



Finance Act 1986

1986 CHAPTER 41

PART IV

STAMP DUTY RESERVE TAX

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Pt. 4: construed as one with [1999 c. 16, Pt. VI](#) (27.7.1999) by [Finance Act 1999 \(c. 16\), s. 123\(1\)](#)
- C2** Pt. 4: power to restrict conferred (27.7.1999) by [Finance Act 1999 \(c. 16\), s. 119](#) (with s. 123(4))
- C3** Pt. 4: power to extend conferred (1.5.1995) by [Finance Act 1995 \(c. 4\), s. 152\(2\)\(b\)\(6\)](#)

Introduction

86 The tax: introduction

- (1) A tax, to be known as stamp duty reserve tax, shall be charged in accordance with this Part of this Act.
- (2) The tax shall be under the care and management of the Board.
- (3) Section 1 of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968 ^{M1} shall apply to the tax; and accordingly in subsection (1) of that section after the words “petroleum revenue tax” there shall be inserted the words “ stamp duty reserve tax ”.
- [^{F1}(4) Stamp duty reserve tax shall be chargeable in accordance with the provisions of this Part of this Act—
 - (a) whether the agreement, transfer, issue or appropriation in question is made or effected in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, and
 - (b) whether or not any party is resident or situate in any part of the United Kingdom.]

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Textual Amendments	
F1	S. 86(4) added (with effect as mentioned in s. 187(2) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 1996 (c. 8), s. 187(1)
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M1	1968 c. 2.

The principal charge

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- (1) This section applies where a person (A) agrees with another person (B) to transfer chargeable securities (whether or not to B) for consideration in money or money's worth.
- (2) There shall be a charge to stamp duty reserve tax under this section on ^{F2} . . . the relevant day, ^{F3} . . .
- (3) In subsection (2) above “the relevant day” means —
 - (a) in a case where the agreement is conditional, the day on which the condition is satisfied, and
 - (b) in any other case, the day on which the agreement is made.
- (4) ^{F4}
- (5) ^{F5}
- (6) Tax under this section shall be charged at the rate of [^{F6}0.5 per cent.] or part of £100 of the amount or value of the consideration mentioned in subsection (1) above.
- (7) For the purposes of subsection (6) above the value of any consideration not consisting of money shall be taken to be the price it might reasonably be expected to fetch on a sale in the open market at the time the agreement mentioned in subsection (1) above is made.
- [^{F7}(7A) Where there would be no charge to tax under this section in relation to some of the chargeable securities to which the agreement between A and B relates if separate agreements had been made between them for the transfer of those securities and for the transfer of the remainder, this section shall have effect as if such separate agreements had been made.
- (7B) This section shall have effect in relation to a person to whom the chargeable securities are transferred by way of security for a loan to B as it has effect in relation to a nominee of B.]
- (8) ^{F8}
- (9) This section applies where the agreement to transfer is made on or after the day on which the rule of The Stock Exchange that prohibits a person from carrying on business as both a broker and a jobber is abolished.
- (10) This section has effect subject to sections 88 to 90 below.

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Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in s. 87(2) repealed (with effect as mentioned in s. 188(5) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 1996 (c. 8), ss. 188(1), 205, **Sch. 41 Pt. 7**
- F3** Words in s. 87(2) repealed (with effect in accordance with s. 188(5) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 1996 (c. 8) s. 188(1), s. 205, {Sch. 41 Pt. 7}
- F4** S. 87(4) repealed (with effect as mentioned in s. 192(6) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 1996 (c. 8), ss. 192(1), 205, **Sch. 41 Pt. 7**
- F5** S. 87(5) repealed (with effect as mentioned in s. 192(6) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 1996 (c. 8), ss. 192(1), 205, **Sch. 41 Pt. 7**
- F6** Words in s. 87(6) substituted (with effect as mentioned in s. 194(7) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 1996 (c. 8), **s. 194(1)**
- F7** S. 87(7A)(7B) inserted by Finance Act 1987 (c. 16), ss. 110, 132, **Sch. 19 Pt. VII**
- F8** S. 87(8) repealed (with effect as mentioned in s. 192(6) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 1996 (c. 8), ss. 192(1), 205, **Sch. 41 Pt. 7**

88 Section 87: special cases

- (1) An instrument on which stamp duty is not chargeable by virtue of —
- [^{F9}(aa) section 65(1) of the ^{M2}Finance Act 1963 (renounceable letters of allotment etc),
 - (ab) section 14(1) of the ^{M3}Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 1963 (renounceable letters of allotment etc.),]
 - (a) section 127(1) of the Finance Act 1976 ^{M4} (transfer to stock exchange nominee), or
 - (b) section 84(2) or (3) above,
- shall be disregarded in construing [^{F10}section 92(1A) and (1B) below].

- [^{F11}(1A) An instrument on which stamp duty is not chargeable by virtue of section 186 of the Finance Act 1996 (transfers of securities to members of electronic transfer systems etc) shall be disregarded in construing [^{F10}section 92(1A) and (1B) below] unless—
- (a) the transfer is made by a stock exchange nominee; and
 - (b) the maximum stamp duty chargeable on the instrument, apart from section 186 of the Finance Act 1996, would be 50p;

and in this subsection “stock exchange nominee” means a person designated for the purposes of section 127 of the ^{M5}Finance Act 1976 as a nominee of The Stock Exchange by an order made by the Secretary of State under subsection (5) of that section.]

- [^{F12}(1B) An instrument on which stamp duty is not chargeable by virtue of section 42 of the ^{M6}Finance Act 1930 or section 11 of the ^{M7}Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 (transfer between associated bodies corporate) shall be disregarded in construing [^{F10}section 92(1A) and (1B) below] in any case where—
- (a) the property mentioned in section 42(2)(a) of the Finance Act 1930 or, as the case may be, section 11(2)(a) of the Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 consists of chargeable securities of any particular kind acquired in the period of two years ending with the day on which the instrument was executed; and
 - (b) the body corporate from which the conveyance or transfer there mentioned is effected acquired the chargeable securities—

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- (i) in a transaction which was given effect by an instrument of transfer on which stamp duty was not chargeable by virtue of section 81 above;
- (ii) in pursuance of an agreement to transfer securities as regards which section 87 above did not apply by virtue of section 89 below; or
- (iii) in circumstances with regard to which the charge to stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax was treated as not arising by virtue of regulations under section 116 or 117 of the ^{M8}Finance Act 1991.]
- (2) ^{F13}
- (3) ^{F13}
- [^{F14}(4) For the purposes of subsection (1B) above, if the securities mentioned in paragraph (a) of that subsection cannot (apart from this subsection) be identified, securities shall be taken as follows, that is to say, securities of the same kind acquired later in the period of two years there mentioned (and not taken under this subsection for the purposes of any earlier instrument) shall be taken before securities acquired earlier in that period.
- (5) If, in a case where subsection (4) above applies, some, but not all, of the securities taken in accordance with that subsection were acquired as mentioned in paragraph (b) of subsection (1B) above by the body corporate mentioned in that paragraph, the stamp duty reserve tax chargeable under section 87 above by virtue of subsection (1B) above shall not exceed the tax that would have been so chargeable had the agreement to transfer the securities related only to such of the securities so taken as were so acquired.
- (6) Where a person enters into an agreement for securities to be transferred to him or his nominee, the securities shall be treated for the purposes of subsections (1B)(a) and (4) above as acquired by that person at the time when he enters into the agreement, unless the agreement is conditional, in which case they shall be taken to be acquired by him when the condition is satisfied.]

