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# SCHEDULE 15

### QUALIFYING POLICIES

# Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Sch. 15 modified by Finance Act 1991 (c. 31, SIF 63:1), s. 50, Sch. 9 para. 5 (2)
- C1 Sch. 15 modified (1.5.1995) by Finance Act 1995 (c. 4), Sch. 10 para. 4(2)(3)

# PART I

### QUALIFYING CONDITIONS

# [<sup>F1</sup>RULES FOR QUALIFYING POLICIES

#### Textual Amendments

F1 Sch. 15 paras. B1-B3, cross-headings and preceding heading inserted (17.7.2013) by Finance Act 2013 (c. 29), Sch. 9 para. 3

# *Rights to be beneficially owned by individuals only*

- B1 (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies in relation to a policy issued in respect of an insurance made on or after 6 April 2013.
  - (2) In order for the policy to be a qualifying policy, when it is issued all the rights under it must be beneficially owned by (and only by)—
    - (a) one individual, or
    - (b) two or more individuals taken together.

(This is the case notwithstanding any other provision of this Schedule.)

- (3) Sub-paragraph (2) does not apply if the policy is protected.
- (4) A policy is "protected" if it is a new policy (as defined in paragraph 17 below) in relation to—
  - (a) a policy issued in respect of an insurance made before 21 March 2012, or
  - (b) a policy which is protected (whether by virtue of paragraph (a) or this paragraph).

### Assignments

B2 (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies if any rights under a qualifying policy are, or any share in any rights under a qualifying policy is, assigned on or after 6 April 2013.

(2) The policy is not to be a qualifying policy after the assignment (notwithstanding any other provision of this Schedule).

(3) Sub-paragraph (2) does not apply if—

- (a) the assignment is from an individual by way of security for a debt of the individual,
- (b) the assignment is to an individual on the discharge of a debt of the individual secured by the rights or share,
- (c) the assignment is from an individual to the individual's spouse or civil partner,
- (d) the assignment is to an individual in pursuance of an order made by a court,
- (e) the assignment is to an individual in pursuance of a legally enforceable obligation relating to a divorce or the dissolution of a civil partnership,
- (f) the assignment is from an individual and, as a result of the assignment, the rights assigned are, or the share assigned is, held on trusts created by the individual,
- (g) the assignment is to an individual and, as a result of the assignment, the rights assigned are, or the share assigned is, no longer held on trusts, or
- (h) the assignment—
  - (i) is to the personal representatives of a deceased individual, or
  - (ii) is to an individual where, as a result of the assignment, a deceased beneficiary event (see paragraph A6(2) above) occurs.
- (4) Section 465(6) of ITTOIA 2005 applies for the purposes of sub-paragraph (3)(f).
- (5) The Commissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs may by regulations provide that sub-paragraph (2) does not apply if prescribed conditions are met in relation to the assignment.

"Prescribed" means prescribed by the regulations.

- (6) Regulations under sub-paragraph (5) may—
  - (a) make different provision for different cases or circumstances, and
  - (b) contain incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional, transitory or saving provision.
- (7) See paragraphs A1 and A2 above which may apply in consequence of an assignment falling within sub-paragraph (3) or (5).

### *Required statements*

- B3 (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies if any of the following events occurs—
  - (a) the issue of a policy in respect of an insurance made on or after 6 April 2013;
    - (b) the variation of a policy on or after 6 April 2013 where paragraph 18 below applies in relation to the variation and as a result of the variation—
      - (i) the period over which premiums are payable under the policy is or could be lengthened, or
      - (ii) the total amount of the premiums payable under the policy in any relevant period is or could be increased,

or both;

