



Value Added Tax Act 1994

1994 CHAPTER 23

PART I

THE CHARGE TO TAX

Payment of VAT by taxable persons

25 Payment by reference to accounting periods and credit for input tax against output tax.

(1) A taxable person shall—

(a) in respect of supplies made by him, ^{F1}...

^{F1}(b)

account for and pay VAT by reference to such periods (in this Act referred to as “prescribed accounting periods”) at such time and in such manner as may be determined by or under regulations and regulations may make different provision for different circumstances.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this section, he is entitled at the end of each prescribed accounting period to credit for so much of his input tax as is allowable under section 26, and then to deduct that amount from any output tax that is due from him.

(3) If either no output tax is due at the end of the period, or the amount of the credit exceeds that of the output tax then, subject to subsections (4) and (5) below, the amount of the credit or, as the case may be, the amount of the excess shall be paid to the taxable person by the Commissioners; and an amount which is due under this subsection is referred to in this Act as a “VAT credit”.

(4) The whole or any part of the credit may, subject to and in accordance with regulations, be held over to be credited in and for a subsequent period; and the regulations may allow for it to be so held over either on the taxable person’s own application or in accordance with general or special directions given by the Commissioners from time to time.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Value Added Tax Act 1994, Section 25. (See end of Document for details)

- (5) Where at the end of any period a VAT credit is due to a taxable person who has failed to submit returns for any earlier period as required by this Act, the Commissioners may withhold payment of the credit until he has complied with that requirement.
- (6) A deduction under subsection (2) above and payment of a VAT credit shall not be made or paid except on a claim made in such manner and at such time as may be determined by or under regulations; and, in the case of a person who has made no taxable supplies in the period concerned or any previous period, payment of a VAT credit shall be made subject to such conditions (if any) as the Commissioners think fit to impose, including conditions as to repayment in specified circumstances.
- (7) The Treasury may by order provide, in relation to such supplies ^{F2}... and importations as the order may specify, that VAT charged on them is to be excluded from any credit under this section; and—
- (a) any such provision may be framed by reference to the description of goods or services supplied or goods ^{F3}... imported, the person by whom they are supplied ^{F3}... or imported or to whom they are supplied, the purposes for which they are supplied ^{F3}... or imported, or any circumstances whatsoever; and
 - (b) such an order may contain provision for consequential relief from output tax.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 25(1)(b) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [Taxation \(Cross-border Trade\) Act 2018 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 57(3), [Sch. 8 para. 25\(2\)](#) (with [Sch. 8 para. 99](#)) (with savings and transitional provisions in S.I. 2019/105 (as amended by S.I. 2020/1495, regs. 1(2), [21](#)), S.I. 2020/1545, [Pt. 4](#) and 2020 c. 26, [Sch. 2 para. 7\(7\)-\(9\)](#)); S.I. 2020/1642, [reg. 4\(b\)](#) (with [reg. 7](#))
- F2** Word in s. 25(7) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [Taxation \(Cross-border Trade\) Act 2018 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 57(3), [Sch. 8 para. 25\(3\)\(a\)](#) (with [Sch. 8 para. 99](#)) (with savings and transitional provisions in S.I. 2019/105 (as amended by S.I. 2020/1495, regs. 1(2), [21](#)), S.I. 2020/1545, [Pt. 4](#) and 2020 c. 26, [Sch. 2 para. 7\(7\)-\(9\)](#)); S.I. 2020/1642, [reg. 4\(b\)](#) (with [reg. 7](#))
- F3** Words in s. 25(7)(a) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [Taxation \(Cross-border Trade\) Act 2018 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 57(3), [Sch. 8 para. 25\(3\)\(b\)](#) (with [Sch. 8 para. 99](#)) (with savings and transitional provisions in S.I. 2019/105 (as amended by S.I. 2020/1495, regs. 1(2), [21](#)), S.I. 2020/1545, [Pt. 4](#) and 2020 c. 26, [Sch. 2 para. 7\(7\)-\(9\)](#)); S.I. 2020/1642, [reg. 4\(b\)](#) (with [reg. 7](#))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 25(6) modified (retrospective to 19.3.2008) by [Finance Act 2008 \(c. 9\)](#), s. [121\(2\)\(4\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Value Added Tax Act 1994, Section 25.