



Corporation Tax Act 2009

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TRADE PROFITS: RULES RESTRICTING DEDUCTIONS

55 **Bad debts**

- (1) This section applies to non-money debts to which neither Part 7 (derivative contracts) nor Part 8 (intangible fixed assets) applies.
- (2) In calculating the profits of a company's trade, no deduction is allowed in respect of a non-money debt owed to the company, except—
 - (a) by way of impairment loss, or
 - (b) so far as the debt is released wholly and exclusively for the purposes of the trade as part of a statutory insolvency arrangement.
- (3) In this section “non-money debt” means a debt which is not a money debt for the purposes of Part 5 (loan relationships).

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