#### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2009 No. 2037

# CORPORATION TAX

The Corporation Tax (Land Remediation Relief) Order 2009

Made - - - - 21st July 2009
Laid before the House of
Commons - - - - 23rd July 2009
Coming into force - - 13th August 2009

The Treasury make the following Order in exercise of powers conferred by sections 1145(2), 1145(3), 1146(3A) and (3B), 1146A(3) and (4), 1147(3), (3A) and (3B) and 1149(3), (3A) and (3B) of the Corporation Tax Act 2009(1) and paragraph 27 of Schedule 7 to the Finance Act 2009(2).

#### Citation, commencement and effect

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Corporation Tax (Land Remediation Relief) Order 2009.
- (2) This Order shall come into force on 13th August 2009 and shall have effect in relation to expenditure incurred on or after 1st April 2009.

## Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"the Act" means the Corporation Tax Act 2009;

"arsenic" means the element whose chemical symbol is As and whose atomic number is 33;

"arsenical compounds" mean any compound one of whose constituent elements is arsenic;

"Japanese Knotweed" is the plant matter also known as Fallopia japonica, Reynoutria japonica or Polygonum cuspidatum;

"radon" means the element whose chemical symbol is Rn and whose atomic number is 86.

#### Land in a contaminated state

- **3.**—(1) Section 1145(2) of the Act (land "in a contaminated state") shall not apply where the following are present in, on or under the land—
  - (a) arsenic,

<sup>(1) 2009</sup> c. 4. These provisions were amended by section 26 of, and Schedule 7 to, the Finance Act 2009 c. 10.

<sup>(2) 2009</sup> c. 10.

- (b) arsenical compounds,
- (c) Japanese Knotweed, or
- (d) radon.
- (2) This article is limited so that it has effect only in relation to—
  - (a) that part of the land where the items listed in paragraph (1) are present, and
  - (b) expenditure incurred for the purpose of remedying or mitigating the effects of relevant harm caused by the presence of one or more of the listed items.

#### Relevant contaminated land remediation: specified activity

- **4.**—(1) For the purposes of Condition C in section 1146 of the Act ("relevant contaminated land remediation"), a specified activity is the removal of relevant material from the land in question to a licensed landfill site.
  - (2) For the purposes of this article—
    - (a) "relevant material" means material which contains or may contain Japanese Knotweed;
    - (b) "licensed landfill site" means a site in respect of which a permit has been granted under the following—
      - (i) the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2007(3),
      - (ii) the Pollution Prevention and Control (Scotland) Regulations 2000(4),
      - (iii) the Pollution Prevention and Control (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2003(5), or
      - (iv) Council Directive 1999/31/EC of 26th April 1999 on the landfill of waste(6).

### Relevant contaminated land remediation: specified enactments

**5.** For the purposes of Condition C in section 1146 of the Act the following are specified enactments—

| Statute                          | Section    | Explanatory note                                      |
|----------------------------------|------------|---|
| Building Act 1984 <sup>(1)</sup> | section 77 | dangerous buildings                                   |
|                                  | section 79 | ruinous and dilapidated buildings and neglected sites |

- (1) 1984 c. 55.
- (2) 1990 c. 43.
- (3) 1990 c. 8.
- (4) 1990 c. 9.
- (5) 1997 c. 8.
- (6) 1997 c. 9.
- (7) 2003 asp. 8.
- (8) S.I. 1978/1049 (N.I. 19).
- (9) S.I. 1991/1220 (N.I. 11).

<sup>(3)</sup> S.I. 2007/3538.

<sup>(4)</sup> S.S.I. 2000/323.

<sup>(5)</sup> S.R. 2003/46.

<sup>(6)</sup> OJ L 182, 16.7.1999 pp.1-19.

