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ACT NO. 36 OF 1994

I assent.

REGINALD OSWALD PALMER Governor-General.

17th November, 1994.

An Act to provide for the imposition of income tax and to regulate the collection thereof.

1 18th November, 1994].

Be it enacted by the Oueen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Representatives of Grenada, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

PART I

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1. This Act may be cited as the

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and shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1st January, 1994, and shall apply to-

> the assessment of income for the year of assessment, 1994 and subsequent years of assessment; and

(b) the deduction of withholding tax from payments made on or after the date on which the Act is passed.

Interpretation.

- 2.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—
 - "agent" includes any partnership, company or body of persons which is acting as an agent;
 - "Appeal Commissioners" means the Appeal Commissioners appointed under section 88;
 - "approved pension fund" means a pension fund approved for the purposes of this Act under section 48;
 - "assessable income" means assessable income as ascertained in accordance with Part V:
 - "assessment" in relation to any person, means a determination by the Comptroller—
 - (a) of the amount of chargeable income and the tax chargeable thereon; or
 - (b) of the amount of any loss allowable as a deduction; or
 - (c) that no tax is chargeable, and

includes, where the context so requires, an additional assessment or a reduced assessment;

"basis period" means a basis period for a year of assessment adopted in accordance with section 11;

- "body of persons" means any association of persons, however described, but does not include an incorporated company or a partnership;
- "business" includes any profession, vocation, trade, manufacture, venture or undertaking, provision of personal services or technical and managerial skills and any adventure or concern in the nature of trade but does not include any employment;
- "chargeable income" has the same meaning as in Part VI;
- "child" in relation to an individual includes a stepchild, a child born out of wedlock and an adopted child of that individual;
- "company" means a body corporate, wherever incorporated, but does not include a partnership or an unincorporated body of persons;
- "Comptroller" means the Comptroller of Inland Revenue;
- "Constitution" means the Constitution of Grenada;
- "controlled company" has the meaning given to it in section 38 (3);
- "disposition" means any settlement, trust, agreement, arrangement or gift whereby assets, including a right to income, are transferred from one person to another, whether beneficially or as a trustee,

- (a) a transfer of assets by will or other testamentary disposition, except to the extent provided by section 15; or
- (b) the assignment of any income by a deed or assignment however described;

"dividend" means a dividend as defined in section 32;

"employment" means any employment in which the relationship of master and servant subsists or an appointment or office whether public or not and whether or not that relationship subsists; and the terms "employee" and "employer" shall be construed accordingly;

"executor" means the executor, administrator or other person administering or managing the estate of a deceased person;

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- "legally disabled person" means a minor, a mentally defective person or any other person under a legal disability;
- "management charges" means charges made for the provision of management services and includes charges made for the provision of personal services and technical or managerial skills;
- "Minister" means the member of the Cabinet to whom responsibility for the subject of finance is assigned;

"minor" means an individual who has not attained the age of eighteen years;

"ordinarily resident" in relation to an individual means a person who is a resident within the meaning of paragraph (a) (i) of the definition of "resident in Grenada":

"permanent establishment" includes—

- (a) a place of management;
- (b) a branch or office:
- (c) a factory or workshop;
- (d) premises used as a sales outlet:
- (e) a building site or construction or assembly project;
- (f) the maintenance of plant and machinery for rental;
- (g) a mine, quarry or any other place of extraction of natural resources;

"person" includes an individual, a trust, the estate of a deceased person, a company, a body of persons, a partnership and every other juridical person;

"regulations" means regulations made under this Act;

"representative taxpayer" means, in relation to-

- (a) the estate of a deceased person, a person under a legal disability, a trust or a settlement, the trustee of that person;
- (b) a non-resident, the agent, within the meaning of section 22 (2);

- (c) tax due and payable—
 - (i) by a deceased person at the date of his death, the executor of the estate of that deceased person;
 - (ii) at the commencement of liquidation by a company which is being wound up, the liquidator of that company;

"resident in Grenada", in relation to a year of assessment means—

- (a) in the case of an individual, that
 - (i) his permanent place of abode is in Grenada and that he is physically present therein for some period of time in that year of assessment, unless the Comptroller is satisfied that his absence throughout the whole of the year of assessment was for the purpose of education, medical treatment, performance of duties on behalf of the Government or for any other purpose which, in the opinion of the Comptroller, is reasonable; or
 - (ii) he is physically present in Grenada for not less than one hundred and eighty three days in that year of assessment; or
- (iii) he is physically present in Grenada for some period of time in that year of assessment and such period is continuous with a period of physical

presence in the immediately preceding or succeeding year of assessment of such duration as to qualify him for the status of a resident for such preceding or succeeding year under subparagraph (ii);

- (b) in the case of an estate of a deceased person, that immediately prior to his death the deceased person qualified for the status of a resident under paragraph (a);
- (c) in the case of a trust or a body of persons, that such trust or body of persons was established in Grenada; and
- (d) in the case of a company, that such company was—
 - (i) incorporated in Grenada; or
 - (ii) if incorporated outside Grenada, was managed and controlled in Grenada,

and the terms "resident" and "non-resident" in relation to a person, means that such person is resident or non-resident in Grenada as the case may be;

"royalties" means amounts paid as consideration, however described—

(a) for the use of or the right to use—

copyrights, artistic or scientific (i) works, patents, trade marks. designs, plans, secret processes or formulae. motion picture films, tapes or films for radio or television broadcasting; or

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- information concerning industrial, commercial or scientific knowledge;
- in respect of the operation of a mine, quarry or other place of extraction of natural resources.

"separated" in relation to the marital status of an individual, means that the individual is living apart from his or her spouse under-

- an order of a court of competent (a) iurisdiction; or
- a written agreement of separation; or
- (c) any other circumstances where the separation is likely to be permanent;

"tax" means income tax imposed by this Act and for the purposes of recovery of tax includes any penalty, interest or other charge imposed under this Act but does not include any fine imposed by a court; and any reference to tax payable under the laws of another country means a tax of a substantially similar nature to the tax charged under this Act:

"trading stock" in relation to any business, means anything produced, manufactured, purchased or otherwise acquired for the purposes of manufacture, sale or exchange, including uncompleted work on hand or in progress, or the proceeds from the disposal of which form or will form, part of the assessable income from such business and, in the case of a business of farming, includes livestock and produce;

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"trustee" means a person appointed or constituted trustee by act of parties, by order or declaration of a court or by operation of law and includes any person having or taking upon himself the administration or control of any property subject to a trust;

"withholding tax" means any tax deducted or deductible pursuant to sections 46, 48(13), 50, 50 or 52 -51, 52 or 53:

"year of assessment" means the period of twelve months commencing on the 1st January in each year.

- (2) Any reference in this Act to "any person employed in carrying out the provisions of this Act" shall be deemed to include any person whose services under agreement with the Government are provided by any other Government or international agency to assist with the administration of the Act.
- (3) Where gains or profits are ascertainable only by reference to the whole of a basis period for a year of assessment and for the purposes of the charge to or exemption from tax, apportionment of such gains or profits to different periods of time is necessary, then such

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> apportionment shall be made on a time basis according to the respective lengths of those periods of time.

PART II

ADMINISTRATION

Comptroller of Inland Revenue.

3. The responsibility for the administration of this Act shall be vested in the Comptroller of Inland Revenue.

Delegation by Comptroller.

4.—(1) The Comptroller may, in relation to any matter or class of matter, delegate in writing to any other person employed in carrying out the provisions of this Act any powers, functions or duties conferred or imposed on the Comptroller by this Act other than-

- the power of delegation conferred by this section; and
- the power to sanction prosecutions conferred by section 115.
- (2) Any delegation made under this section shall be revocable at any time by the Comptroller and the delegation shall not prevent the exercise of such powers, duties or functions by the Comptroller himself.

Indemnity against liability for acts done.

5. The Comptroller and any person employed in carrying out the provisions of this Act shall be indemnified against any liability for any acts done by or in the name of the Comptroller pursuant to any duty imposed by this Act.

Secrecy.

6.—(1) Subject to this section, the Comptroller and every person employed in carrying out the provisions of this Act shall regard and deal with all documents and information relating to any person, and all confidential instructions in respect of the administration of this Act which may come into his possession or to his knowledge in the course of his duties, as secret.

- (2) Nothing in this section shall apply to the disclosure of any confidential information
 - to any person authorised by any enactment to receive such information: or
 - to any person to whom such disclosure is necessary for the performance of his duties under
 - this Act or any other written law administered by the Comptroller: or
 - any written law administered by the Comptroller of Customs: or
 - any authorised officer of the (c) government of a country with which an international agreement for the avoidance of double taxation exists, for the purpose of that agreement.
- (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the disclosure of information of a statistical nature. but any such information shall be supplied in such manner as not to disclose the identity of any person in relation to his income.
- (4) Every person appointed under or employed in carrying out the provisions of this Act and every person to whom confidential information is disclosed under paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (2) shall make an oath or affirmation of secrecy in the manner and form approved by the Comptroller.

- (5) Any oath or affirmation under subsection (4) may be taken before the Comptroller (who is hereby authorised to administer such oath or affirmation) or before a magistrate, and no fee shall be payable therefor.
- (6) The obligation as to secrecy imposed by this section shall continue to apply in respect of any person notwithstanding that he ceases to be appointed under or employed in carrying out the provisions of this Act.

PART III

IMPOSITION OF INCOME TAX

DIVISION 1 - CHARGE TO TAX

Charge to tax: general.

7.—(1) Subject to subsection (5), income tax shall be charged for each year of assessment on the chargeable income of every person for that year.

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- (2) The persons chargeable to tax shall be those persons specified in Division II of this Part.
- (3) Subject to Part VII, the chargeable income of any person shall be ascertained in accordance with Part VI.
- (4) The tax payable by any person shall be calculated in accordance with Part VIII.
- (5) Where income ascertained in accordance with Part V accrues directly or indirectly to a non resident person from any source other than from the carrying on of business or the exercise of employment, such income shall not form part of the assessable income of such person but such

income shall be liable to withholding tax in accordance with section 50.

8.—(1) The assessable income of any person shall be—

Scope of charge to

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where the person is a resident, but subject to subsection (2), all amounts ascertained in accordance with Part V, accrued directly or indirectly from all sources whether in or out of Grenada; and

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where the person is a non-resident, but subject to section 7(5), all amounts ascertained in accordance with Part V. accrued directly or indirectly from all sources in Grenada.

which is not exempt from tax under Part IV.

