on a lottery ticket or any other document providing evidence of the taking of a ticket or chance in a lottery and—
 - (a) the consideration given for the ticket or chance is of lesser value than the price shown (or is of no value), or
 - (b) no consideration is given for the ticket or chance,consideration to the value of the price shown shall be taken to be given for the ticket or chance.

26 Time for payment

- (1) The lottery duty chargeable on the taking of a ticket or chance in a lottery becomes due and (subject to any regulations under subsection (2) below) payable at the time the ticket or chance is taken.
- (2) Regulations may provide for the payment of any lottery duty due in respect of a lottery of a description specified in the regulations to be deferred, subject to any conditions or requirements that may be imposed by or under the regulations.
- (3) Regulations may require payments (of amounts determined by or under the regulations) to be made on account of any lottery duty that may become due in respect of a lottery of a description specified in the regulations that is being or is to be promoted.

27 Persons liable for duty

- (1) Any lottery duty or payment on account of lottery duty that under section 26 above or regulations under that section is payable in respect of a lottery shall be paid (subject to any regulations under subsection (2) below) by the promoter of the lottery.
- (2) Regulations may require any lottery duty or payment on account of lottery duty that is payable in respect of a lottery of a description specified in the regulations to be paid by a person specified in the regulations (being a person who occupies or has occupied a position of responsibility in relation to the lottery) instead of by the promoter.

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- (3) Any lottery duty that is payable in respect of a lottery may be recovered jointly and severally from—
- (a) the promoter of the lottery,
 - (b) any other person who occupies or has occupied a position of responsibility in relation to the lottery or who has or has had any degree of control over any of its proceeds, and
 - (c) where the promoter or a person within paragraph (b) above is a body corporate, any director of that body corporate.
- (4) A person who does not make a payment that he is required to make by subsection (1) above or regulations under subsection (2) above at the time the payment becomes payable is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a penalty of level 5 on the standard scale or, if greater, treble the amount of the unpaid duty or payment on account of duty.