Textual Amendments

- F9** S. 88(1)(aa)(ab) inserted (with effect in accordance with s. 188(5) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 1996 (c. 8), s. 188(2)
- F10** Words in s. 88(1) substituted (with effect in accordance with s. 192(6) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 1996 (c. 8), s. 192(2)
- F11** S. 88(1A) inserted (with effect in accordance with s. 189(2) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 1996 (c. 8), s. 189(1)
- F12** S. 88(1B) inserted (with effect in accordance with s. 190(3) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 1996 (c. 8), s. 190(1)
- F13** S. 88(2)(3) repealed (with effect in accordance with s. 188(5) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 1996 (c. 8), ss. 188(3), 205, Sch. 41 Pt. 7
- F14** S. 88(4)-(6) added (with effect in accordance with s. 190(3) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 1996 (c. 8), s. 190(2)

Marginal Citations

- M2** 1963 c. 25.
- M3** 1963 c. 22 (N.I.).
- M4** 1976 c. 40.
- M5** 1976 c. 40.
- M6** 1930 c. 28.
- M7** 1954 c. 23 (N.I.).

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M8 1991 c. 31.

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[^{F15}88A Section 87: exceptions for intermediaries.

- (1) Section 87 above shall not apply as regards an agreement to transfer securities of a particular kind to B or his nominee if—
 - (a) B is a member of an EEA exchange, or a recognised foreign exchange, on which securities of that kind are regularly traded;
 - (b) B is an intermediary and is recognised as an intermediary by the exchange in accordance with arrangements approved by the Board; and
 - (c) the agreement is effected on the exchange.
- (2) Section 87 above shall not apply as regards an agreement to transfer securities of a particular kind to B or his nominee if—
 - (a) B is a member of an EEA exchange or a recognised foreign options exchange;
 - (b) options to buy or sell securities of that kind are regularly traded on that exchange and are listed by or quoted on that exchange;
 - (c) B is an options intermediary and is recognised as an options intermediary by that exchange in accordance with arrangements approved by the Board; and
 - (d) the agreement is effected on an EEA exchange, or a recognised foreign exchange, on which securities of that kind are regularly traded or subsection (3) below applies.
- (3) This subsection applies if—
 - (a) the agreement is effected on an EEA exchange, or a recognised foreign options exchange, pursuant to the exercise of a relevant option; and
 - (b) options to buy or sell securities of the kind concerned are regularly traded on that exchange and are listed by or quoted on that exchange.
- (4) For the purposes of this section—
 - (a) an intermediary is a person who carries on a bona fide business of dealing in chargeable securities and does not carry on an excluded business; and
 - (b) an options intermediary is a person who carries on a bona fide business of dealing in quoted or listed options to buy or sell chargeable securities and does not carry on an excluded business.
- (5) The excluded businesses are the following—
 - (a) any business which consists wholly or mainly in the making or managing of investments;
 - (b) any business which consists wholly or mainly in, or is carried on wholly or mainly for the purpose of, providing services to persons who are connected with the person carrying on the business;
 - (c) any business which consists in insurance business;
 - (d) any business which consists in managing or acting as trustee in relation to a pension scheme or which is carried on by the manager or trustee of such a scheme in connection with or for the purposes of the scheme;

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- (e) any business which consists in operating or acting as trustee in relation to a collective investment scheme or is carried on by the operator or trustee of such a scheme in connection with or for the purposes of the scheme.
- (6) An agreement is effected on an exchange for the purposes of subsection (1) or (2) above if (and only if)—
- (a) it is subject to the rules of the exchange; and
 - (b) it is reported to the exchange in accordance with the rules of the exchange.]

Textual Amendments

- F15** S. 88A inserted (20.10.1997 with application as mentioned in s. 102(4) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 1997 (c. 16), s. 102(1)(6); S.I. 1997/2428, art. 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C4** S. 88A: power to extend (with modifications) conferred (24.7.2002) by Finance Act 2002 (c. 23), s. 117
- C5** S. 88A extended (26.7.2002) by S.I. 2002/1975, art. 2

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^{F16}**88B Intermediaries: supplementary.**

- (1) For the purposes of section 88A above the question whether a person is connected with another shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of section 839 of the ^{M9}Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.
- (2) In section 88A above and this section—
- “collective investment scheme” has the meaning given in section 75 of the ^{M10}Financial Services Act 1986;
- “EEA exchange” means a market which appears on the list drawn up by an EEA State pursuant to Article 16 of European Communities Council Directive No. 93/22/EEC on investment services in the securities field;
- “EEA State” means a State which is a contracting party to the agreement on the European Economic Area signed at Oporto on the 2nd May 1992 as adjusted by the Protocol signed at Brussels on the 17th March 1993;
- “insurance business” means long term business or general business as defined in section 1 of the ^{M11}Insurance Companies Act 1982;
- “quoted or listed options” means options which are quoted on or listed by an EEA exchange or a recognised foreign options exchange;
- “recognised foreign exchange” and “recognised foreign options exchange” have the meanings given, respectively, by subsections (3) and (4) of section 80B above;
- “trustee” and “the operator” shall, in relation to a collective investment scheme, be construed in accordance with section 75(8) of the ^{M12}Financial Services Act 1986.
- (3) In section 88A above “the exercise of a relevant option” means—
- (a) the exercise by B of an option to buy securities; or

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- (b) the exercise of an option binding B to buy securities.
- (4) The Treasury may by regulations provide that section 88A above shall not have effect in relation to kinds of agreement specified in the regulations.
- (5) The Treasury may by regulations provide that if—
 - (a) an agreement falls within subsection (1) or (2) of section 88A above, and
 - (b) section 87 above would, apart from section 88A, apply to the agreement, section 87 shall apply to the agreement but with the substitution of a rate of tax not exceeding 0.1 per cent. for the rate specified in subsection (6) of that section.
- (6) The Treasury may by regulations change the meaning of “intermediary” or “options intermediary” for the purposes of section 88A above by amending subsection (4) or (5) of that section (as it has effect for the time being).
- (7) The power to make regulations under subsections (4) to (6) above shall be exercisable by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of the House of Commons.

Textual Amendments

F16 Ss. 88A, 88B inserted (20.10.1997 with application as mentioned in [s. 102\(4\)](#) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1997 \(c. 16\)](#), [s. 102\(1\)\(6\)](#); [S.I. 1997/2428](#), [art. 2](#)

Marginal Citations

M9 1988 c. 1.
M10 1986 c. 60.
M11 1982 c. 50.
M12 1986 c. 60.

89 Section 87: exceptions for market makers etc.

- (1) Section 87 above shall not apply as regards an agreement to transfer securities if the agreement is made by B in the ordinary course of his business as a market maker in securities of the kind concerned.

[^{F17}(1A) Section 87 above shall not apply as regards an agreement to transfer securities to B or his nominee if the agreement is made by B in the ordinary course of his business as a market maker in securities consisting of related quoted options; and in this subsection —

- (a) “quoted options” means options quoted on The Stock Exchange, and
- (b) “related quoted options” means quoted options to buy or sell securities of the kind transferred.]
- (2) Section 87 above shall not apply as regards an agreement to transfer securities to B or his nominee if —
 - (a) the agreement is made by B as principal in the ordinary course of his business as a broker and dealer in relation to securities of the kind concerned, and
 - (b) before the end of the period of 7 days beginning with the day on which the agreement is made or (in a case where the agreement is conditional) the day on which the condition is satisfied, B enters into an unconditional agreement to sell the securities to another person.