- (2) Where an individual is a resident but is not ordinarily resident, his assessable income shall include income accrued from sources out of Grenada but only to the extent that such income is received in Grenada.
- 9.—(1) Subject to this section, income shall accrue to a Income person for the purposes of this Act accrned: meaning of.
 - in the case of income from employment, when it is earned;
 - in the case of a business, in relation to which the Comptroller is satisfied that a commercially recognised system of accounting other than a cash received basis is regularly followed, when it is

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credited or should have been credited in the books of account of such person:

- in the case of a business, where, pursuant to subsection (2), the Comptroller has accepted the preparation by that person of his accounts on a cash received basis. when it is received by him;
- in any other case, when it becomes due and payable to him.
- (2) Where any person regularly prepares the accounts of his business on a cash received basis the Comptroller may, on application and in his discretion, accept such method of accounting or may direct that accounts shall be prepared on an accruals basis and the income accrued to such person shall be ascertained accordingly.
- (3) Nothing in subsection (2) shall be construed to prevent the Comptroller from directing the adoption of an accruals basis in respect of a particular person or class of persons for any year of assessment by reason only that a cash received basis had been accepted in respect of previous vears.
- (4) Where an amount that would otherwise have accrued to a person when it was received by him is not paid to him but is reinvested, accumulated, carried to any reserve or otherwise dealt with on his behalf or as he directs, it shall be deemed to have accrued to him on the date it is so dealt with.
- (5) Income shall not cease to have accrued to any person within the meaning of this section by reason only of

the cessation of a source of income prior to the receipt of any amount from such source

10.—(1) Any income accrued to any person shall be Income deemed to have accrued from a source situated in Grenada where it has accrued to that person in respect of—

deemed to have accrued from sources in Grenada

- any employment exercised in Grenada irrespective of where payment is made or 495 the contract of employment is entered into:
- any employment exercised out of Grenada-

(i) in the performance of duties on behalf of the Government: or

as an officer or member of the crew of a ship or aircraft engaged in international traffic:

by such person being an individual who is ordinarily resident in Grenada:

any business carried on by a company resident in Grenada as owner or charterer of any ship or aircraft engaged in international traffic: (d) rew insertion

(d) interest from—

an individual who is ordinarily resident in Grenada, where the indebtedness-

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- was incurred in connection with (A) the acquisition of; or
- was charged against,

any property situate in or to be brought into Grenada: or

- any other person, whether resident or non-resident, who has a permanent establishment in Grenada in connection with which the indebtedness on which the interest accrued was incurred. where such interest is borne by such permanent establishment;
- a dividend from a company which is <1 ab resident in Grenada:
 - physically situate in any property Grenada:
 - the provision of management services including personal services and technical and managerial skills where such services are provided for the purposes of a business carried on in Grenada and the cost of such services is borne by that business, and irrespective of where the contract for such services was entered into:
 - a source of income which under any international agreement made under section 43, is deemed to be situate in Grenada:

- Where, under this Act, or under any international agreement made under section 43, income is deemed to have accrued-
 - (a) to some person; or
 - (b) from a source; or
 - (c) in any basis period:

any reference to income accrued shall be construed as including income deemed to have accrued.

11.—(1) Subject to this section, the assessable income of Basis period any person for a year of assessment shall be the whole of the income ascertained in accordance with Part V, which accrues to such person during the twelve months ending on 31st December in that year (in this Act referred to as "the basis period for a year of assessment").

for a year of assessment

- (2) A person carrying on business may make up the accounts of that business for a period of twelve months ending on a date other than 31st December in the year of assessment and his assessable income from the business in respect of the year of assessment shall be ascertained by reference to the accounts of such substituted period, which for the purposes of this Act shall be taken to be the basis period of that person for the year of assessment.
- (3) Where, during the course of business, a person wishes to vary the basis period previously adopted by him [under subsection (1) or (2)] he may, with the approval in writing of the Comptroller, and subject to subsection (4), do so and his assessable income from the business in respect of succeeding years of assessment shall be ascertained by reference to such varied basis period, which for the purposes of this Act shall be taken to be the basis period of that person for a year of assessment.

- (4) Where, as a result of a variation of the basis period of any person under subsection (3)
 - two basis periods terminate within the (a) same calendar year, his chargeable income of the relevant year of assessment shall be ascertained by reference to the assessable income from the business of both such basis periods:
 - the Comptroller is of the opinion that substantially less tax would be payable in a year of assessment if the basis period of that person had not been varied, the Comptroller may require the payment of such additional amount as an advance payment of tax as he deems reasonable.
- (5) Notwithstanding subsections (1), (2) and (3), in the year of cessation of a business, the basis period shall be the period from the end of the basis period ending in the previous year of assessment to the date of cessation, irrespective of whether such period is greater or less than twelve months.
- (6) Notwithstanding that the income of a business charged to tax pursuant to this section may be for a period greater or less than twelve months, any tax credits allowable under Part VIII shall be deductible for a year of assessment only by reference to a twelve month period.

DIVISION II

PERSONS CHARGEABLE TO TAX

Persons chargeable: general.

12.—(1) Subject to this Division, the chargeable income of any person shall be charged to tax in the name of that person.

- (2) Where, under this Division, any income which has accrued to one person is deemed to have accrued to some other person, the income shall be included in the assessable income of that other person and the chargeable income, if any, ascertained therefrom shall be charged to tax in the name of that other person.
- 13. Any income accrued to a married woman during any Married year of assessment shall be charged to tax in her own name. women.
- 14.—(1) Where, by reason of any disposition made by Minor any disponor for the benefit of a minor child whether or not children: such child is related to the disponor, any income has accrued dispositions to that child, such income shall, during his minority or until the prior death of the disponor, be deemed to have accrued to the disponor and shall be included in his assessable income.

- (2) Where, during a year of assessment, an individual ceases to be a minor, subsection (1) shall apply only in respect of income accrued prior to the date upon which he ceased to be a minor.
- 15.—(1) Subject to subsection (3) any income accruing Settlements 1000 to a trust, where there is no beneficiary entitled to the and wills. income of the trust and the chargeable income ascertained (effects) therefrom shall be charged to for income ascertained therefrom shall be charged to tax in the name of the trustee.
- (2) Subject to section 14, any income accruing to a trust, where there is a beneficiary entitled to the immediate benefit thereof, shall be deemed to have accrued to the beneficiary and shall be included in his assessable income.

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- (3) Where, under a trust, a beneficiary may be entitled to the benefit of the income thereof at the discretion of the trustee, any income so applied for his benefit shall be deemed to have accrued to the beneficiary and shall be included in his assessable income.
- (4) Where, in any will or other testamentary disposition, a stipulation has been made to the effect that the beneficiaries therein, or one or more of them, shall not receive any income accrued under such will or disposition until the happening of an event, whether fixed or contingent, any such income as would, but for the stipulation, have accrued to the beneficiaries shall, until the happening of that event be deemed to have accrued to the trust and shall be included in the assessable income of the trust and the chargeable income ascertained therefrom shall be charged to tax in the name of the trustee.
- (5) Where any deed of donation, settlement or other disposition intervivos (in this subsection referred to as "the disposition") made by any person (in this subsection referred to as "the disponor") contains a stipulation to the effect that the beneficiaries therein, or one or more of them, shall not receive any income accrued under the disposition until the happening of an event, whether fixed or contingent, any such income as would, but for the stipulation, have accrued to the beneficiaries shall, until the happening of that event or the prior death of the disponor, be deemed to have accrued to the disponor and shall be included in his assessable income.
- (6) In subsections (1), (2) and (3) "trust" means a trust created
 - by will or other testamentary disposition,

- by a deed of donation, settlement or other disposition intervivos.
- 16.—(1) Where income accrues to any person under a Revocable revocable disposition such income shall be deemed to have dispositions. accrued to the disponor and shall be charged to tax in his name.

- (2) For the purposes of this section, a disposition shall be deemed to be revocable where the disponor
 - has a right to reassume control directly or indirectly over, or have access to, the property or income of the disposition; or
 - (b) has power to revoke or otherwise determine the disposition, whether immediately or in the future and whether with or without the consent of any other person, but only where, in the event of the exercise of such power the disponor will or may become beneficially entitled to the whole or any part of the property or income of the disposition.
- (3) Where part only of a disposition is capable of revocation, subsection (1) shall apply only to such part of the disposition.
- (4) Nothing in subsection (2) shall be construed to deem a disposition to be revocable by reason only of a power of revocation in such disposition in relation to the interest of any beneficiary therein where such power of

revocation is limited to arise only in the event that such beneficiary should pre-decease the disponor.

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17. Any income accrued to an individual and not included in any assessment made prior to his death shall be included in his assessable income and the chargeable income ascertained therefrom shall be charged to tax in the name of his executor in the same amount as would have been charged if that person had not died.

Estates of deceased persons.

- 18.—(1) Any income accruing to the estate of a deceased person before there is a beneficiary entitled to the immediate benefit thereof shall be included in the assessable income of the estate and the chargeable income ascertained therefrom shall be charged to tax in the name of the executor.
- (2) Any income accruing to the estate of a deceased person on or after the date on which there is a beneficiary entitled to the immediate benefit thereof, other than as a legatee, shall be deemed to have accrued to the beneficiary and shall be included in his assessable income.
- (3) Where a beneficiary of the estate of a deceased person is a legatee any income accruing in respect of the property of which he is the legatee, on or after the earlier of
 - the date of the handing over of the property; or
 - the date of the completion of the (b) administration of the estate.

shall accrue to or be deemed to accrue to such legatee and shall be included in his assessable income.

(4) For the purposes of this section—

- a beneficiary shall be deemed to be entitled to the immediate benefit of any income accrued to the estate of a deceased person on or after the date of completion of the administration of the estate; and
- the date of completion of the **(b)** administration of the estate means the date upon which the whole of the debts relating to the estate of the deceased person have been ascertained and paid or provided for.
- 19.—Subject to this Part, any income accrued to a legally Legally disdisabled person shall be included in his assessable income abled and the chargeable income ascertained therefrom shall be charged to tax in the name of the trustee in the same amount as would have been charged if that person had not been legally disabled.

20.—Where a person becomes bankrupt —

Insolvent persons.

- any income accrued to that person in his own right after the date of sequestration and prior to the date sequestration ceases (in this section referred to as "the period of insolvency") shall be included in the assessable income of that person, and
- any income accrued in respect of the (b) estate of that person held by his trustee during the period of insolvency shall be included in the assessable income of the and the chargeable income estate

ascertained therefrom shall be charged to tax in the name of the trustee.

Partnerships.

- 21.—(1) A partnership shall not be charged to tax in its own name but all income accrued thereto in the basis period for any year of assessment shall be charged on the partners for that year of assessment in accordance with this section.
- (2) The chargeable income of a partner for any year of assessment shall-
 - include his share of the partnership assessable income: or
 - be calculated after deducting his share of the partnership assessed loss.
 - (3) In this section—

"partnership assessable income" means the assessable income of the partnership calculated as if the partnership were a person chargeable to tax:

except that nothing shall be deducted for salaries or other remuneration of partners or for interest on partners' capital but such sums shall be taken into account in apportioning among the partners the assessable income;

"partnership assessed loss" means an assessed loss calculated in the same manner as partnership assessable income.

