

**1983 No. 1149****INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATION AND DEVELOPMENT****The Iron Casting Industry (Scientific Research Levy)  
(Amendment) Order 1983**

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Whereas it appears to the Secretary of State that it is expedient that funds should be made available for the purpose of scientific research in connection with the iron casting industry for which there is not a Development Council:

And whereas it appears to the Secretary of State that there is an incorporated body limited by guarantee called BCIRA (formerly called the British Cast Iron Research Association) which is capable of carrying out such scientific research satisfactorily:

And whereas the Secretary of State has consulted the organisations appearing to him to be representative of substantial numbers of persons carrying on business in the iron casting industry and the organisations representative of persons employed in that industry appearing to him to be appropriate:

And whereas the Secretary of State is satisfied that the incidence of the charges imposed by the following order as between different classes of undertakings in the iron casting industry will be in accordance with a fair principle:

And whereas a draft of this Order has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 9 of the Industrial Organisation and Development Act 1947(a), hereby orders as follows:—

**1.** This Order may be cited as the Iron Casting Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment) Order 1983 and shall come into operation on 2nd October 1983.

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(a) 1947 c.40.

2. The Iron Casting Industry (Scientific Research Levy) Order 1971(a) shall, in relation to charges imposed in respect of the levy period beginning on 2nd October 1983 and each subsequent levy period, have effect subject to the following amendments:—

(a) for Article 7 there shall be substituted the following Article:—

“7.—(1) The charge to be paid by a person by virtue of the provisions of Article 6 hereof in respect of any levy period shall be the aggregate of—

- (a) an amount equal to 0.15 per cent. of the chargeable amount of the emoluments paid or payable by him in respect of the relevant production quarter; and
- (b) an amount calculated at the appropriate number of pence (hereinafter called the “appropriate number”) for every metric tonne of leviable iron castings produced by him in the relevant production quarter.

(2) The chargeable amount of the emoluments paid or payable by a person in respect of the relevant production quarter shall be calculated by aggregating—

- (a) the total amount of the emoluments of persons employed by him during that quarter, under a contract of service, wholly or mainly in the actual performance of any process comprised in the activity of casting iron (other than pig iron) or the purposes ancillary to such performance including persons employed as pattern makers or in the maintenance or security of premises, plant or machinery but excluding persons engaged in the supply of food or drink; and
- (b) the total amount of the emoluments of persons employed by him during that quarter, under a contract of service, including directors, managers and administrative, scientific, technical, laboratory and clerical staff, wholly or mainly in respect of—
  - (i) the payment of persons specified in head (a);
  - (ii) the direction, management, control, supervision, administration or costing of the industry; or
  - (iii) activities carried on for the purposes of scientific research and development in connection with the industry.

(3) Subject to paragraphs (4) and (5) below, the appropriate number shall be 23.5.

(4) If the number of the index for the December of any year after 1982 (“the relevant December”) differs from 231.7 (being the number of the index for December 1982) the appropriate number in relation to the relevant levy period shall be 23.5 divided by 231.7 multiplied by the number of the index for the relevant December the result having been rounded up or down to the nearest halfpenny.

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(a) S.I. 1971/253, as amended by S.I. 1976/1016 and 1979/748.

(5) If the base year of the index is changed at any time or times after the coming into operation of this Order—

- (a) paragraph (3) above shall have effect as if for 23.5 or for such number as for the time being has effect in place of that number in accordance with this paragraph there were substituted the appropriate number which was operative at the commencement of the new base year; and
- (b) paragraph (4) above shall have effect as if—
  - (i) for 23.5 or for such number as for the time being has effect in place of that number in accordance with this paragraph there were substituted the appropriate number so operative;
  - (ii) for 231.7 or for such number as for the time being has effect in place of that number in accordance with this paragraph there were substituted the number by which the number of the index at the date when such change of base year is made has been replaced for the purposes of the new base year; and
  - (iii) for “1982” in both places that it occurs or for such year as for the time being has effect in place of that year in accordance with this paragraph, there shall be substituted the year in which the base year is so changed.

(6) In this Article—  
“the index” means—

- (a) before 8th August 1983, the index of wholesale selling prices of iron castings produced in the United Kingdom (as compiled by the Department of Industry and published in “British Business”);
- (b) on and after 8th August 1983, the index of producer prices of iron castings in the rough or machined produced in the United Kingdom (as compiled by the Department of Trade and Industry and published in “British business”); and

“the relevant levy period” means any levy period commencing in the twelve months after 24th June next following the relevant December.”;

- (b) for Article 8, there shall be substituted the following Article:—
  - “8. No person shall be liable to pay any charge—
  - (a) in respect of the levy period in which he began to carry on business in the industry; or
  - (b) in respect of a levy period if the amount of charge calculated as aforesaid in respect of that levy period is less than £100.”; and
- (c) in Article 9(3)—
  - (i) for “the British Cast Iron Research Association” there shall be substituted “BCIRA”; and
  - (ii) for “the Association” there shall be substituted “that body”.

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3. The Iron Casting Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment) Order 1976(a) and the Iron Casting Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment) Order 1979(b) are hereby revoked.

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Department of Trade and Industry.

28th July 1983.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order further amends the Iron Casting Industry (Scientific Research Levy) Order 1971 and revokes the Iron Casting Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment) Order 1976 and the Iron Casting Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment) Order 1979.

It consolidates the provisions previously made for the computation of levies and makes minor amendments. In particular it amends the basis of computation so as to reflect the current wholesale selling prices of iron castings produced in the United Kingdom and it provides for the basis of computation to be up-dated from time to time in order to accord with current price levels.

The basis is up-dated by reference to an index (which is published in "British business", a publication obtainable from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, PO Box 276, London SW8 5DT).



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