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- [^{F18}(3) For the purposes of this section a person is a market maker in securities of a particular kind—
- (a) if he—
 - (i) holds himself out at all normal times in compliance with the rules of The Stock Exchange as willing to buy and sell securities of that kind at a price specified by him, and
 - (ii) is recognised as doing so by the Council of The Stock Exchange; or
 - (b) if—
 - (i) he is an authorised person under Chapter III of Part I of the Financial Services Act 1986,
 - (ii) he makes the agreement in the course of his business as a dealer in investments, within the meaning of paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 to the Financial Services Act 1986, as a principal and in circumstances where that paragraph is applicable for the purposes of that Act,
 - (iii) he does not make the agreement in the course of any activities which fall within paragraph 14 or 16 of Schedule 1 to the Financial Services Act 1986, and
 - (iv) the securities are not at the time the agreement is made dealt in on a recognised investment exchange within the meaning of the Financial Services Act 1986; or
 - (c) if—
 - (i) that person is a European institution, within the meaning of regulation 3 of the Banking Coordination (Second Council Directive) Regulations 1992, which carries on investment business, within the meaning of section 1(2) of the Financial Services Act 1986, in the United Kingdom,
 - (ii) the agreement is made by the institution as a principal in the course of its investment business,
 - (iii) the agreement is not made in the course of any activities which fall within paragraph 14 or 16 of Schedule 1 to the Financial Services Act 1986, and
 - (iv) the securities are not at the time the agreement is made dealt in on a recognised investment exchange within the meaning of the Financial Services Act 1986.]
- (4) For the purposes of this section, a person is a broker and dealer in relation to securities of a particular kind if he is a member of The Stock Exchange who carries on his business in the United Kingdom and is not a market maker in securities of that kind.
- (5) The Treasury may by regulations provide that for subsection (3) above (as it has effect for the time being) there shall be substituted a subsection containing a different definition of a market maker for the purposes of this section.
- (6) The Treasury may by regulations provide that for subsection (4) above (as it has effect for the time being) there shall be substituted a subsection containing a different definition of a broker and dealer for the purposes of this section.
- (7) For the purposes of subsection (2) above, if the securities which B sells cannot be identified (apart from this subsection) securities shall be taken as follows —

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- (a) securities of the same kind acquired in the period of 7 days ending with the day of the sale (and not taken for the purposes of a previous sale by B) shall be taken before securities of that kind acquired outside that period;
 - (b) securities of that kind acquired earlier in that period (and not taken for the purposes of a previous sale by B) shall be taken before securities of that kind acquired later in that period.
- (8) For the purposes of subsection (7) above —
- (a) securities are acquired when B enters into an agreement for them to be transferred to B or his nominee or (in a case where the agreement is conditional) when the condition is satisfied;
 - (b) B sells securities when he enters into an unconditional agreement to sell them to another person.
- (9) The power to make regulations under this section shall be exercisable by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of the House of Commons.

Textual Amendments

F17 S. 89(1A) inserted (with effect as mentioned in Sch. 7 para. 4(2) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 1987 (c. 16), s. 56, Sch. 7 para. 4(1)

F18 S. 89(3) substituted (1.1.1993) by S. I. 1992/3286, reg. 3

[^{F19}89A Section 87: exceptions for public issues.

- (1) Section 87 above shall not apply as regards an agreement to transfer securities other than units under a unit trust scheme to B or B's nominee if —
- (a) the agreement is part of an arrangement, entered into by B in the ordinary course of B's business as an issuing house, under which B (as principal) is to offer the securities for sale to the public,
 - (b) the agreement is conditional upon the admission of the securities to the Official List of The Stock Exchange,
 - (c) the consideration under the agreement for each security is the same as the price at which B is to offer the security for sale, and
 - (d) B sells the securities in accordance with the arrangement referred to in paragraph (a) above.
- (2) Section 87 above shall not apply as regards an agreement if the securities to which the agreement relates are newly subscribed securities other than units under a unit trust scheme and —
- (a) the agreement is made in pursuance of an offer to the public made by A (as principal) under an arrangement entered into in the ordinary course of A's business as an issuing house,
 - (b) a right of allotment in respect of, or to subscribe for, the securities has been acquired by A under an agreement which is part of the arrangement,
 - (c) both those agreements are conditional upon the admission of the securities to the Official List of The Stock Exchange, and
 - (d) the consideration for each security is the same under both agreements;

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and for the purposes of this subsection, “newly subscribed securities” are securities which, in pursuance of the arrangement referred to in paragraph (a) above, are issued wholly for new consideration.

- (3) Section 87 above shall not apply as regards an agreement if the securities to which the agreement relates are registered securities other than units under a unit trusty scheme and —
- (a) the agreement is made in pursuance of an offer to the public made by A,
 - (b) the agreement is conditional upon the admission of the securities to the Official List of The Stock Exchange, and
 - (c) under the agreement A issues to B or his nominee a renounceable letter of acceptance, or similar instrument, in respect of the securities.
- (4) The Treasury may by regulations amend paragraph (b) of subsection (1) above, paragraph (c) of subsection (2) above, and paragraph (b) of subsection (3) above (as they have effect for the time being); and the power to make regulations under this section shall be exercisable by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of the House of Commons.]

Textual Amendments

F19 S. 89A inserted by Finance (No. 2) Act 1987 (c. 51), s. 100(1)

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^{F20}89A Section 87: exception for repurchases and stock lending.

- (1) This section applies where a person (P) has entered into an arrangement with another person (Q) under which—
- (a) Q is to transfer chargeable securities of a particular kind to P or his nominee, and
 - (b) chargeable securities of the same kind and amount are to be transferred by P or his nominee to Q or his nominee,
- and the conditions set out in subsection (3) below are fulfilled.
- (2) Section 87 above shall not apply as regards an agreement to transfer chargeable securities to P or his nominee or Q or his nominee in accordance with the arrangement.
- (3) The conditions are—
- (a) that the agreement is effected on an EEA exchange or a recognised foreign exchange;
 - (b) that securities of the kind concerned are regularly traded on that exchange; and
 - (c) that chargeable securities are transferred to P or his nominee and Q or his nominee in pursuance of the arrangement.
- (4) An arrangement does not fall within subsection (1) above if—
- (a) the arrangement is not such as would be entered into by persons dealing with each other at arm’s length; or

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- (b) under the arrangement any of the benefits or risks arising from fluctuations, before the transfer to Q or his nominee takes place, in the market value of the chargeable securities accrues to, or falls on, P.
- (5) An agreement is effected on an exchange for the purposes of subsection (3) above if (and only if)—
- (a) it is subject to the rules of the exchange; and
 - (b) it is reported to the exchange in accordance with the rules of the exchange.
- (6) In this section—
- “EEA exchange” has the meaning given in section 88B(2) above;
 - “recognised foreign exchange” has the meaning given in section 80B(3) above.
- (7) The Treasury may by regulations provide that if section 87 would apply as regards an agreement but for subsection (2) above, section 87 shall apply as regards the agreement but with the substitution of a rate of tax not exceeding 0.1 per cent. for the rate specified in subsection (6) of that section.
- (8) The Treasury may by regulations amend this section (as it has effect for the time being) in order—
- (a) to change the conditions for exemption from tax under this section; or
 - (b) to provide that this section does not apply in relation to kinds of arrangement specified in the regulations.
- (9) The power to make regulations under subsection (7) or (8) above shall be exercisable by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of the House of Commons.]

Textual Amendments

F20 S. 89AA inserted (20.10.1997 with application as mentioned in s. 103(5) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1997 \(c. 16\)](#), [s. 103\(1\)\(8\)](#); [S.I. 1997/2428](#), [art. 2](#)

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C6 S. 89AA: power to extend conferred (24.7.2002) by [Finance Act 2002 \(c. 23\)](#), [s. 117](#)

C7 S. 89AA extended (26.7.2002) by [S.I. 2002/1975](#), [art. 2](#)

C8 S. 89AA modified (1.1.1999) by [S.I. 1998/3177](#), [arts. 26\(2\)](#), [28\(2\)](#), [30\(2\)](#)

[^{F21}**89B Section 87: exceptions for stock lending and collateral security arrangements.**

- (1) Where a person (P) has contracted to sell chargeable securities of a particular kind in the ordinary course of his business as a market maker in chargeable securities of that kind and, to enable him to fulfil the contract, he enters into an arrangement under which—
- (a) another person (Q) is to transfer chargeable securities to P or his nominee, and
 - (b) in return, chargeable securities of the same kind and amount are to be transferred (whether or not by P or his nominee) to Q or his nominee,
- section 87 above shall not apply as regards an agreement to transfer chargeable securities which is made for the purpose of performing the obligation to transfer chargeable securities described in paragraph (a) or (b) above.