Non-resident persons.

22.—(1) The chargeable income of a non-resident shall, where it is not charged to tax directly on him, be charged to tax on his agent in the same amount as would have been charged on the non-resident.

- (2) For the purposes of this section "agent", in relation to a non-resident, means a resident who
 - has the management or control of property in Grenada of such non-resident; or
 - is appointed by the non-resident to act on his behalf: or
 - carries on business with a non-resident in circumstances to which section 23 (2) (b) applies.
- 23.—(1) Where any transaction, operation or scheme Transactions (hereinafter in this subsection referred to as "a transaction") designed to including a transaction involving the alienation of property, avoid liawhich has been entered into or carried out, whether before or after the commencement of this Act, has the effect of avoiding, reducing or postponing the liability to tax of any person for any year of assessment and the Comptroller is of the opinion that the transaction
 - was entered into or carried out by means or in a manner which would not normally be employed in the entering into or carrying out of a transaction of the nature of the transaction in question; or
 - has created rights or obligations which would not normally be created between independent persons dealing at arm's length under a transaction of the nature of the transaction in question,

the Comptroller shall determine the liability to tax as if the transaction had not been entered into or in such other manner as he deems appropriate to counteract such avoidance, reduction or postponement of liability as would otherwise be effected by the transaction.

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- (2) Where a resident carries on business with a nonresident and, in the opinion of the Comptroller, by reason of the relationship between such persons the course of business between them has been so arranged that the business done by the resident produces to him either more or less gains or profits than those which would be expected to arise from that business if such relationship had not existed, the Comptroller may determine in such manner as appears to him to be reasonable
 - whether any additional gains or profits should be deemed to be assessable income of the resident person; and
 - whether any part of the gains or profits of the non-resident person should be deemed to have accrued from a source in Grenada.
- (3) Where a loan, including a constructive loan, is made by a resident person to a non-resident person, either free of interest or at a rate of interest lower than the commercial rate generally prevailing at the time the loan was made, and the Comptroller is of the opinion that the loan is not like one that would normally be made between independent persons dealing at arm's length with each other, interest shall be deemed to have accrued to the resident person for each year of assessment after the loan is made at such commercial rate as the Comptroller deems reasonable in the circumstances.

- (4) In subsection (3) a constructive loan means any indebtedness to a resident person arising from the carrying on of business transactions between that person and a nonresident person which remains unpaid in circumstances which in the opinion of the Comptroller would not have operated as between independent persons dealing with each other at arm's length.
- 24.—(1) Any person in whose name the chargeable Responsibilincome of a deceased person, the estate of a deceased ity of repreperson, a person under a legal disability, a non-resident or payers. any other person is chargeable, shall be responsible for doing all such things as are under this Act required to be done by a person chargeable to tax.

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(2) Where any person is liable to furnish a return of income under section 65, whether or not chargeable to tax. the obligation imposed by subsection (1) shall apply to any representative taxpaver acting on behalf of such person.

PART IV

EXEMPT INCOME

25.—(1) There shall be exempt from income tax—

income: general.

 $(a)^{(i)}$ the official emoluments of the Governor-General, and of any Acting Governor-General, any gratuity or pension payable to a former Governor or Governor-General upon his retirement, any gratuity payable to his legal personal representative upon the death of a Governor or Governor-General and any pension payable to the widow of a Governor or Governor-General upon his death:

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- (b) the official emoluments payable in respect of their offices to
 - heads of diplomatic missions and consulates accredited to Grenada;
 - (ii) members of the staff of such missions and consulates, except such persons who are citizens of or ordinarily resident in Grenada;
- (c) the official emoluments payable by
 - (i) any international organisation of which Grenada and one or more other countries are members; or
 - (ii) any other Government;

in connection with the provision of any technical cooperation services, to the extent and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by any enactment or in any agreement or memorandum of understanding entered into by the Government:

- (d) any war pension (including any disability pension) or gratuity in respect of service during war;
- (e) any amount accruing under a scholarship or similar educational grant to a person receiving full time education at a school, college, university or other educational establishment;

- (f) any interest accrued on any loan charged on the public revenue, which is declared by the Minister to be exempt;
- (g) the rental value of the official residence of the Prime Minister;
- (h) any amount accrued by way of gratuity on the termination of a contract of employment;

Provided that this exemption shall not apply—

- (i) (except in the case of a contract of employment with the Government) if the contract is renewed or replaced by a new contract with the same employer on substantially similar terms; or
- (ii) to any amount in excess of twelve and one half percent of the basic salary payable in respect of past service under the contract nor to any period of service in excess of three years;

(i)— any gratuity payable to a public officer on his retirement from service or to his legal personal representative on his death;

so much of the amount as does not exceed twenty five thousand dollars of severance pay payable under a contract of employment upon the termination of the employment of an employee by reason of the redundancy of the position held by the employee, but the exemption shall apply to the severance pay payable to the employee only once in a period of seven years;

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- any benefit payable under the National Insurance Act to any person by way of
 - sickness benefit: (i)
 - invalidity benefit: (ii)
 - (iii) maternity benefit;
 - funeral grant; (iv)
 - any child allowance payable as a (v) survivor's benefit:
- any income accrued to
 - an individual from his office; or (i)
 - such an individual or his dependents (ii) by way of pension in respect of his past services,

as a minister of religion or other person in holy orders in the service of any religious body approved for this purpose by the Minister;

- the income of any approved pension fund:
- the income of any local authority;
- the income of any trade union in so far as such income is not derived from a business carried on by it;

- the income of any registered friendly society or co-operative society:
- the income of any religious, charitable, or educational institution of a public character in so far as such income is not derived from business carried on by it for profit, other than a business carried on for the primary purpose of assisting disabled persons to learn or exercise a trade or skill:
- the income of the Marketing and National Importing Board:
- the income of the Government Savings (s)Bank:
- the income of the Grenada Development Bank and the Industrial Development Corporation:
- the income of the Grenada Banana Cooperative Society, the Windward Islands Banana Growers Association, the Grenada Cocoa Association and the Grenada Co-operative Nutmeg Association:
- the income of the Caribbean Investment (v) Corporation and the "Caribbean Development Bank;
- any travel, subsistence or transport allowance paid to any member of Parliament or any public officer in connection with the carrying out of the duties of his office:

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- the income of any body of persons established for the promotion of sport, where the Comptroller is satisfied that—
 - (i) it is a non-profit body; or
 - (ii) its profits are applied wholly to the promotion or advancement of sporting events, including the provision of facilities or amenities for competitors in or persons attending such events;
- (y) any income accruing from a source outside Grenada to any retired individual who, prior to his retirement, was not resident in Grenada;
- the first five thousand dollars of pension payable in respect of past services in Grenada;

(aa) the first six hundred dollars of interest accruing to a resident individual from deposits in banks in Grenada.

(2) The exemptions specified in subsection (1) may be added to, deleted or otherwise varied from time to time by Order made by the Minister.

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- 26.—(1) Where approval is duly given under any written law for exemption from tax of income accruing from a hotel, the exemption shall apply during the currency of the tax holiday period provided under that law.
- (2) The income exempted under subsection (1) shall be ascertained after taking into account any allowances for

capital expenditure to which the owner would have been entitled under the Second Schedule if such income had not been exempt from tax.

- 27. Where a company has been approved as an approved Exemption: enterprise for the manufacture of an approved product under approved the Fiscal Incentives Act, or as a qualified enterprise under enterprises the Qualified Enterprises Act, it shall be exempt from tax incentive under this Act during the currency of its tax holiday period relief. Cap provided under those Acts.
- 28.—(1) Where, under this Act or any other enactment, Distribution exemption from income tax is conferred upon a company of exempt whether for a limited period of time or indefinitely, such income. company may declare dividends from its exempt income at any time if a special account is maintained by the company, to the satisfaction of the Comptroller, showing
 - (a) the amount of exempt income accrued; and
 - (b) the amount of any dividends declared and paid therefrom,

and any dividends so declared shall be exempt in the hands of its shareholders.

(2) Where, under this Act or any other enactment conferring exemption from income tax in respect of any dividend payable by a company that is itself exempt from tax, whether for a limited period of time or indefinitely, the recipient is another company then that other company may at any time declare dividends equal to the exempt dividends received by it to its shareholders if a special account is maintained by the company to the satisfaction of the Comptroller, showing—

- the amount of exempt income accrued; and
- the amount of any dividends declared and paid therefrom.

and any dividends so declared shall be exempt in the hands of its shareholders.

PART V

ASCERTAINMENT OF ASSESSABLE INCOME

DIVISION I — GAINS OR PROFITS FORMING ASSESSABLE INCOME

Assessable income: general.

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29.—(1) Subject to this Part, the assessable income of any person shall include the gains or profits from or by way of —

(a) any business:

any employment:

rentals and royalties:

interest or discounts; 2/95

premiums, commissions, fees and licence charges:

annuities and other periodic receipts including receipts by way of alimony or 5146 maintenance:

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gains or profits or amounts deemed to be income of that person under this Act; and

any other gains or profits accrued to that person which are not included under any other paragraph of this subsection.

(2) Nothing in subsection (1) shall be construed so as to bring within the meaning of assessable income, liable

to assessment under Part X, any amounts accrued to a nonresident (other than from the carrying on of a business or the exercise of employment) which are liable to withholding tax under section 50

- 30.—(1) Subject to this Act, the assessable income of any person for any year of assessment, in so far as it is derived from a business, shall be the gains or profits accrued therefrom during the basis period for that year of assessment
- (2) In ascertaining the assessable income from a business the value of any trading stock held at the beginning and end of the basis period, shall be taken into account in accordance with the First Schedule.
- (3) The assessable income referred to in sub-section (1) shall include
 - any amount accrued under any contract of insurance against loss of profits or by way of compensation or damage for loss of profits; and
 - any amount accrued by way of recovery of any bad or doubtful debt which has been allowed as a deduction for any previous year of assessment; and
 - any amount accrued by way of recovery or reimbursement of any expenditure or loss or by way of remission or other cessation of indebtedness by a creditor, whether in a bankruptcy or insolvency or otherwise where such amount has been allowed as a deduction for a previous year of assessment; and

- any amount accrued by way of subsidy for, or in relation to, the carrying on of a business: and
- the market value of any benefit accruing in the course of business: and
- the amount of any balancing charge. ascertained under the Second Schedule.
- (4) Where a person carries on a business in and out of Grenada the amount which shall be deemed to have accrued to him from a source situate in Grenada in respect of that business shall be such sum as appears to the Comptroller to be reasonable having regard to
 - the nature of the operations carried on in and out of Grenada; and
 - the turnover of the business in and out of Grenada: and
 - the situation and value of the assets employed in the business; and
 - the market value of any trading stock imported into or exported from Grenada; and
 - any other matters which appear to the Comptroller to be relevant.