| Statute   | Section     | Explanatory note  |
|---|-------------|---|
| Environmental Protection Act 1990 <sup>(2)</sup>  | section 78E | duty of enforcing authority to require remediation of contaminated land                     |
|   | section 79  | statutory nuisances and inspections therefor  |
|   | section 80  | summary proceedings for statutory nuisances   |
|   | section 81  | supplementary provisions  |
|   | section 82  | summary proceedings by persons aggrieved by statutory nuisances                             |
| Town and Country Planning Act 1990 <sup>(3)</sup>   | section 215 | power to require proper maintenance of land   |
| Planning (Listed Buildings and<br>Conservation Areas) Act 1990 <sup>(4)</sup>               | section 48  | repair notices preliminary to acquisition under section 47                                  |
| Town and Country Planning (Scotland)<br>Act 1997 <sup>(5)</sup>                             | section 179 | notice requiring proper maintenance of land   |
| Planning (Listed Buildings and<br>Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act<br>1997 <sup>(6)</sup> | section 43  | repair notices preliminary to acquisition under section 42                                  |
| Building (Scotland) Act 2003 <sup>(7)</sup>   | section 28  | defective buildings   |
| Pollution Control and Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 <sup>(8)</sup>         | article 65  | defective buildings   |
|   | article 66  | ruinous and dilapidated buildings   |
| Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 <sup>(9)</sup>                                       | article 39  | orders requiring discontinuance<br>of use or alteration or removal of<br>buildings or works |
|   | article 109 | compulsory acquisition of listed buildings  |

- **(1)** 1984 c. 55.
- **(2)** 1990 c. 43.
- (3) 1990 c. 8.
- (4) 1990 c. 9.
- **(5)** 1997 c. 8.
- **(6)** 1997 c. 9.
- (7) 2003 asp. 8.
- (8) S.I. 1978/1049 (N.I. 19).
- **(9)** S.I. 1991/1220 (N.I. 11).

### Relevant derelict land remediation: specified purposes

- **6.**—(1) For the purposes of Condition B in section 1146A of the Act ("relevant derelict land remediation"), the specified purposes are the removal of—
  - (a) post-tensioned concrete heavyweight construction,
  - (b) building foundations and machinery bases,
  - (c) reinforced concrete pilecaps,
  - (d) reinforced concrete basements, or
  - (e) redundant services which are located below the ground.
- (2) For the purposes of this article, "services" means any pipes, wiring, cables, tunnels or other similar equipment or infrastructure used in relation to the following—
  - (a) gas supply,
  - (b) water supply, drainage or sewerage,
  - (c) electricity supply, or
  - (d) telecommunications.

### Exception from condition that land be in a contaminated state at time of acquisition

- 7. Where land is in a contaminated state by virtue of the presence in, on or under it of Japanese Knotweed the following conditions need not be met—
  - (a) Condition B as specified by section 1147(3)(a) (deduction for capital expenditure), and
  - (b) Condition B as specified by section 1149(3)(a) (additional deduction for qualifying land remediation expenditure).

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Two of the Lords Commissioners to Her
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21st July 2009

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Order)

Sections 1143 to 1179 of the Corporation Tax Act 2009 (c.4) contain re-written provisions relating to Land Remediation Relief. Section 26 to, and Schedule 7 of, the Finance Act 2009 (c.10) amend these provisions and create powers, which are being exercised in this Order.

This Order will have retrospective effect as it applies in relation to qualifying expenditure in relation to Land Remediation Relief incurred on or after 1st April 2009.

Article 2 sets out the meaning of arsenic, arsenical compounds, Japanese Knotweed and radon.

Article 3 provides that section 1145(2) (land "in a contaminated state") does not apply to arsenic, arsenical compounds, Japanese Knotweed and radon so that land may be "in a contaminated state" for the purposes of section 1145 by reason of the presence in, on or under it of arsenic, arsenical compounds, Japanese Knotweed and radon. The dis-application is limited so that it applies only to that part of the land where one of the listed substances is present and applies only in relation to expenditure incurred for the purposes of remedying the effects of relevant harm caused by the presence of one of the listed items.

Article 4 provides that for the purposes of section 1146(3A)(a) ("relevant contaminated land remediation") the removal of material which contains or may contain Japanese Knotweed from the land in question to a licensed landfill site is a specified activity that is not relevant contaminated land remediation under section 1146.

Article 5 sets out a list of enactments. Activities required by or by virtue of any of these enactments are not relevant contaminated land remediation under section 1146.

Article 6 specifies purposes falling within Condition B in section 1146A(3) ("relevant derelict land remediation"). Condition B is one of the conditions that must be met if an activity is to amount to relevant derelict land remediation for the purposes of the section.

Article 7 provides that the conditions in section 1147(3)(a) (deduction for capital expenditure) and 1149(3)(a) (additional deduction for qualifying land remediation expenditure) need not be met where land is in a contaminated state by reason of the presence of Japanese Knotweed. This removes for those cases where land is in a contaminated state by reason of the presence of Japanese Knotweed the condition that all or part of the land was in a contaminated state at the time of acquisition.

A full impact assessment has been produced for this instrument. It can be located at http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/ria/land-remediation-relief.pdf.