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INCOME TAX ACT
(CHAPTER 134)

INCOME TAX
(EXEMPTION OF INTEREST AND OTHER
PAYMENTS FOR ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
DEVELOPMENT) NOTIFICATION 2013

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

Paragraph

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 13(4) of the Income Tax Act, the Minister for Finance hereby makes the following Notification:

Citation and commencement

1. This Notification may be cited as the Income Tax (Exemption of Interest and Other Payments for Economic and Technological Development) Notification 2013 and shall be deemed to have come into operation on 20th May 2012.

Definitions

2. In this Notification —

“Authority” means the Monetary Authority of Singapore established under section 3 of the Monetary Authority of Singapore Act (Cap. 186);

“financial derivatives” means derivatives the payoffs of which are linked, whether in whole or in part, to the payoffs or performance of any financial assets, securities, financial

instruments or indices, but does not include derivatives the payoffs of which are linked wholly to the payoffs or performance of commodities;

“financial institution” means any institution licensed or approved by the Authority, or exempt from such licensing or approval, under any Act administered by the Authority, and includes an approved Finance and Treasury Centre referred to in section 43G of the Act;

“related party” has the same meaning as in section 13(16) of the Act.

Exemption

3.—(1) There shall be exempt from tax any payment made by a financial institution to a person who is neither resident in Singapore nor a permanent establishment in Singapore —

- (a) on over-the-counter financial derivatives, where the payment is liable to be made during the period from 20th May 2012 to 31st March 2021 (both dates inclusive) under —
 - (i) a contract for such derivatives which took effect before 15th February 2007; or
 - (ii) a contract for such derivatives which is extended or renewed, where the extension or renewal took effect before 15th February 2007; and
- (b) on over-the-counter financial derivatives, where the payment is liable to be made under —
 - (i) a contract for such derivatives which takes effect during the period from 20th May 2012 to 31st March 2021 (both dates inclusive); or
 - (ii) a contract for such derivatives which is extended or renewed, where the extension or renewal takes effect during the period from 20th May 2012 to 31st March 2021 (both dates inclusive).

(2) The exemption in respect of any payment under sub-paragraph (1) is subject to the following conditions:

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- (a) for a first payment on any over-the-counter financial derivatives by a financial institution (not being an approved Finance and Treasury Centre under section 43G of the Act) that is exempt from licensing or approval under any Act administered by the Authority, the financial institution shall submit to the Comptroller on or before the date of such payment —
- (i) a declaration that it is exempt from licensing or approval under any Act administered by the Authority from a specified date under a specified provision of the Act; and
 - (ii) an undertaking —
 - (A) to notify the Comptroller immediately when it ceases to be a financial institution (not being an approved Finance and Treasury Centre under section 43G of the Act) that is exempt from licensing or approval under any Act administered by the Authority; and
 - (B) to comply with the obligations under sections 45 and 45A of the Act; and
- (b) for a payment on any over-the-counter financial derivatives, where the contract is entered into with a related party of the financial institution —
- (i) the transaction was carried out at arm's length; and
 - (ii) the financial institution shall submit a declaration to the Comptroller that the transaction referred to in sub-paragraph (i) was carried out at arm's length, together with its tax return for the year of assessment for the basis period during which the payment was made.

Made this 26th day of December 2012.

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