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- (2) Where the arrangement mentioned in subsection (1) above is also one under which—
- (a) an amount of chargeable securities of some other kind is to be transferred by P or his nominee to Q or his nominee by way of security for the performance of the obligation described in paragraph (b) of that subsection, and
 - (b) on performance of that obligation, the securities mentioned in paragraph (a) above, or chargeable securities of the same kind and amount as those securities, are to be transferred to P or his nominee,
- section 87 above shall also not apply as regards an agreement to transfer chargeable securities which is made for the purpose of performing the obligation to transfer chargeable securities described in paragraph (a) or (b) above.
- (3) Where, to enable Q to make the transfer to P or his nominee which is mentioned in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) above, Q enters into an arrangement under which—
- (a) another person (R) is to transfer chargeable securities to Q or his nominee, and
 - (b) in return, chargeable securities of the same kind and amount are to be transferred (whether or not by Q or his nominee) to R or his nominee,
- section 87 above shall not apply as regards an agreement to transfer chargeable securities which is made for the purpose of performing the obligation to transfer chargeable securities described in paragraph (a) or (b) above.
- (4) Where the arrangement mentioned in subsection (3) above is also one under which—
- (a) an amount of chargeable securities of some other kind is to be transferred by Q or his nominee to R or his nominee by way of security for the performance of the obligation described in paragraph (b) of that subsection, and
 - (b) on performance of that obligation, the securities mentioned in paragraph (a) above, or chargeable securities of the same kind and amount as those securities, are to be transferred to Q or his nominee,
- section 87 above shall also not apply as regards an agreement to transfer chargeable securities which is made for the purpose of performing the obligation to transfer chargeable securities described in paragraph (a) or (b) above.
- (5) For the purposes of this section a person is a market maker in chargeable securities of a particular kind if he—
- (a) holds himself out at all normal times in compliance with the rules of The Stock Exchange as willing to buy and sell chargeable securities of that kind at a price specified by him, and
 - (b) is recognised as doing so by The Stock Exchange.
- (6) The Treasury may by regulations provide that for subsection (5) above (as it has effect for the time being) there shall be substituted a subsection containing a different definition of a market maker for the purposes of this section.
- (7) Regulations under subsection (6) above shall apply in relation to any agreement to transfer chargeable securities in pursuance of an arrangement entered into on or after such day after 1st July 1996 as is specified in the regulations.
- (8) The power to make regulations under subsection (6) above shall be exercisable by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of the House of Commons.]

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Textual Amendments

F21 S. 89B inserted (with effect as mentioned in s. 191(2) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\), s. 191\(1\)](#)

90 Section 87: other exceptions

- (1) Section 87 above shall not apply as regards an agreement to transfer a unit under a unit trust scheme to the managers under the scheme.
- (2) Section 87 above shall not apply as regards an agreement to transfer a unit under a unit trust scheme if at the time the agreement is made —
 - (a) all the trustees under the scheme are resident outside the United Kingdom, and
 - (b) the unit is not registered in a register kept in the United Kingdom by or on behalf of the trustees under the scheme.
- (3) Section 87 above shall not apply as regards an agreement to transfer securities constituted by or transferable by means of —
 - (a) an overseas bearer instrument, within the meaning of the heading “Bearer Instrument” in Schedule 1 to the Stamp Act 1891 ^{F22};
 - (b) an inland bearer instrument, within the meaning of that heading, which does not fall within exemption 3 in that heading (renounceable letter of allotment etc. where rights are renounceable not later than six months after issue).
- (4) Section 87 above shall not apply as regards an agreement which forms part of an arrangement falling within section 93(1) or 96(1) below.
- [^{F23}(5) Section 87 above shall not apply as regards an agreement to transfer securities which the Board are satisfied are held, when the agreement is made, by a person within subsection (6) below.
- (6) A person is within this subsection if his business is exclusively that of holding shares, stock or other marketable securities —
 - (a) as nominee or agent for a person whose business is or includes the provision of clearance services for the purchase and sale of shares, stock or other marketable securities, and
 - (b) for the purpose of such part of the business mentioned in paragraph (a) above as consists of the provision of such clearance services (in a case where the business does not consist exclusively of that); and in this subsection, 'marketable securities' shall be construed in accordance with section 122(1) of the Stamp Act 1891 ^{M13}.]
 - [^{F24}(7) Section 87 above shall not apply as regards an agreement to transfer securities to —
 - (a) a body of persons established for charitable purposes only, or
 - (b) the trustees of a trust so established, or
 - (c) the Trustees of the National Heritage Memorial Fund, or
 - (d) the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England.]

Textual Amendments

F22 1891 c. 39.

F23 S. 90(5)(6) substituted for s. 90(5) (retrospectively) by [Finance Act 1987 \(c. 16\), s. 56, Sch. 7 para. 5](#)

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F24 S. 90(5)(6) added (retrospectively) by [Finance Act 1987 \(c. 16\), s. 56, Sch. 7 para. 6](#)

Marginal Citations
M13 1891 c. 39.

91 Liability to tax

- (1) Where tax is charged under section 87 above as regards an agreement, B shall be liable for the tax.
- (2) ^{F25}

Textual Amendments
F25 S. 91(2) repealed (retrospectively) by [Finance Act 1987 \(c. 51\), ss. 100\(2\), 104\(4\), Sch. 9 Pt. IV](#)

92 Repayment or cancellation of tax

- (1) If, as regards an agreement to transfer securities to B or his nominee, tax is charged under section 87 above and it is proved to the Board's satisfaction that at a time [^{F26}on or after the relevant day (as defined in section 87(3))] but before the expiry of the period of six years [^{F27}(beginning with that day)] the conditions mentioned in [^{F28}subsections (1A) and (1B) below] have been fulfilled, [^{F29}subsections (2) to (4A) of this section shall apply].
- [^{F30}(1A) The first condition is that an instrument is (or instruments are) executed in pursuance of the agreement and the instrument transfers (or the instruments between them transfer) to B or, as the case may be, to his nominee all the chargeable securities to which the agreement relates.
- (1B) The second condition is that the instrument (or each instrument) transferring the chargeable securities to which the agreement relates is duly stamped in accordance with the enactments relating to stamp duty if it is an instrument which, under those enactments, is chargeable with stamp duty or otherwise required to be stamped.]
- (2) If any of the tax charged has been paid, and a claim for repayment is made within the period of six years mentioned in subsection (1) above, the tax paid shall be repaid; and where the tax paid is not less than £25 it shall be repaid with interest on it at the [^{F31}rate applicable under section 178 of the Finance Act 1989] from the time it was paid.
- (3) To the extent that the tax charged has not been paid, the charge shall be cancelled by virtue of this subsection.
- (4) ^{F32}
- [^{F33}(4A) Interest paid under subsection (2) above shall not constitute income for any tax purposes.]
- (5) ^{F34}
- [^{F35}(6) In this section “the enactments relating to stamp duty” means the ^{M14}Stamp Act 1891 and any enactment which amends or is required to be construed together with that Act.]