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31.—(1) Subject to this Act, the employment income of any person for any year of assessment shall include—

> any amount accrued by way of wages, salary, leave pay, fee (including a

director's fee), commission, bonus or gratuity; and in respect of employment in Grencea

- any travelling, entertainment or other allowance to the extent to which it does not represent a repayment to the employee of moneys wholly, exclusively and necessarily expended by him in the performance of the duties of the employment; and
- the rental value of any quarters or residence provided by reason of the employment; and
- the value of any other benefit or advantage received or enjoyed by the employee by reason of the employment; and
- subject to paragraph (z) of subsection (1) of section 25 any pension payable to a former employee, or the dependent of a former employee either directly by the employer or indirectly by the trustees of a pension fund in respect of the employment.

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- (2) The employment income of any person shall not Business include the value of any leave passage to or from Grenada income. granted to
 - any public officer,
 - any other person, at intervals of not less than four years,

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where such leave passage is in fact used but nothing in this subsection shall be so construed as to exclude from assessable income-

- any money or other consideration received in lieu of the entitlement to a leave passage; or
- the value of any passage granted to any person at the termination of a contract of service, except at intervals of not less than four years, where the person returns to Grenada after leave to undertake employment under another contract of service with the same employer on substantially similar terms.
- (3) Where an employment is exercised in Grenada on a visit or visits to Grenada by a non-resident in the performance of duties for a non-resident employer, and the Comptroller is satisfied that
 - the visit or visits do not exceed thirty days in any year of assessment; and
 - the expenses associated with the visit are not allowable as a deduction against the profits of a business carried on in Grenada:

the income of the non-resident shall not be charged to tax under this Act:

Provided that nothing in this subsection shall exclude. from assessable income, any employment income accruing to-

- public entertainers, including theatre. motion picture, radio or television artists and musicians: or
- athletes or sportsmen. (ii)
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (1) (c) the rental value of any quarters or residence provided shall be deemed to be
 - where the property is not owned by the employer, the annual rental paid therefor:
 - where the property is owned by the employer, six percent of what, in the opinion of the Comptroller, is the estimated market value of the property.

but limited in either case to the amount of twenty four thousand dollars or such lesser amount as appears to the Comptroller to be reasonable, together with any other expenditure of a recurrent nature including electricity, water and telephone charges and other outgoings of a domestic nature borne by the employer, less any amount paid as rent by the employee.

32.—(1) Subject to this section, the assessable income of Dividends. every resident person shall include the gross amount of any dividend accrued to that person.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), where a dividend accrues to a resident company from another resident company, that dividend shall be deemed not to form part of the assessable income/of the first mentioned company.

(3) Any dividend accrued to a non-resident person from a resident company shall not form part of the assessable income of that person but shall be separately charged to withholding tax in accordance with section 50.

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- (4) For the purpose of this Act "dividend" means any distribution out of the assets of a/company, whether in cash or otherwise, by the company/to its shareholders in respect of shares of the company and includes:
 - any profit distributed whether of a capital nature or not:
 - in the event of the partial reduction of the capital of a company, any money or the value of any property which is distributed to the shareholders in excess of the amount by which the paid up value of the shares is reduced:
 - in the event of the reconstruction of a company, any money or the value of any property which is distributed to the shareholders in excess of the paid up value of the shares held by them before the reconstruction; and
 - in the event of the winding up of a company, any money or the value of any property which is distributed to the shareholders in excess of the paid up capital of the company including any amount held in a share premium reserve.
- (5) For the purposes of subsection (1) where a dividend consists of property other than money it shall be deemed to be of an amount equal to the market value of the property at the time of the distribution of the dividend.

(6) In this section—

"share premium reserve" means such amount as represents any premium which has arisen from an issue of shares where such amount has been capitalised.

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33.—(1) Where a controlled company makes a loan or Loans advances any money to a shareholder therein, or to an or advances associate of a shareholder [within the meaning of section by a 38(3)], the amount of such loan or advance shall, subject to company to a this section, be deemed to be a dividend accrued to the shareholder. shareholder in the basis period in which the loan or advance was made, unless the shareholder satisfies the Comptroller that-

- the loan or advance is repaid within one vear after the end of the basis period in which it is made; and
- that the repayment was not made as part of a/series of loans or advances and repayments.
- (2) Subsection (1) shall not apply to any loan or advance made by a company in the ordinary course of its business where such business includes the lending of money.
- (3) Where a loan or advance is made to which subsection (1) applies and the shareholder or associate in a subsequent basis period repays such loan or advance either wholly or in part, the shareholder shall be entitled to relief, in the year of assessment in the basis period for which the repayment was made, by way of a credit of so much of the tax payable for the year of assessment in the basis period for which the amount was deemed to have been a dividend as is attributable to the amount repaid.

- (4) In this section a loan or advance to a shareholder shall be deemed to include
 - the amount of any payment made by the company to a third person on behalf of the shareholder; or
 - the sale price of any trading stock or other property sold by the company to the shareholder.

in respect of which debt the shareholder is debited in the books of account of the company.

Rental Income.

- 34. The rental income of any person for any year of assessment shall include
 - the rental payable by the lessee, tenant or occupier of any property;
 - any premium or other consideration, however described, payable for the right of use or occupancy of any property;
 - the value of any improvements which pursuant to a lease agreement, the lessee has effected to property for the benefit of the lessor during any year of assessment.

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35. Notwithstanding section 29(1)(i), the assessable other sources. income of any person shall not include the annual value of land and improvements thereon used by or on behalf of the owner or used rent free by the occupier for the purposes of residence or enjoyment and not used for the purposes of gain or profit.

DIVISION II - DEDUCTIONS ALLOWABLE IN ASCERTAINING ASSESSABLE INCOME

Income Tax

36.—(1) The assessable income of every person for each Deductions year of assessment shall be ascertained after taking into account the deductions allowable under this Division.

allowable: general.

- (2) Subject to subsection (3), in ascertaining the assessable income of any person for any year of assessment from any source specified in section 29 there shall, upon due claim and subject to such evidence as the Comptroller may require, be allowed as a deduction
 - in the case of income other than employment income, all expenditure wholly and exclusively incurred; or
 - in the case of employment income, all expenditure wholly, exclusively and necessarily incurred.

by that person during the basis period for that year of assessment for the purpose of producing his assessable income from that source.

- (3) For the purposes of this Part, where income which has accrued to a person is deemed to have accrued to, and is included in the assessable income of, some other person, any expenditure incurred by either person in relation to such income shall be deemed to have been incurred by the person to whom such income is deemed to have accrued.
 - 5 36A inserted 5/96
- 37.—(1) Subject to this Division and without prejudice to Deductions section 36(2), save to the extent that any provision of this allowable: section imposes a restriction on a deduction otherwise specific. allowable, the deductions allowable in ascertaining the assessable income of any person for any year of assessment shall include—

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- any allowance to which that person is entitled under the Second Schedule in respect of capital expenditure incurred by him:
- any expenditure incurred by that person during the basis period for that year of assessment on the repair of premises, plant and machinery used by him in his business or the acquisition or replacement of any implement, utensil or similar article for which no allowance is given under the Second Schedule;
- any legal expenses incurred by that person during the basis period for that year of assessment in respect of any claim, dispute or action at law arising in the course, or by reason, of the ordinary operations undertaken by him in the carrying on of business;
- any annually assessed rates or taxes imposed on any immovable property used by him in the production of assessable income;
- any premiums incurred under a policy of insurance against damage to or loss of property
 - where the property insured is used in producing assessable income; and
 - the policy is entered into with an insurance company which carries on

business in Grenada and is liable to include such premiums in its assessable income:

any premiums incurred under a policy of insurance against loss of profits:

Provided that—

- no such deduction shall be allowed unless the policy is entered into with an insurance company which carries on business in Grenada and is liable to include such premiums in its assessable income; and
- where any policy against loss of profits arises under a policy of insurance on the life of an employee, including a director, a deduction shall only be allowable where the Comptroller is satisfied that
 - any sum recoverable will constitute assessable income under section 30:
 - the insurance is intended to meet a loss of profits arising from the loss of the employee's services; and
 - if the policy of insurance is against the death or permanent disablement of the employee, it is a policy providing only for a sum

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to be paid in the event of the death or permanent disablement of the employee within a specified number of years and while in the of the employment employer:

- the amount of any debts due to that person to the extent to which they are proved to be bad and provided they have been brought to account in the ascertainment of his assessable income for any year of assessment:
- such amount as the Comptroller deems reasonable in respect of any debts due to that person which he considers to be doubtful of recovery and provided they have been brought to account in the ascertainment of his assessable income for any year of assessment;
- any expenditure incurred during the basis period for that year of assessment by way of interest on any loan made to that person including interest payable on debentures. to the extent to which the Comptroller is satisfied that the amount of such loan was used by that person for the purpose of producing assessable income;
- of his employees by way of current annual contributions to an approved pension fund:

- such amount as is specified in subsection (2) in respect of any contribution made by way of special payment to an approved pension fund where such payment is made--
 - in relation to a period of service by any employee prior to the setting up of the approved pension fund; or
 - to meet any actuarially ascertained insufficiency in the resources of the approved pension fund to meet its obligations to his employees:
- any expenditure incurred by that person during the basis period for that year of assessment by way of audit fees, accountancy fees or in respect of the preparation of a return of income for the purposes of this Act:
- any expenditure incurred by that person repeated to during the basis period for that year of assessment by way of subscription or donation to a professional institute approved by the Comptroller where he is satisfied that such body of persons is a non-profit body established with the object of maintaining and advancing the standards of such profession. (n) inserted by Slab, s. 16
- (2) Where a special payment is made to an approved pension fund to which subsection (1) (k) applies any amount contributed by him in respect such amount shall be allowed as follows:—
 - (a) where the special payment does not exceed the current annual contribution it

payment is made:

- where the special payment exceeds the current annual contribution, it shall be allowed in such years of assessment, not exceeding five in number, as in the opinion of the Comptroller is reasonable in the circumstances:
- where under paragraph (b) annual deductions are allowable over a number of vears of assessment, the first such deduction shall be allowable for the year of assessment in the basis period for which the special payment is made.