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- (c) a premium limit event in relation to a protected policy on or after 6 April 2013 (see paragraph A2(9) to (12) above);
- (d) an event on or after 6 April 2013 which would be a premium limit event in relation to a protected policy but for paragraph A2(12) above;
- (e) the assignment on or after 6 April 2013 of any rights, or any share in any rights, under a policy where the assignment falls within paragraph B2(3)(c) to (g) or (5) above;
- (f) a deceased beneficiary event (see paragraph A6(2) above) on or after 6 April 2013;
- (g) the conditions in paragraph 24(3) below being fulfilled for the first time in respect of a new non-resident policy where—
  - (i) the conditions are fulfilled for the first time on or after 6 April 2013, and
  - (ii) but for the conditions being fulfilled, the policy could not be a qualifying policy because of paragraph 24(2).
- (2) Each individual who is a beneficiary under the policy must, before the end of the statement period, make to the issuer of the policy a statement dealing with the prescribed matters.
- (3) If an individual does not comply with sub-paragraph (2) the policy is not to be a qualifying policy after the event (notwithstanding any other provision of this Schedule).
- (4) In sub-paragraph (1)(b)(ii) "relevant period" means any period of 12 months beginning at or after the time of the variation.
- (5) Sub-paragraph (2)—
  - (a) does not apply in the case of an event mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(a),
    (e), (f) or (g) if the policy is a pure protection policy, and
  - (b) does not apply in the case of an event mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(b), (c) or (d) if the policy is a pure protection policy both before and after the event.

"Pure protection policy" has the meaning given by paragraph A6(1)(c) above.

(6) Sub-paragraph (2) does not apply in the case of an event mentioned in subparagraph (1)(e) where the assignment falls within paragraph B2(3)(e) above and is a mortgage endowment assignment.

"Mortgage endowment assignment" is to be read in accordance with paragraph A6(3) above.

(7) The Commissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs may by regulations provide that an individual is not required to comply with sub-paragraph (2) if prescribed conditions are met.

"Prescribed" means prescribed by the regulations.

- (8) Accordingly, if by virtue of regulations under sub-paragraph (7) an individual is not required to comply with sub-paragraph (2), sub-paragraph (3) does not apply because that individual does not comply with sub-paragraph (2).
- (9) In sub-paragraph (2)—
  - (a) the reference to an individual who is a beneficiary under the policy is to be read in accordance with paragraph A5 above,

- (b) "the statement period" means—
  - (i) the period of 3 months after the day on which the event occurs, or
  - (ii) if the event occurs before the day on which the first regulations under paragraph (c) below come into force, the period of 3 months after that day,
  - or such longer period as an officer of Revenue and Customs may allow, and
- (c) "prescribed" means prescribed by regulations made by the Commissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.
- (10) An officer of Revenue and Customs may allow a longer period for the purposes of sub-paragraph (9)(b) only if—
  - (a) the individual in question has made a request in writing to an officer of Revenue and Customs for a longer period to be allowed, and
  - (b) such an officer is satisfied—
    - (i) that there is a reasonable excuse for the required statement not having been made within the period mentioned in sub-paragraph (9)
       (b)(i) or (ii), and
    - (ii) that the request under paragraph (a) was made without unreasonable delay after the reasonable excuse ceased.
- (11) Sub-paragraph (12) applies in relation to a policy if the obligations under the policy of its issuer are at any time the obligations of another person ("the transferee") to whom there has been a transfer of the whole or any part of a business previously carried on by the issuer.
- (12) In relation to that time, in sub-paragraph (2) the reference to the issuer of the policy is to be read as a reference to the transferee.
- (13) Regulations under sub-paragraph (7) or (9)(c) may-
  - (a) make different provision for different cases or circumstances, and
  - (b) contain incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional, transitory or saving provision.]

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### Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act Tax Acts: power to modify conferred by 2004 c. 25 s. 18
- Act applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/875 reg. 16Sch. 2 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2010/875 was revoked (27.8.2010) by SI 2010/1906, reg. 2 without having come into force)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 109A(4B) inserted by 2005 c. 7 Sch. 4 para. 6(3) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The amending provision (2005 c. 7, Sch. 4 para. 6) repealed retrospectively by 2005 c. 22, Sch. 6 para. 4(1)(6))
- Sch. 19AB para. 5(5)(a)(b) words substituted by S.I. 2001/3629 art. 52(2)(n) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The words to be substituted do not occur in Sch. 19AB para. 5)