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Textual Amendments

- F26** Words in s. 92(1) substituted (with effect as mentioned in s. 188(5) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\), s. 188\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- F27** Words in s. 92(1) substituted (with effect as mentioned in s. 188(5) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\), s. 188\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- F28** Words in s. 92(1) substituted (with effect as mentioned in s. 192(6) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\), s. 192\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- F29** Words in s. 92(1) substituted (with effect as mentioned in s. 192(6) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\), s. 192\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- F30** S. 92(1A)(1B) inserted (with effect as mentioned in s. 192(6) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\), s. 192\(4\)](#)
- F31** Words in s. 92(2) substituted (with effect as mentioned in s. 179(4) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1989 \(c. 26\), s. 179\(1\)\(f\)](#)
- F32** S. 92(4) repealed (with effect as mentioned in s. 178(7) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1989 \(c. 26\), s. 187\(1\), Sch. 17 Pt. X](#)
- F33** S. 92(4A) inserted (retrospectively) by [Finance Act 1987 \(c. 16\), s. 56, Sch. 7 para. 7](#)
- F34** S. 92(5) repealed (with effect as mentioned in s. 178(7) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1989 \(c. 26\), s. 187\(1\), Sch. 17 Pt. X](#)
- F35** S. 92(6) added (with effect as mentioned in s. 192(6) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\), s. 192\(5\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C9** S. 92: power to amend conferred (with effect as mentioned in s. 178(7) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1989 \(c. 26\), s. 178\(1\)-\(5\); S.I. 1989/1298, art. 2](#)

Marginal Citations

- M14** 1891 c. 39.

Other charges

93 Depository receipts

- (1) Subject to subsection (7) below and section 95 below, there shall be a charge to stamp duty reserve tax under this section where in pursuance of an arrangement —
- a person falling within subsection (2) below has issued or is to issue a depository receipt for chargeable securities, and
 - chargeable securities of the same kind and amount are transferred or issued to [^{F36}the person mentioned in paragraph (a) above or] a person falling within subsection (3) below, or are appropriated by [^{F37}the person mentioned in paragraph (a) above or a person falling within subsection (3) below] towards the eventual satisfaction of the entitlement of the receipt's holder to receive chargeable securities.
- (2) A person falls within this subsection if his business is or includes issuing depository receipts for chargeable securities.
- (3) A person falls within this subsection if his business is or includes holding chargeable securities as nominee or agent for the person who has issued or is to issue the depository receipt.

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- (4) Subject to subsections (5) to (7) below, tax under this section shall be charged at the rate of [^{F38}1.5 per cent.] of the following—
- (a) in a case where the securities are issued, their price when issued;
 - (b) in a case where the securities are transferred for consideration in money or money's worth, the amount or value of the consideration;
 - (c) in any other case, the value of the securities.

- (5) In a case where the securities are transferred and—
- (a) the transfer is effected by an instrument on which stamp duty under the heading “Conveyance or Transfer of any kind not hereinbefore described” in Schedule 1 to the Stamp Act 1891 ^{F39} is chargeable,
 - (b) at the time of the transfer the transferor is a qualified dealer in securities of the kind concerned or a nominee of such a qualified dealer,
 - (c) the transfer is made for the purposes of the dealer's business,
 - (d) at the time of the transfer the dealer is not a market maker in securities of the kind concerned, and
 - (e) the instrument contains a statement that paragraphs (b) to (d) above are fulfilled,

subsection (4) above shall have effect [^{F40} as if “1.5 per cent.” read “1 per cent.”] “50p” (in a case where the securities are transferred before the day of The Stock Exchange reforms) or “£1” (in any other case).

- (6) In a case where—
- (a) securities are issued, or securities sold are transferred, and (in either case) they are to be paid for in instalments,
 - (b) the person to whom they are issued or transferred holds them and transfers them to another person when the last instalment is paid,
 - (c) subsection (4)(c) above applies in the case of the transfer to the other person,
 - (d) before the making of the transfer to the other person an instrument is received by a person falling within [^{F41}subsection (2) or (3)] above,
 - (e) the instrument so received evidences all the rights which (by virtue of the terms under which the securities are issued or sold as mentioned in paragraph (a) above) subsist in respect of them at the time of the receipt, and
 - (f) the transfer to the other person is effected by an instrument containing a statement that paragraphs (a), (b) and (e) above are fulfilled,

subsection (4)(c) above shall have effect as if the reference to the value there mentioned were to an amount (if any) equal to the total of the instalments payable, less those paid before the transfer to the other person is effected.

- (7) Where tax is (or would apart from this subsection be) charged under this section in respect of a transfer of securities, and ad valorem stamp duty is chargeable on any instrument effecting the transfer, then —
- (a) if the amount of the duty is less than the amount of tax found by virtue of subsections (4) to (6) above, the tax charged under this section shall be the amount so found less the amount of the duty;
 - (b) in any other case, there shall be no charge to tax under this section in respect of the transfer.

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- (8) Where tax is charged under the preceding provisions of this section, the person liable for the tax shall (subject to subsection (9) below) be the person who has issued or is to issue the depositary receipt.
- (9) Where tax is charged under the preceding provisions of this section in a case where securities are transferred, and at the time of the transfer the person who has issued or is to issue the depositary receipt is not resident in the United Kingdom and has no branch or agency in the United Kingdom, the person liable for the tax shall be the person to whom the securities are transferred.
- (10) Where chargeable securities are issued or transferred on sale under terms providing for payment in instalments and for an issue of other chargeable securities, and (apart from this subsection) tax would be charged under this section in respect of that issue, tax shall not be so charged but —
 - (a) if any of the instalments becomes payable by a person falling within subsection (2) or (3) above, there shall be a charge to stamp duty reserve tax under this section when the instalment becomes payable;
 - (b) the charge shall be at the rate of [^{F42}1.5 per cent. of the amount] of the instalment payable;
 - (c) the person liable to pay the instalment shall be liable for the tax.
- (11) Subject to subsection (12) below, this section applies where securities are transferred, issued or appropriated after 18th March 1986 (whenever the arrangement was made).
- (12) This section does not apply, in the case of securities which are transferred, if the Board are satisfied that they were acquired or appropriated by the transferor on or before 18th March 1986 for or towards the eventual satisfaction of the entitlement of a person to receive securities of the same kind under a depositary receipt (whether issued on or before that date or to be issued after that date).

Textual Amendments

- F36** Words in s. 93(1)(b) inserted (with effect as mentioned in s. 193(4) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\), s. 193\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- F37** Words in s. 93(1)(b) substituted (with effect as mentioned in s. 193(4) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\), s. 193\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- F38** Words in s. 93(4) substituted (with effect as mentioned in s. 194(7) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\), s. 194\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- F39** 1891 c. 39.
- F40** Words in s. 93(5) substituted (with effect in accordance with s. 194(7) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\), s. 194\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- F41** Words in s. 93(6)(d) substituted (with effect as mentioned in s. 193(4) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\), s. 193\(3\)](#)
- F42** Words in s. 93(10)(b) substituted (with effect as mentioned in s. 194(7) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\), s. 194\(2\)\(c\)](#)

94 Depositary receipts: supplementary

- (1) For the purposes of section 93 above a depositary receipt for chargeable securities is an instrument acknowledging —
 - (a) that a person holds chargeable securities or evidence of the right to receive them, and