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38.—(1) Notwithstanding section 36, where a person carrying on a business in Grenada incurs expenditure by way of management charges, being expenditure payable—

- to a non-resident (such non-resident not being engaged in a business in Grenada giving rise to such management charges); OF
- by a branch of a non-resident company to its head office or to some other branch outside Grenada of the company,

a deduction shall be allowed of the lesser of—

- the amount of such management charges; or
- one percent of the deductions (exclusive of management charges) allowable under section (excluding cost of sales) and the

provisions of section 37 (1) other than 5796 other than 27(1)(a) paragraph (a) thereof:

Provided that where any expenditure to which this subsection relates-

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- was incurred in respect of services provided from one of the States comprising the Caribbean Common Market: and
- the Comptroller is satisfied that such expenditure was incurred in respect of services which could not reasonably be expected to be provided in Grenada:

the Comptroller may, in his discretion, allow so much thereof as appears to him to be reasonable but such allowance shall not exceed five times the amount specified in subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (b) of this subsection.

- (2) Notwithstanding section 36, in ascertaining the chargeable income of a controlled company for any year of assessment, the Comptroller may disallow any amount, otherwise deductible, which is paid or payable to a shareholder or any associate of a shareholder by way of
 - employment income; or
 - interest on a loan by such person to the company,

and which in the opinion of the Comptroller is excessive in amount, having regard to the duties performed or the rate of interest payable on such loan.

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- (a) "a controlled company" means a resident company which is controlled by not more than five shareholders excluding the Government and any company which is not itself a controlled company;
- (b) "an associate of a shareholder" means, in relation to a shareholder—
 - (i) an individual who is-
 - (A) the spouse of the shareholder; or
 - (B) a lineal ancestor, child or other lineal descendant, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew or niece of the shareholder or of his spouse; or
 - (ii) а сотралу—
 - (A) the operations of which are controlled or are able to be controlled either directly or indirectly by that shareholder; or
 - (B) which controls or is able to control either directly or indirectly the operations of that shareholder; or
 - (C) the operations of which are controlled or are able to be controlled either directly or indirectly by a person or persons who control or are able to

control either directly or indirectly the operations of that shareholder.

- (c) a company shall be deemed to be controlled by not more than five shareholders where five or less individual persons and any associates of such persons [within the meaning of paragraph (b)] beneficially own shares carrying between them, directly or indirectly—
 - (i) the right to exercise more than one half of the voting power in that company; or
 - (ii) the right to receive more than one half of any dividends that might be paid by that company; or
 - (iii) the right to receive more than one half of any capital distribution in the event of the winding up or of a reduction in the share capital of that company.
- (4) Notwithstanding section 36, a deduction shall be allowed in respect of expenditure incurred by a married person, by way of employment income within the meaning of section 31 paid to his or her spouse as an employee or former employee, only to the extent to which the Comptroller is satisfied that such expenditure is reasonable in amount, and any amount which is not allowed as a deduction by reason of this subsection shall be deemed not to be employment income of the spouse to whom it was paid.

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(5) Subsection (4) shall apply to a partnership in respect of employment income paid or payable to the spouse of one of the partners and, notwithstanding section 21. any amount which is not allowed as a deduction shall be deemed to form part of the chargeable income of such partner.

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for losses.

39.—(1) Subject to subsection (4), where the deductions allowable to any person for any year of assessment under the provisions of this Part other than this section, exceed the income from the source to which those deductions relate, the amount of such excess shall be allowed as a deduction against income accruing from other sources of income for that year of assessment.

(2) Subject to subsection (4)—

- where, after the allowance of any deduction to which the person may be entitled under subsection (1), an excess still remains; and
- where that excess is in respect of carrying on of any business.

the amount of that excess (herein referred to as the assessed loss") shall be allowed as a deduction in ascertaining the assessable income of subsequent years of assessment to the extent provided in subsection (3).

(3) The deduction provided in subsection (2) shall not exceed one half of the assessable income of the next subsequent year of assessment in respect of the carrying on of the business ascertained in accordance with this Division but before the operation of subsection (2) (in this section referred to as "the relevant assessable income") and where the assessed loss exceeds one half of the relevant assessable income, or there is no relevant assessable income for such

subsequent year of assessment, the excess or the amount of the assessed loss, as the case may be, shall be carried forward and deducted in like manner in ascertaining the assessable income of the next following two years of assessment or until the assessed loss has been fully allowed. whichever is earlier

- (4) Where, during the tax holiday period of any person whose exemption relates to income accruing in respect of
 - an hotel:
 - a development enterprise:
 - an enterprise approved under the Fiscal Cap. 107 Incentives Act. orthe Oualified Cap. 270 Enterprises Act.

the deductions which would have been allowable under the provisions of this Part, other than this section, exceed any amount which would have been assessable income, if that person had not been exempt from tax then the amount of such excess shall be treated as an assessed loss allowable as a deduction in succeeding years in the manner provided in subsection (3) but, save as provided, no other loss incurred in relation to the production of exempt income shall be allowed as a deduction.

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section. no deduction shall be allowable in respect of any loss arising from the carrying on of any business where, in the opinion of the Comptroller, such business was not carried on a commercial basis and with a view to the realisation of gains or profits.

Deductions not allowable under more than one provision.

- 40.—(1) No amount shall be deducted under any provision of this Act in respect of expenditure, or claim for an allowance, which has been or will be taken into account as a deduction or in calculating a deduction under any other provision of this Act.
- (2) Where an amount qualifies for deduction under two or more provisions of this Act, nothing in subsection (1) shall prevent the person concerned claiming such of those deductions as is most advantageous to him.

Expenditure for which no deduction allowable.

- 41.—(1) Subject to any express provision in this Act authorising a specified deduction in ascertaining the assessable income of any person for any year of assessment, no deduction shall be allowed in respect of
 - (a) any expenditure to the extent to which it is not incurred for the purpose of producing assessable income; or
 - (b) any expenditure incurred for domestic or private purposes; or
 - (c) any expenditure incurred on entertainment or entertainment allowance; or
 - (d) any expenditure incurred for the purpose of producing exempt income; or
 - (e) any sum in respect of expenses recoverable under an insurance contract of indemnity; or
 - (f) any capital withdrawn or any expenditure or loss of a capital nature; or
 - (g) any tax imposed under this Act; or

- (h) any income tax or tax of a similar nature charged in a country outside Grenada; or
- (i) any contribution made to a pension fund which has not been approved under this Act.

(2) Notwithstanding sections 36 and 37, in ascertaining the assessable income of any person for any year of assessment, no deduction shall be allowed in respect of any amount paid or payable to a non-resident to which section 50 applies unless the Comptroller is satisfied that the withholding tax chargeable thereon has been paid.

PART VI

ASCERTAINMENT OF CHARGEABLE INCOME

42. The chargeable income of a person for any year of Chargeable assessment is the aggregate amount of the assessable income Income. of that person for that year of assessment from the sources specified in section 29.

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PART VII

Allowances

SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO CERTAIN

TAXPAYERS

DIVISION I - VARIATION OF NORMAL BASIS OF TAXATION

- 43.—(1) The Minister may enter into an agreement with International the Government of any other country or group of countries agreements with a view to—

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 - (a) the provision of relief by way of the tion.
 prevention, mitigation or discontinuance

- (b) determining the assessable income to be attributed to any agency, branch or other permanent establishment in Grenada, of a resident of that other country or to any agency, branch or other permanent establishment in that country, of a resident of Grenada;
- (c) determining the assessable income to be attributed to a resident who enters into trading arrangements with a resident of that other country with whom he is not dealing at arm's length;
- (d) determining the situation of the source of any assessable income derived by a resident of Grenada or that other country;
- (e) the rendering of reciprocal assistance to facilitate the administration of this Act and the income tax laws of that other country and any agreement for the avoidance of double taxation or the exchange of information.
- (2) The Minister may, at any time, amend or cancel any agreement entered into under subsection (1).
- (3) Any agreement entered into under subsection (1) or amendment or cancellation under subsection (2) shall be published by Order in the *Gazette* and shall have effect notwithstanding anything in this Act or any other enactment.

- 44.—(1) The chargeable income for any year of General assessment of any company carrying on a business of Insurance insurance other than life assurance (hereinafter referred to as "general insurance") shall, subject to subsection (2), be ascertained in accordance with Parts V and VI.
- (2) To the amount assertained under subsection (1) there shall be added a reserve for unexpired risks outstanding at the beginning of the basis period and from the amount so ascertained there shall be deducted—
 - (a) a reserve for unexpired risks outstanding at the end of the basis period; and
 - (b) where the company is a non-resident, but subject to section 38 (1) such proportion of the expenses of the head office as is, in the opinion of the Comptroller, reasonably attributable to the general insurance business carried on in Grenada.
- (3) The reserve for unexpired risks at the beginning and end of the basis period, referred to in subsection (2) shall be such percentage as is adopted by the company in relation to its operations as a whole for the risks at such times.
- (4) The chargeable income for any year of Cap. 150 assessment of an association of underwriters, within the meaning of that term as defined in section 2 of the Insurance Act shall be deemed to be an amount equal to ten percent of the gross premium arising in Grenada during the basis period for that year of assessment.
 - (5) For the purposes of subsection (4)—

"gross premium" means the aggregate of all premiums collected by or on behalf of an association of underwriters

and includes premiums paid by an insurer to a reinsurer or premiums received by an association of underwriters for reinsurance business. the areater of

Life assur-

45.—(1) The chargeable income for any year of ance compan- assessment of any company/carrying on a business of life assurance shall be deemed/to be an amount equal to ten percent of the gross investment income accruing in Grenada to that company during the basis period for that year of assessments or the verninder of south grass investment income after deducting therefrom the appropriate deductions allowable ander certians 36, 364, 37,38 and 384

(2) For the purpose of subsection (1)—

- "gross investment income accraing in Grenada" shall be deemed to be an amount equal to such part of the total investment income of the company as the premiums received in Grenada bear to the total premiums received:
- "the total investment income" means the aggregate of the investment income accruing in Grenada and elsewhere including income which would in the hands of any other person be exempt;
- no deduction or credit for tax shall be given against the gross investment income accruing in Grenada [ascertained under paragraph (a) in respect of any investment income accruing in Grenada which would in the hands of any other person be exempt under Part IV.
- (3) In this section "investment income" means the income accruing to a company from the investment of premium moneys received by the company in respect of ordinary life assurance (including non-cancellable group life

assurance), industrial life assurance and general annuity life insurance.

46.—(1) Where any ship or aircraft owned or chartered Non-resi by a non-resident person carries passengers or freight shipping shipped from Grenada two percent of the amount paid in panies. respect of such carriage shall be deemed to be assessable income accrued to that person from a source in Grenada but shall not form part of his chargeable income and shall be separately charged to withholding tax at the rate of twenty five-percent in respect of every dollar thereof.

(2) The tax imposed by subsection (1) shall be deducted by the branch, agent or other representatives in Grenada of such non-resident person from the amounts received for such carriage and shall be paid to the Comptroller within fifteen days after the end of the month during which such payment was received.