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- (b) that another person is entitled to rights, whether expressed as units or otherwise, in or in relation to chargeable securities of the same kind, including the right to receive such securities (or evidence of the right to receive them) from the person mentioned in paragraph (a) above,
except that for those purposes a depositary receipt for chargeable securities does not include an instrument acknowledging rights in or in relation to securities if they are issued or sold under terms providing for payment in instalments and for the issue of the instrument as evidence that an instalment has been paid.
- (2) The Treasury may by regulations provide that for subsection (1) above (as it has effect for the time being) there shall be substituted a subsection containing a different definition of a depositary receipt for the purposes of section 93 above.
- (3) For the purposes of section 93(4)(b) above the value of any consideration not consisting of money shall be taken to be the price it might reasonably be expected to fetch on a sale in the open market at the time the securities are transferred.
- (4) For the purposes of section 93(4)(c) above the value of the securities shall be taken to be the price they might reasonably be expected to fetch on a sale in the open market at the time they are transferred or appropriated (as the case may be).
- (5) For the purposes of section 93(5) above a person is a qualified dealer in securities of a particular kind if he deals in securities of that kind and —
- (a) is a member of a recognised stock exchange (within the meaning given by section ^{F43}841 of the Taxes Act 1988), or
 - (b) is designated a qualified dealer by order made by the Treasury.
- (6) For the purposes of section 93(5) above a person is a market maker in securities of a particular kind if he —
- (a) holds himself out at all normal times in compliance with the rules of The Stock Exchange as willing to buy and sell securities of that kind at a price specified by him, and
 - (b) is recognised as doing so by the Council of The Stock Exchange.
- (7) The Treasury may by regulations provide that for subsection (6) above (as it has effect for the time being) there shall be substituted a subsection containing a different definition of a market maker for the purposes of section 93(5) above.
- (8) ^{F44}
- (9) The power to make regulations or an order under this section shall be exercisable by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of the House of Commons.

Textual Amendments

F43 Words in s. 94(5) substituted (27.7.1988) by Finance Act 1988 (c. 39) s. 146, {Sch. 13 paras. 23}, 25

F44 S. 94(8) repealed (with effect as mentioned in s. 194(7) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 1996 (c. 8), ss. 194(3), 205, Sch. 41 Pt. VII

95 Depositary receipts: exceptions

- (1) Where securities are transferred —

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- (a) to a company which at the time of the transfer falls within subsection (6) of section 67 above and is resident in the United Kingdom, and
 - (b) from a company which at that time falls within that subsection and is so resident,
- there shall be no charge to tax under section 93 above in respect of the transfer.
- (2) There shall be no charge to tax under section 93 above in respect of a transfer, issue or appropriation of an inland bearer instrument, within the meaning of the heading “Bearer Instrument” in Schedule 1 to the Stamp Act 1891 ^{F45}, which does not fall within exemption 3 in that heading (renounceable letter of allotment etc. where rights are renounceable not later than six months after issue).
 - (3) There shall be no charge to tax under section 93 above in respect of an issue by a company (company X) of securities in exchange for shares in another company (company Y) where company X —
 - (a) has control of company Y, or
 - (b) will have such control in consequence of the exchange or of an offer as a result of which the exchange is made.
 - (4) For the purposes of subsection (3) above company X has control of company Y if company X has power to control company Y's affairs by virtue of holding shares in, or possessing voting power in relation to, company Y or any other body corporate.

Textual Amendments

F45 1981 c. 39.

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^{F46}95A Depository receipts: exception for replacement securities.

- (1) There shall be no charge to tax under section 93 above in respect of the transfer, issue or appropriation of chargeable securities (“the new securities”) issued by a company in place of existing securities of the same company (“the old securities”) if the following conditions are met.
- (2) The first condition is that the old securities are held under a depository receipt scheme.
- (3) The second condition is that—
 - (a) there was a charge to tax under section 93 above in respect of the transfer, issue or appropriation—
 - (i) of the old securities, or
 - (ii) of earlier securities in relation to which on a previous application of this section those securities were the new securities,or there would have been such a charge if that section had been in force; or
 - (b) there would have been such a charge but for section 95(2) or (3) above.
- (4) The third condition is that there is an arrangement under which—
 - (a) the new securities are transferred, issued or appropriated as mentioned in section 93(1)(b), and

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(b) the old securities are cancelled.

(5) For the purposes of subsection (2) above the cases in which securities are held under a depository receipt scheme are those specified (in relation to shares) in section 95(5) above.

(6) The exception provided by this section applies only to the extent that the value of the new securities immediately after their issue does not exceed the value of the old securities immediately before the issue of the new securities.]

Textual Amendments

F46 S. 95A inserted (with application as mentioned in s. 118(5) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 1999 (c. 16), s. 118(1) (with s. 123(4))

96 Clearance services

(1) Subject to subsection (5) below and section 97 below, there shall be a charge to stamp duty reserve tax under this section where —

- (a) a person (A) whose business is or includes the provision of clearance services for the purchase and sale of chargeable securities has entered into an arrangement to provide such clearance services for another person, and
- (b) in pursuance of the arrangement, chargeable securities are transferred or issued to A or to a person whose business is or includes holding chargeable securities as nominee for A.

(2) Subject to subsections (3) to (5) below, tax under this section shall be charged at the rate of [^{F47}1.5 per cent.] of the following —

- (a) in a case where the securities are issued, their price when issued;
- (b) in a case where the securities are transferred for consideration in money or money's worth, the amount or value of the consideration;
- (c) in any other case, the value of the securities.

(3) In a case where the securities are transferred and —

- (a) the transfer is effected by an instrument on which stamp duty under the heading “Conveyance or Transfer of any kind not hereinbefore described” in Schedule 1 to the Stamp Act 1891 ^{F48} is chargeable,
- (b) at the time of the transfer the transferor is a qualified dealer in securities of the kind concerned or a nominee of such a qualified dealer,
- (c) the transfer is made for the purposes of the dealer's business,
- (d) at the time of the transfer the dealer is not a market maker in securities of the kind concerned, and
- (e) the instrument contains a statement that paragraphs (b) to (d) above are fulfilled,

subsection (2) above shall have effect [^{F49} as if “1.5 per cent.” read “1 per cent.”]

(4) In a case where —

- (a) securities are issued, or securities sold are transferred, and (in either case) they are to be paid for in instalments,

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- (b) the person to whom they are issued or transferred holds them and transfers them to another person when the last instalment is paid,
 - (c) subsection (2)(c) above applies in the case of the transfer to the other person,
 - (d) before the making of the transfer to the other person an instrument is received by A or a person whose business is or includes holding chargeable securities as nominee for A,
 - (e) the instrument so received evidences all the rights which (by virtue of the terms under which the securities are issued or sold as mentioned in paragraph (a) above) subsist in respect of them at the time of the receipt, and
 - (f) the transfer to the other person is effected by an instrument containing a statement that paragraphs (a), (b) and (e) above are fulfilled,
- subsection (2)(c) above shall have effect as if the reference to the value there mentioned were to an amount (if any) equal to the total of the instalments payable, less those paid before the transfer to the other person is effected.
- (5) Where tax is (or would apart from this subsection be) charged under this section in respect of a transfer of securities and ad valorem stamp duty is chargeable on any instrument effecting the transfer, then —
 - (a) if the amount of the duty is less than the amount of tax found by virtue of subsections (2) to (4) above, the tax charged under this section shall be the amount so found less the amount of the duty;
 - (b) in any other case, there shall be no charge to tax under this section in respect of the transfer.
 - (6) Where tax is charged under the preceding provisions of this section, the person liable for the tax shall (subject to subsection (7) below) be A.
 - (7) Where tax is charged under the preceding provisions of this section in a case where securities are transferred to a person other than A, and at the time of the transfer A is not resident in the United Kingdom and has no branch or agency in the United Kingdom, the person liable for the tax shall be the person to whom the securities are transferred.
 - (8) Where chargeable securities are issued or transferred on sale under terms providing for payment in instalments and for an issue of other chargeable securities, and (apart from this subsection) tax would be charged under this section in respect of that issue, tax shall not be so charged but —
 - (a) if any of the instalments becomes payable by A or by a person whose business is or includes holding chargeable securities as nominee for A, there shall be a charge to stamp duty reserve tax under this section when the instalment becomes payable;
 - (b) the charge shall be at the rate of [^{F50}1.5 per cent. of the amount] of the instalment payable;
 - (c) the person liable to pay the instalment shall be liable for the tax.
 - (9) For the purposes of subsection (2)(b) above the value of any consideration not consisting of money shall be taken to be the price it might reasonably be expected to fetch on a sale in the open market at the time the securities are transferred.
 - (10) For the purposes of subsection (2)(c) above the value of securities shall be taken to be the price they might reasonably be expected to fetch on a sale in the open market at the time they are transferred.