(3) Where any branch, agent or other representative in Grenada of a non-resident person is liable to deduct withholding tax under this section he shall also be liable to comply with the provisions of paragraphs 4 to 6 of the Third Schedule

to shareholders resident

47.—(1) Where any controlled company fails to make a sufficient distribution of its profits/for any year of assessment (hereinafter referred to as "a sufficient distribution"), it shall be liable to pay tax on the undistributed profits of that year of assessment at the rate of fifteen percent in respect of every dollar thereof.

to share holders resident in

(2) A controlled company shall have made a sufficient distribution of its profits for any year of assessment for the purposes of this section if by 31st December in the next succeeding year of assessment, it has paid by way of dividend the whole or such proportion of its

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chargeable income remaining after deduction of the income tax payable thereon as the Comptroller considers reasonable.

- (3) The undistributed profits of a year of assessment shall be the amount specified as a sufficient distribution for that year less the amount of the dividends, if any, paid in relation to that year within the time allowed under subsection (2).
- (4) Where any controlled company proves to the satisfaction of the Comptroller that having regard to the nature of the sources of its income and the financial resources available to it, the making of a sufficient distribution would be detrimental/to the business of the company, the Comptroller may vary the amount of the undistributed profits liable to tax under subsection (1) or waive the requirement to make a distribution, as he thinks fit
- (5) Where, during the time allowed under subsection (2), a controlled company has made a distribution in excess of a sufficient distribution of that year of assessment, the amount of the excess shall be deemed to be a distribution made by the company within the time allowed for making a sufficient distribution in relation to the next succeeding year of assessment.
- (6) Where liability to tax arises under subsection (1) in relation to a year of assessment, any subsequent distributions of profits does not qualify the company for any relief therefrom, and the distribution shall be dealt with in accordance with section 32.
- (7) Where liability to tax arises under this section, the Comptroller shall issue a separate notice of assessment in respect of such liability stating the amount of

undistributed profits and the tax payable thereof, but, save as provided, the provisions of the Act relating to the making of assessments, objections and appeals shall apply in respect of the liability.

48.—(1) For the purpose of this Act, the Comptroller Approved may approve a fund established for the provision of pension retirement benefits for employees and their dependents as an approved pension fund in accordance with this section

- (2) The primary object of an approved pension fund shall be the provision of benefits by way of a pension
 - to its members upon retirement;
 - to the spouse or child of a member upon his death.

but any such fund may also make provision for other benefits not inconsistent with this object.

- (3) A pension fund shall not be approved by the Comptroller where
 - subject to subsections (5) and (8) the benefit provided on retirement or death is a lump sum; or
 - eligibility for membership in respect of members in permanent employment is not available to employees generally or to a class of employees generally.
- (4) No pension fund shall be approved unless the Comptroller is satisfied that it-provides—

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- for a pension to be payable
 - on retirement of a member at his retirement date, which shall not be prior to him attaining fifty years of age: and
 - on retirement of a member prior his retirement date where he retire prematurely as a result of mental of physical infirmity: and
 - on death of a member while still is employment, except where alternative provision is made for death benefit to be payable i accordance with subsection (5);
- that any pension provided shall be payable in equal annual amounts (whether annual) or at lesser periodic intervals) to-
 - (i) the member for his life;
 - the spouse of a deceased member during her widowhood or for guaranteed term of years;
 - any child of a deceased member until such child attains an age of no less than sixteen years;
- that the maximum pension payable to member shall not exceed seventy percent of the maximum salary earned by him during any twelve month period of membership;

that the maximum pension payable to the spouse and children of a deceased member shall not exceed seventy percent of the pension payable to the member at his death, or where death occurred prior to his retirement would have been payable to him had he retired on the date of his death:

- that contributions by a member shall cease (e) upon his retirement, death or withdrawal from the fund:
 - that the annual contribution by the employer in relation to every calendar year shall not be less than the total contribution paid by all the members in relation to that year, except where the Comptroller is satisfied upon certification by an actuary that a lesser contribution is adequate to maintain solvency of the fund;
- that no pension payable thereunder shall be capable of being surrendered commuted or assigned either wholly or in part, except to the extent permitted by subsection(8):
 - that no benefit shall be payable to or in respect of a member prior to his retirement or death, except to the extent permitted by subsections (11) or (12);
 - for the constitution of the fund by a trust under which the property of the fund is irrevocably vested in-

- not less than three persons, where (i) the trustees are individuals; or
- a trust corporation.
- (5) A pension fund may provide that, in lieu of widow's pension being payable in the event of the death of a member prior to retirement, a death benefit shall be payable equal to the aggregate of the joint contributions of the member and the employer together with compound interest thereon up to the date of his death.

(6) Where pursuant to subsection (5) death benefits are payable in the event of the death of a member prior to his retirement, he may elect that such benefits shall be payable to his estate or any nominated beneficiary.

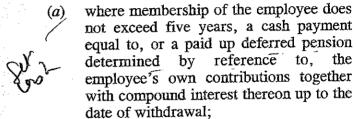
(7) A pension fund may provide for contributions to be made only by the employer, but no pension fund shall be approved which provides for contributions to be made only by the members.

- (8) A pension fund may provide for the commutation of pension benefits to the following extent
 - where the annual amount payable does not exceed one thousand two hundred dollars. the full amount of the pension may be commuted:
 - in any other case, the greater of one thousand two hundred dollars or twenty five percent of the pension may be commuted.
- . (9) The trustees of an approved pension fund shall not invest, lend or use the assets of the fund in any

investment which is not authorised by law or by the instrument creating the fund.

Income Tax

- (10) Notwithstanding paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (4) (which provide maximum limits in relation to pension entitlements) a pension fund may provide for increases in pensions to be payable to existing pensioners by reason of increased cost of living.
- (11) A pension fund may provide for withdrawal from membership prior to retirement or death, but in any such case the rules of the fund shall provide that the maximum benefits to be paid to the member shall not exceed



where membership of the employee exceeds five years a paid up deferred pension determined by reference to the aggregate of the joint contributions of the member and the employer together with compound interest thereon up to the date of withdrawal.

or alternatively may provide for the transfer of such benefits to another approved pension fund.

(12) Notwithstanding subsection (11) (b) the rules of a pension fund may provide for the payment of a cash sum in lieu of a paid up deferred pension in the following circumstances—



- where the member is a married woman or an unmarried woman who is about to marry:
- where the member intends, upon (h) withdrawal. to leave Grenada permanently:
- where, in the opinion of the Comptroller, (c) other special circumstances exist.
- (13) Where cash benefits are payable to a member pursuant to subsections (11) or (12) upon withdrawal from an approved pension fund such moneys shall not form part of the chargeable income of the member but shall be separately charged to withholding tax in the hands of the trustees who shall deduct, as such tax, ten percent of the moneys prior to payment of the balance to the member.
- (14) The tax deducted by the trustees under subsection (13) shall be paid to the Comptroller within fifteen days after the end of the month in which it was deducted and shall be accompanied by a statement setting out the names of all members to whom payments have been made, the amounts of such payments and the tax deducted therefrom.
 - (15) Where an approved pension fund is vested in
 - individuals, at least one trustee shall be a representative of the employees, selected by them:
 - a trust corporation, a management committee shall be established comprising not less than three individuals, at least one of whom shall be a representative of the employees, selected by them.

- (16) No employer shall be capable of being a trustee of any pension fund established under this section. but nothing herein shall be construed as preventing an employer from appointing a representative either as a trustee or a member of the management committee as the case may be.
- (17) Where an alteration has been made in the rules of the approved pension fund, no approval given as regards the fund before the alteration shall apply unless the alteration has been approved by the Comptroller.
 - (18) In this section—
 - "employer" in the case of incorporated companies, includes a group of companies;
 - "member" means any person employed in the service of another at a weekly, monthly or other periodic remuneration, but does not include a director of an incorporated company who is not actively engaged in the day to day management of the company:
 - "retirement date" means the date upon which an employee reaches an age at which in accordance with the customary practice of his employer, he may optionally, or must compulsorily, retire but not being an age less than fifty years.
- 49. Where any agreement referred to in the Saint Variation in George's University (School of Medicine) Limited Act, 1976 provides for any variation in the applicability of this Act to employment income earned by lecturers employed in at Saint Georthe medical faculty of the Saint George's University (School ge's Universi-

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of Medicine) Limited, who are not citizens of Grenada or not ordinarily resident in Grenada, such variation shall have effect, notwithstanding anything in this Act.

DIVISION II - WITHHOLDING TAX ON PAYMENTS AND DEDUCTION OF TAX BY EMPLOYERS:

Deduction of tax from payments made to non-residents.

- 50.—(1) Every person who makes any payments to a nonresident, shall deduct tax from such payments in accordance with and in the manner specified in the Third Schedule and shall carry out such other obligations as are imposed by that Schedule.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, a person to whom any payment is made to which this section applies shall be presumed, unless the contrary is proved, to be nonresident if such payment is made to an address outside Grenada.
- (3) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Comptroller from directing the deduction of a lesser amount than that provided in the Third Schedule where he is satisfied that the person to whom the payment is made is a resident of a country with which an international agreement made under section 43 exists which provides for a lower rate of withholding tax than that provided in the Third Schedule.

Profits of non-resident company liable to withholding tax when remitted.

- 51.—(1) Every non-resident company carrying on business in Grenada shall be liable to withholding tax under section 50 on such part of the profits of the business for any year of assessment as is remitted out of Grenada.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the profits of a non-resident company means the whole of the

chargeable income that accrued from carrying on business in 2/05 Grenada remaining after the deduction of any income tax payable in respect of such chargeable income.

52.—(1) Every resident company shall deduct from the Deduction of amount of any dividend payable to any shareholder who is withholding resident in Grenada out of the profits on which the dividends. chargeable income of that company is computed withholding tax equal to ten percent of the amount.

- (2) Every person who issues a warrant, cheque or other order drawn or made in payment of any dividend which becomes payable by a resident company during any year of assessment shall annex thereto a statement in such form as may be specified by the Comptroller setting out
 - the gross amount of the dividend;
 - the sum deducted as tax:
 - the net amount actually paid;
 - whether any part of the amount of the dividend is exempt from tax under this Act
- (3) Where the chargeable income of a person for a year of assessment includes a dividend from a resident company, he shall be entitled on production of a statement made in accordance with subsection (2) to set off from the tax payable by him for that year of assessment the amount of tax shown on the statement.
- (4) Where any resident company fails to deduct any tax under this section, it shall, in addition to any penalty for which it may be liable, be also liable to pay to the

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Comptroller within the time specified in section 96 the amount which he has failed to deduct.