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- (11) For the purposes of subsection (3) above “qualified dealer” and “market maker” have at any particular time the same meanings as they have at that time for the purposes of section 93(5) above.
- (12) ^{F51}
- (13) Subject to subsection (14) below, this section applies where securities are transferred or issued after 18th March 1986 (whenever the arrangement was made).
- (14) This section does not apply, in the case of securities which are transferred, if the Board are satisfied —
- (a) that on or before 18th March 1986 the transferor (or, where the transferor transfers as agent, the principal) agreed to sell securities of the same kind and amount to the person (other than A) referred to in subsection (1)(a) above, and
 - (b) that the transfer is effected in pursuance of that agreement.

Textual Amendments

- F47** Words in s. 96(2) substituted (with effect in accordance with s. 194(7) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 1996 (c. 8), s. 194(4)(a)
- F48** 1891 c. 39.
- F49** Words in s. 96(3) substituted (with effect in accordance with s. 194(7) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 1996 (c. 8), s. 194(4)(b)
- F50** Words in s. 96(8) substituted (with effect as mentioned in s. 194(7) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 1996 (c. 8), s. 194(4)(c)
- F51** S. 96(12) repealed (with effect as mentioned in s. 194(7) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 1996 (c. 8), ss. 194(5), 205, Sch. 41 Pt. VII

97 Clearance services: exceptions

- (1) Where securities are transferred —
- (a) to a company which at the time of the transfer falls within subsection (6) of section 70 above and is resident in the United Kingdom, and
 - (b) from a company which at that time falls within that subsection and is so resident,
- there shall be no charge to tax under section 96 above in respect of the transfer
- (2) ^{F52}
- (3) There shall be no charge to tax under section 96 above in respect of a transfer or issue of an inland bearer instrument, within the meaning of the heading “Bearer Instrument” in Schedule 1 to the Stamp Act 1891 ^{F53}, which does not fall within exemption 3 in that heading (renounceable letter of allotment etc. where rights are renounceable not later than six months after issue).
- (4) There shall be no charge to tax under section 96 above in respect of an issue by a company (company X) of securities in exchange for shares in another company (company Y) where company X —
- (a) has control of company Y, or
 - (b) will have such control in consequence of the exchange or of an offer as a result of which the exchange is made.

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- (5) For the purposes of subsection (4) above company X has control of company Y if company X has power to control company Y's affairs by virtue of holding shares in, or possessing voting power in relation to, company Y or any other body corporate.

Textual Amendments

- F52** S. 97(2) repealed (with effect as mentioned in s. 196(4) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 1996 (c. 8), s. 205, Sch. 41 Pt. VII
- F53** 1891 c. 39.

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[^{F54}97AA Clearance services: further exception.

- (1) There shall be no charge to tax under section 96 above in respect of the transfer or issue of chargeable securities (“the new securities”) issued by a company in place of existing securities of the same company (“the old securities”) if the following conditions are met.
- (2) The first condition is that the old securities are held under a clearance services scheme.
- (3) The second condition is that—
- (a) there was a charge to tax under section 96 above in respect of the transfer or issue—
 - (i) of the old securities, or
 - (ii) of earlier securities in relation to which on a previous application of this section those securities were the new securities,or there would have been such a charge if that section had been in force; or
 - (b) there would have been such a charge but for section 97(3) or (4) above.
- (4) The third condition is that there is an arrangement under which—
- (a) the new securities are transferred or issued as mentioned in section 96(1) (b), and
 - (b) the old securities are cancelled.
- (5) For the purposes of subsection (2) above the cases in which securities are held under a clearance services scheme are those specified (in relation to shares) in section 97(6) above.
- (6) The exception provided by this section applies only to the extent that the value of the new securities immediately after their issue does not exceed the value of the old securities immediately before the issue of the new securities.]

Textual Amendments

- F54** S. 97AA inserted (with application as mentioned in s. 118(5) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 1999 (c. 16), s. 118(3) (with s. 123(4))

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[^{F55}97A Clearance services: election for alternative system of charge.

- (1) A person whose business is or includes the provision of clearance services for the purchase and sale of chargeable securities or relevant securities (an “operator”) may, with the approval of the Board, elect that stamp duty and stamp duty reserve tax shall be chargeable in accordance with this section in connection with those clearance services.
- (2) An election under subsection (1) above—
 - (a) shall come into force on such date as may be notified to the operator by the Board in giving their approval; and
 - (b) shall continue in force unless and until it is terminated in accordance with the following provisions of this section.
- (3) If and so long as an election under subsection (1) above is in force, stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax (as the case may require) shall, in connection with the clearance services to which the election relates, be chargeable in relation to—
 - (a) a transfer or issue falling within section 70(1) or 96(1) above,
 - (b) an agreement falling within section 90(4) above by virtue of section 96(1) above, or
 - (c) an agreement falling within section 90(5) above,
 as it would be chargeable apart from sections 70, 90(4) and (5) and 96 above.
- (4) Where stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax is chargeable by virtue of subsection (3) above in relation to a transfer, issue or agreement, sections 70, 90(4) and (5) and 96 above shall not have effect in relation to that transfer, issue or agreement.
- (5) Nothing in subsection (3) or (4) above affects the application of section 70 or 96 above in relation to a transfer falling within section 70(1) or 96(1) above by the operator or his nominee to, or to a nominee of, another operator in relation to whom no election under subsection (1) above is for the time being in force.
- (6) The Board may require the operator, as a condition of the approval of his election under subsection (1) above, to make and maintain such arrangements as they may consider satisfactory—
 - (a) for the collection of stamp duty reserve tax chargeable in accordance with this section, and
 - (b) for complying, or securing compliance, with the provisions of this Part and of regulations under section 98 below, so far as relating to such tax.
- (7) Where the operator is not resident in the United Kingdom and has no branch or agency in the United Kingdom, the Board may require him, as a condition of the approval of his election under subsection (1) above, to appoint and, so long as the election remains in force, maintain a tax representative.
- (8) A person shall not be an operator’s tax representative under this section unless that person—
 - (a) has a business establishment in the United Kingdom, and
 - (b) is approved by the Board.

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- (9) A person who is at any time an operator's tax representative under this section—
- (a) shall be entitled to act on the operator's behalf for the purposes of stamp duty and stamp duty reserve tax in connection with the clearance services to which the operator's election under subsection (1) above relates,
 - (b) shall secure (where appropriate by acting on the operator's behalf) the operator's compliance with and discharge of the obligations and liabilities to which the operator is subject, in connection with the clearance services to which the operator's election under subsection (1) above relates, by virtue of legislation relating to stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax (including obligations and liabilities arising before he became the operator's tax representative), and
 - (c) shall be personally liable in respect of any failure to secure the operator's compliance with or discharge of any such obligation or liability, and in respect of anything done for purposes connected with acting on the operator's behalf,
- as if the obligations and liabilities imposed on the operator were imposed jointly and severally on the tax representative and the operator.
- (10) An election under subsection (1) above may be terminated—
- (a) by not less than thirty days' notice given by the operator to the Board or by the Board to the operator; or
 - (b) if there is or has been a breach of a condition of the approval of the election imposed by virtue of subsection (6) or (7) above, by a notice—
 - (i) given by the Board to the operator,
 - (ii) taking effect on the giving of the notice or at such later time as may be specified in the notice, and
 - (iii) stating that it is given by reason of the breach of condition.
- (11) Where an election under subsection (1) above is terminated, section 96 above shall have effect as if chargeable securities of the same amounts and kinds as are, immediately before the termination, held by the operator or his nominee in connection with the provision of the clearance services, had, immediately after the termination, been transferred to the operator or, as the case may be, to the nominee by a transfer falling within subsection (1) of that section.
- (12) In this section "relevant securities" has the same meaning as in section 70 above.]

Textual Amendments

F55 S. 97A inserted (1.7.1996) by Finance Act 1996 (c. 8), s. 196(3)(6)

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[^{F56}97B Transfer between depositary receipt system and clearance system.

- (1) There shall be no charge to tax under section 93 or 96 above where securities are transferred between a depositary receipt system and a clearance system.

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- (2) A transfer between a depository receipt system and a clearance system means a transfer—
- (a) from (or to) a company which at the time of the transfer falls within section 67(6) above, and
 - (b) to (or from) a company which at that time falls within section 70(6) above.
- (3) This section does not apply to a transfer from a clearance system (that is, from such a company as is mentioned in subsection (2)(b) above) if at the time of the transfer an election is in force under section 97A above in relation to the clearance services for the purposes of which the securities are held immediately before the transfer.]

Textual Amendments

- F56** S. 97B inserted (with effect in as mentioned in s. 134(5)(b) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2000 \(c. 17\), s. 134\(2\)](#)

General

98 Administration etc.

- (1) The Treasury may make regulations —
- (a) providing that provisions of the Taxes Management Act 1970^{M15} specified in the regulations shall apply in relation to stamp duty reserve tax as they apply in relation to a tax within the meaning of that Act, with such modifications (specified in the regulations) as they think fit;
 - (b) making with regard to stamp duty reserve tax such further provision as they think fit in relation to administration, assessment, collection and recovery.

[^{F57}(1A) The power conferred on the Treasury by subsection (1) above includes power to make provision conferring or imposing on the Board functions which involve the exercise of a discretion.]

- (2) The power to make regulations under subsection (1) above shall be exercisable by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of the House of Commons.

Textual Amendments

- F57** S. 98(1A) inserted (29.4.1996) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\), s. 195](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C10** S. 98(1) extended (retrospectively) by [Finance Act 1999 \(c. 16\), ss. 121](#) (with s. 123(4))

Marginal Citations

- M15** 1970 c. 9.

99 Interpretation

- (1) This section applies for the purposes of this Part of this Act.

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- (2) “The Board” means the Commissioners of Inland Revenue.
- [^{F58}(3) Subject to the following provisions of this section, “chargeable securities” means —
- (a) stocks, shares or loan capital,
 - (b) interests in, or in dividends or other rights arising out of, stocks, shares or loan capital,
 - (c) rights to allotments of or to subscribe for, or options to acquire, stocks, shares or loan capital, and
 - (d) units under a unit trust scheme.
- (4) “Chargeable securities” does not include securities falling within paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of subsection (3) above which are issued or raised by a body corporate not incorporated in the United Kingdom unless —
- (a) they are registered in a register kept in the United Kingdom by or on behalf of the body corporate by which they are issued or raised, or
 - (b) in the case of shares, they are paired with shares issued by a body corporate incorporated in the United Kingdom, or
 - (c) in the case of securities falling within paragraph (b) or (c) of subsection (3) above, paragraph (a) or (b) above applies to the stocks, shares or loan capital to which they relate.
- (5) “Chargeable securities” does not include —
- (a) securities the transfer of which is exempt from all stamp duties, or
 - (b) securities falling within paragraph (b) or (c) of subsection (3) above which relate to stocks, shares or loan capital the transfer of which is exempt from all stamp duties.
- (6) “Chargeable securities” does not include interests in depositary receipts for stocks or shares.
- (6A) For the purposes of subsection (4) above, shares issued by a body corporate which is not incorporated in the United Kingdom (“the foreign company”) are paired with shares issued by a body corporate which is so incorporated (“the UK company”) where —
- (a) the articles of association of the UK company and the equivalent instruments governing the foreign company each provide that no share in the company to which they relate may be transferred otherwise than as part of a unit comprising one share in that company and one share in the other, and
 - (b) such units have been offered for sale to the public in the United Kingdom and, at the same time, an equal number of such units have been offered for sale to the public at a broadly equivalent price in the country in which the foreign company is incorporated.]
- (7) A depositary receipt for stocks or shares is an instrument acknowledging —
- (a) that a person holds stocks or shares or evidence of the right to receive them, and
 - (b) that another person is entitled to rights, whether expressed as units or otherwise, in or in relation to stocks or shares of the same kind, including the right to receive such stocks or shares (or evidence of the right to receive them) from the person mentioned in paragraph (a) above,
- except that a depositary receipt for stocks or shares does not include an instrument acknowledging rights in or in relation to stocks or shares if they are issued or sold

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under terms providing for payment in instalments and for the issue of the instrument as evidence that an instalment has been paid.

- (8) The Treasury may by regulations provide that for subsection (7) above (as it has effect for the time being) there shall be substituted a subsection containing a different definition of a depositary receipt; and the power to make regulations under this subsection shall be exercisable by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of the House of Commons.
- (9) “Unit” [^{F59}(except in subsection (6A) above)] and “unit trust scheme” have the same meanings as in Part VII of the Finance Act 1946 ^{M16}.
- (10) In interpreting “chargeable securities” in sections 93, 94 and 96 above —
- [^{F60}(a) paragraph (a) of subsection (4) above and the reference to that paragraph in paragraph (c) of that subsection shall be ignored, and]
- (b) the effect of paragraph 8 of Schedule 14 to the Companies Act 1985 ^{M17} (share registered overseas) and of section 118 of the Companies Act (Northern Ireland) 1960 ^{M18} and paragraph 7 of Schedule 14 to the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 ^{M19} (equivalent provision for Northern Ireland) shall be ignored for the purposes of subsection (5) above.
- [^{F61}(11) In interpreting “chargeable securities” in section 93 or 96 above in a case where —
- (a) newly subscribed shares, or
- (b) securities falling within paragraph (b) or (c) of subsection (3) above which relate to newly subscribed shares,
- are issued in pursuance of an arrangement such as is mentioned in that section (or an arrangement which would be such an arrangement if the securities issued were chargeable securities), paragraph (b) of subsection (4) above and the reference to that paragraph in paragraph (c) of that subsection shall be ignored.
- (12) In subsection (11) above, “newly subscribed shares” means shares issued wholly for new consideration in pursuance of an offer for sale to the public.]
- [^{F62}(13) Where the calculation of any tax in accordance with the provisions of this Part results in an amount which is not a multiple of one penny, the amount so calculated shall be rounded to the nearest penny, taking any $\frac{1}{2}$ p as nearest to the next whole penny above.]

Textual Amendments

- F58** S. 99(3)-(6) substituted (with application as mentioned in s. 144(6) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1988 \(c. 39\)](#) {s. 144(2)}
- F59** Words in s. 99(9) inserted (with application as mentioned in s. 144(6) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1988 \(c. 39\)](#), s. 144(3)
- F60** S. 99(10)(a) substituted (with application in accordance with s. 144(6) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1988 \(c. 39\)](#), s. 144(4)
- F61** S. 99(11)(12) added (with application as mentioned in s. 144(6) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 1988 \(c. 39\)](#), s. 144(5)
- F62** S. 99(13) added (29.4.1996) by [Finance Act 1996 \(c. 8\)](#), s. 194(6)

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- M16** 1946 c. 64.
- M17** 1985 c. 6.
- M18** 1960 c. 22 (N.I.)

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