Deduction of withholding tax on interest paid by banks.

- 53.—(1) Subject to subsection (2), every bank carrying on a business of commercial banking in Grenada shall deduct from the interest accrued, payable or paid to resident person on amounts deposited in any account with the bank withholding tax equal to ten percent of the amount of interest.
- (2) Subsection (1) shall/not apply to interest no exceeding fifty dollars for a month or one hundred and fift dollars for three months accrued, payable or paid to resident person.
- (3) Where tax has been deducted in accordance wit subsection (1), the bank shall, at the request of the resider person referred to in subsection (1), issue to him a statement in such form as may be specified by the Comptroller setting out—
 - (a) the gross amount of the interest accrued payable or paid in respect of the year assessment;
 - (b) the sum deducted as tax.
- (4) Where the chargeable income of a resider person for a year of assessment includes interest payable be a bank, he shall be entitled on production of a statement made in accordance with subsection (3) to set off from that payable by him for that year of assessment the amount tax shown on the statement.
- (5) Where any bank fails to deduct any tax under this section, it shall, in addition to any penalty for which may be liable, be also liable to pay to the Comptroller with

the time specified in section 96 the amount which it has failed to deduct.

54.—(1) Every employer who pays remuneration to his Deduction of employees, shall deduct tax therefrom in accordance with tax by and in the manner specified in the Fourth Schedule and shall carry out such other obligations as imposed by that Schedule.

- (2) In this section "employer" and "remuneration" shall have the meaning given to them in the Fourth Schedule.
- 55. Where any person liable to deduct tax under this Act Indemnifica-accounts to the Comptroller therefor, he shall be acquitted tion for tax and discharged of so much money as is represented by the tax so deducted and accounted for as if such sum had actually been paid to the person entitled thereto.

PART VIII

ASCERTAINMENT OF TAX PAYABLE

- 56.—(1) Tax shall be chargeable for each year of Rates of tax. assessment on the chargeable income of every person at the rates specified in the Fifth Schedule.
 - (2) Withholding tax shall be charged—
 - (a) in respect of the income of non-resident shipping and airline companies at the rate specified in section 46;
 - (b) in respect of any monies payable to a member on withdrawal from an approved pension fund, at the rate specified in section 48 (13);

Tax credits: general.

57. Upon due claim and subject to such evidence as the Comptroller may require, there shall be allowed against the amount of tax assessed, in respect of each year of assessment for which tax is assessed, any tax credit to which an individual, who is resident in Grenada, is entitled under this Part, but so that the sum of the tax credits allowed under sections 58, 59, 60, and 61 shall not exceed the amount of the tax assessed.

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Tax credit for individual.

58. An individual who is resident in Grenada is entitled to a personal tax credit of one thousand dollars.

Tax credit for spouse.

- 59.—(1) Subject to subsection (2), an individual who is resident in Grenada is entitled to a tax credit of one hundred and fifty dollars in respect of his or her spouse if, at any time during the year of assessment, the spouse is living with him or her or is maintained by and not separated from him or her in circumstances in which he or she is entitled to a deduction under section 61.
- (2) The tax credit allowable under this section shall be reduced by one dollar for each ten dollars of any income which accrues to the spouse.

Tax credit for child.

60.—(1) Subject to this section, an individual who is resident in Grenada and who during the year of assessment maintained a child of his who—

(a) was born during the year of assessment;

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(b) at the commencement of the year of assessment had not attained the age of sixteen years;

(c) if, over the age of sixteen years, was a student child or an invalid child;

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is entitled to a tax credit of one hundred dollars, for each child

- (2) Tax credit is allowable under this section in respect of not more than three children.
- (3) The tax credit allowable under this section in respect of any child shall be reduced by one dollar for each ten dollars of any income which accrues to the child.
- (4) Where two or more individuals are entitled to tax credit under subsection (1), which shall be in respect of not more than three children, the tax credit may be apportioned between the individuals in such manner as appears to the Comptroller to be reasonable.

(5) In this section—

"Student child" means a child who, at anytime during the year of assessment, was—

- (a) receiving full time education at school, college, university or other educational institution; or
- (b) serving full time as an apprentice or under articles or indentures with a view to qualifying in a profession or trade;

"invalid child" means a child, who, by reason of his permanent disability, is dependent upon his parent for his maintenance.

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Tax credit for maintenance or alimony.

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61.—(1) Subject to subsection (2) an individual who is resident in Grenada and who, in the year of assessment, has

- maintenance or separation allowance (pursuant to a registered deed of separation or an order of court) to his spouse from whom he is separated; or
- alimony to a former spouse from whom he is divorced (under a divorce recognised under the laws of Grenada).

is entitled to a tax/credit of one dollar for each ten dollars of such allowance or alimony or one hundred and fifty dollars, whichever is less

(2) The tax credit allowable under this section shall not apply unless the person receiving the maintenance or separation allowance or alimony is chargeable to tax thereon under this Act.

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Set off for tax deducted or paid.

62. Where any tax has been-

- deducted under section 54 from employment income accrued to any person; or
- paid in advance pursuant to section 93 or otherwise.

the tax so deducted or paid shall be set off against the tax charged under section 56 for the year of assessment in relation to which such income accrued.

Set off for tax paid outside Grenada.

63.—(1) Where an agreement which has effect under section 43 provides that tax payable under the laws of the country with which such agreement has been made shall be

allowed as a credit against tax charged in Grenada, credit for such tax shall be given in the manner provided in such agreement and shall be set off against the tax charged under this Act.

- (2) Where income has accrued to a resident person and has been charged to tax under the laws of a country outside Grenada
 - with which country there is no agreement under section 43: or
 - with which country there is an agreement under section 43 but is income to which such agreement does not relaté.

and such income is charged to tax under this Act, credit for any tax payable under the laws of the other country in which such income was charged to tax shall be calculated in the manner provided in section 64 and shall be set off against the tax charged under this Act.

- (3) Where any assessment/is made to give effect to the provisions of this section, it shall be subject to the limits as to time provided by section 82.
- 64.—(1) The credit to be set off in respect of tax payable Calculation in another country on the income referred to in section 63(2) of set off for foreign tax. shall be the lesser of
 - the tax payable in the other country; or
 - the tax charged under this Act on such amount.
- (2) Where liability to tax in Grenada arises in respect of income which is received in this country, for the

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purpose of calculating the tax charged under this Act, the amount of the assessable income charged to tax in the other country shall be taken to be the aggregate of the amount remitted to this country and the amount of tax payable thereon in the other country.

(3) In this section

"the tax payable in the other country" means the amount payable, either directly or by deduction, for which the resident person was personally liable and actually paid in that other country;

"the tax charged under this Act" in relation to any year of assessment means that proportion of such tax which the assessable income charged to tax in the other country bears to the total assessable income for that year of assessment, but where the proportion is greater than the tax actually paid the tax charged shall be limited to the amount actually paid.

PART IX

RETURNS AND NOTICES

Returns of income: general.

65.—(1) Subject to section 77, every person liable to furnish a return of income in respect of any year of assessment, either personally or in a representative capacity, shall furnish a return in such form as may be approved by the Comptroller on or before the 31st March in the year following that year of assessment and such return shall—

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(a) be signed by him or by an agent authorised to sign on his behalf; and

- (b) contain a calculation of the chargeable income, if any, disclosed therein and of the tax payable thereon; and
- (c) contain an address for service of notices.
- (2) For the purposes of this section "every person liable to furnish a return of income" includes—
 - (a) every person liable to pay tax under this Act;
 - (b) every partnership;
 - (c) every person who for that year or any previous year of assessment has made a loss in respect of which he may be entitled to claim a deduction for the year of assessment or any subsequent year of assessment;
 - (d) subject to subsection (4), every person who derives any income from any source specified in section 29; irrespective of the amount of such income; and
 - (e) every person who derives any income which would be charged to tax under this Act save for the provisions of sections 26 and 27 or any other enactment which has exempted such income from the charge to tax for a limited period of time.
- (3) The Comptroller may cause forms to be delivered by hand or by post to any person, but failure to do so, or the non-receipt by any person of a return form shall

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in no way relieve any person liable to furnish a return of income from his obligation to comply with subsection (1).

(4) Notwithstanding subsection (2) but subject to section 67—

- a resident individual, whose income accrues from sources other than business and whose income from which does not exceed ten thousand dollars during a year of assessment: and
- a non-resident person, whose income accrued from sources situated in Grenada consists only of income to which the provisions of section 50 apply,

shall be relieved of the obligation of furnishing a return of income under subsection (1). 65 A inserted 31/98

Returns of income: individuals leaving Grenada, cessation of business etc.

66. Where it appears to the Comptroller that-

- an individual may leave Grenada during any year of assessment or shortly after its expiry and that the absence from Grenada of such individual is unlikely to be temporary only; or
- a person has ceased to carry on business during any year of assessment; or
- in the case of any other person, it is expedient to do so,

the Comptroller may at any time serve upon such person a notice in writing requiring him to furnish within such time as may be specified in the notice, not being less than seven days from the date of service of such notice, a return of income for any year of assessment.

67.—(1) Where it appears to the Comptroller that any Returns of person is or may be liable to furnish a return of income for persons liaany year of assessment and has not done so, the Comptroller hie to formay, by notice in writing, require such person to furnish a nish but return of income within such time as may be specified in the have not notice, not being less than seven days from the date of done so. service of such notice.

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- (2) Nothing in this section shall be construed as extending the time limits provided by section 65 for the furnishing of any return of income.
- 68.—(1) For the purposes of the administration or the Further return enforcement of this Act, including the obtaining of full or informainformation in respect of the income of any person who is or tion of books may be liable to tax the Comptroller may, by notice in and giving of writing, require that person or any other person-

tion, producevidence to Comptroller.

- to furnish to the Comptroller within such time as may be specified in such notice such further return of income, statement of assets and liabilities or other information as may be required by him;
- to produce, at such time and place as may be specified in such notice for examination by the Comptroller or for retention by him for such period as may be reasonable for their examination, any accounts, books of account, statement of assets and liabilities or other documents which the Comptroller may consider necessary for such purpose and, if any such information is not available in the English language, to produce at the

expense of the person who is or may be liable to tax a translation in English prepared and certified by an approved translator:

- to attend, at such time and place as may be specified in such notice, for the purpose of being examined by the Comptroller in respect of the assessable or chargeable income of himself or any other person or any transaction or matters appearing to the Comptroller to be relevant thereto.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the Comptroller may require any bank
 - to furnish to him details of any banking account or other assets which may be held on behalf of any person, or to furnish a copy of bank statements of any such banking account:
 - to permit the Comptroller or any officer authorised by him to inspect the records of the bank with respect to the banking account of any person;
 - to furnish annually a schedule showing the amount of interest paid on deposits together with the names and addresses of the persons to whom such interest accrued;

or may require the attendance of any officer of a bank before him to give evidence respecting any bank account or other assets which may be held by the bank on behalf of any person.

- (3) Subject to such modifications and adaptations as may be necessary, the provisions of subsection (1) shall extend to the supply of information, the production of documents and the giving of evidence to the Comptroller in relation to
 - the payment of income by any person to a non-resident, to which the Third Schedule applies;
 - the payment of remuneration by an employer to his employees, to which the Fourth Schedule applies.

the deduction of tax therefrom and the accounting for any tax so deducted.

- (4) Where any books of account or other documents are produced for the purposes of this section the Comptroller may make copies of such books or documents or may retain them where such course of action appears to him to be necessary for the purposes of any prosecution or the substantiation of any assessment.
- 69.—(1) Whether or not any person has been assessed to Examination tax, the Comptroller may carry out an examination of the of business income tax affairs of such person, but subject to the limit as to time specified in section 82.

- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the Comptroller or any officer authorised by him may at all reasonable times, and subject to prior notice, enter into any premises where any business is carried on or the records or books of account of such business are kept, and
 - examine the records or books of account and examine any documents which relate to income accruing from such business:

- inspect any trading stock of the business and any assets of the business in respect of which allowances or deductions have been or may be claimed under the Act;
- require the owner of the business, or any employee or agent to give him such reasonable assistance in connection with the examination and inspection as may be necessary and to answer orally or in writing any questions relating thereto.
- (3) Where, during the course of any examination or inspection, it appears to the Comptroller or the officer that there may not have been a correct disclosure of assessable income or allowable deductions he may take possession of any books of account or other documents for further examination at the office of the Comptroller and after such examination may retain or make copies of or take extracts from such books or documents for the purposes of any prosecution or the substantiation of any assessment.

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- 70.—(1) The Comptroller or any officer authorised by him, may, for the purpose of obtaining information which he considers necessary in relation to the liability of any person to tax, enter any premises at any time during the day, with or without previous notice, and search for any moneys or documents; and in carrying out any such search he may
 - open or cause to be opened, any article in which he considers any money or documents may be contained; and
 - seize any documents which he considers may afford material evidence of the liability of any person to tax; and

- retain any such documents for such period as may be reasonable for their examination or for the purposes of a prosecution or the defence of any assessment: and
- make copies of any such documents; and
- require any person he finds in the premises to give him such reasonable assistance in connection with the search as may be necessary; and
- require the owner of any business or any employee to answer orally or in writing any questions relating to assets found on the premises and as to the location of any books of accounts, documents, information or assets which should be on the premises.
- (2) Any officer exercising any power under subsection (1) shall, upon demand, produce the authority furnished to him by the Comptroller.
- (3) Where any documents are seized and retained under subsection (1), the person to whom such documents belong shall be entitled to examine and make copies or extracts from them at such time and place and under such supervision as the Comptroller may direct.
- (4) No admission to any premises without previous notice to the owner shall be sought by any officer without specific authority of the Comptroller.

(5) In this section "documents" includes any books. records or accounts.

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Maintenance of proper records of transactions. method of accounting and preservation of books of account and records.

- 71.—(1) Every person carrying on any business shall keep, in the English Language, such records or books of account as are necessary to reflect the true and full nature of the transactions of the business regard being had to the nature of the activities concerned and the scale on which they are carried on.
- (2) Where the Comptroller is of the opinion that records or books of account are not being kept in accordance with subsection (1), or where no records or books of account are being kept, by any person carrying on business then in addition to any proceedings which may be taken under section 117, the Comptroller may direct such person to keep such records or books of account as he may specify.
- (3) The records or books of account required by this section shall be kept at the place of business of the person carrying on business unless the Comptroller approves of them being kept at some other place.
- (4) Subject to subsections (5) and (6), every person to whom this section applies shall preserve all books of account and other records which are essential to the explanation of any entry in such books of account of that business for a period of seven years after the end of the basis period to which such books of account or records relate.
- (5) The Comptroller may, by notice in writing require any person to retain such records as are referred to in subsection (4) for such further period of time as he deems necessary for their proper examination.
 - (6) Where
 - a person has died; or

a company has gone into liquidation; or

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- a trust or body of persons has been terminated: or
- in any other case where he is satisfied that it is reasonable to do so.

the Comptroller may, on application, approve of the disposal of any books of account or other records within such lesser period than seven years as he thinks fit.

- (7) The Comptroller may, subject to such conditions as he may specify and in respect of such books of account or other records as he may specify, authorise the retention of a micro film copy of any books of account or other records in lieu of the original books or records.
- (8) For the purposes of this section the books of account and other records required to be preserved shall be deemed to include the records required to be kept under the Third or Fourth Schedule.
- 72.—(1) Where any person carries on business in the Submission of basis period for any year of assessment his return of income accounts with for such year shall be accompanied by a copy of the final come and accounts of the business together with a reconciliation of the certificate income shown in the accounts with the assessable income relating to preparation of disclosed in the return in relation to the business.

his name, address and occupation and stating-

- accounts. (2) Where the accounts referred to in subsection (1) have been audited by a professionally qualified auditor, he shall provide on the face of the accounts a certificate giving
 - the extent of the examination made of the books of account and of the documents

- from which such books of account were prepared; and
- (b) whether or not, as far as he was able to ascertain from the examination, the entries in those books of account disclosed the true nature of every transaction, receipt, accrual, payment and debit.
- (3) Where the accounts referred to in subsection (1) have been prepared by a person other than the person carrying on the business and have not been audited by a professionally qualified auditor, that other person shall provide on the face of the accounts a certificate giving his name, address and occupation and stating whether he has made any examination, and if so,—
 - (a) the extent of the examination made of the books of account and of the documents from which such books of account were prepared; and
 - (b) whether or not the accounts reflect a true and fair view of the transactions for the basis period under review and the state of affairs of the business at the end of that period.

Principal officer of company.

- 73.—(1) Every company carrying on business in Grenada shall at all times be represented for the purposes of this Act by a principal officer residing in Grenada and duly appointed by the company or its authorised agent or attorney.
- (2) Every company shall appoint a principal officer and an address for service of notices—

(a) if it is carrying on business at the commencement of the Act or on any day between the commencement and the passing of the Act, within two months after the day on which the Act is passed; or

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(b) in the case of a company which commences business in Grenada after the day on which the Act is passed, within one month after the commencement of business;

and shall in writing notify the Comptroller of such appointment and address within the periods specified.

- (3) Every change of principal officer or of the address for service of notices on the company shall be notified in writing to the Comptroller by the company within fifteen days of such change occurring.
- (4) The principal officer shall be answerable for the doing of all such things as are required under this Act to be done by the company of which he is the representative and in case of default he shall be liable to the same penalties as the company.
- (5) Everything done by the principal officer, which he is required to do in his representative capacity shall be deemed to have been done by the company and any notice given to the principal officer shall be deemed to be given to the company.
- (6) The absence of or failure to appoint a principal officer shall not excuse a company from necessity of complying with any of the provisions of this Act and the company shall be subject to and liable to comply with its

provisions as if there were no requirement to appoint a principal officer.

- (7) Every notice, process or proceeding which under this Act may be given to, served on or taken against any company may be given to, served on or taken against the principal officer, and if at any time there is no principal officer or if for any other reason the Comptroller considers it expedient to do so, then any such notice, process or proceeding may be given to, served on or taken against any officer or person acting in the management of the business of the company or as agent for the company and such officer or person shall have the same liability in respect of that notice, process or proceeding as the company or principal officer would have had if it had been given to, served on or taken against the company or principal officer.
- (8) In the event of any company being placed in liquidation the liquidator shall be required to exercise all the functions and assume all the responsibilities of a principal officer under this Act during the continuance of the liquidation, and any person previously appointed as principal officer of the company shall cease to be principal officer at such time.

Precedent partner of partnership.

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- 74.—(1) Every partnership carrying on business in Grenada shall at all times be represented by a resident individual who shall be—
 - (a) the precedent partner; or
 - (b) if no acting partner is resident in Grenada, the agent of the partnership in Grenada.
- (2) The precedent partner shall be the person who, being an acting partner resident in Grenada—

- (a) is first named in the partnership agreement;
- (b) if there is no partnership agreement, is specified by name or initial singly or with precedence to the other partners in the usual name of the partnership,

or, in any case where neither paragraph (a) or (b) is applicable, such other partner as is specified by the partnership.

- (3) Every partnership shall notify the Comptroller of the name of the precedent partner, or, if there is no acting partner resident in Grenada shall appoint and notify the Comptroller of the name of its agent in Grenada—
 - (a) if it is carrying on business at the commencement of the Act or on any day between the commencement and the passing of the Act, within two months after the day on which the Act is passed; or
 - (b) if it commences business after the day on which the Act is passed, within one month after the commencement of business.
- (4) Every partnership shall within the period specified in subsection (3) appoint an address for service of notice.
- (5) Every change of precedent partner or agent of the partnership or of address for service of notices shall be notified to the Comptroller within fifteen days of the change.

- (6) The precedent partner or agent, as the case may be, shall be answerable for the doing of all such things as are required under this Act to be done by the partnership of which he is the representative and in case of default he shall be liable to the same penalties.
- (7) Everything done by the precedent partner or the agent, as the case may be, which he is required to do in his representative capacity shall be deemed to have been done by the partnership, and any notice given to or request made upon the precedent partner or the agent shall be deemed to have been given to or made upon the partnership.

Returns deemed to be furnished by due authority and in full knowledge of contents.

75. Every return, statement or form purporting to be furnished under this Act by or on behalf of any person shall for all purposes of this Act be deemed to have been furnished by that person or with his authority, as the case may be, unless the contrary is proved, and any person signing such return, statement or form shall be deemed to be cognisant of all matters contained therein.

Returns: method of furnishing.

76. Any return required to be furnished under this Act shall be delivered by hand or post to the address specified in the relevant form.

Returns: extension of time for furnishing.

77. Where, under this Act, any return is required to be furnished by any person within a specified period, the Comptroller may, by notice in writing served on that person, extend the period within which the return is to be furnished.

PART X

ASSESSMENT OF TAX

Assessments.

78.—(1) Subject to section 82, the Comptroller—

- man (a) shall make an assessment of the chargeable income of and the tax payable by every person chargeable to tax, and
 - may make an assessment on any person where there is no liability to tax but there is an entitlement to a refund of tax.
- (2) Where a person has furnished a return of income, the Comptroller may accept such return and make the an assessment in accordance therewith.

(3) Where—

- a person fails to furnish a return of income: or
- the Comptroller is not satisfied that the return furnished by any person is true and correct.

he may make an assessment to the best of his judgement.

79.—(1) Subject to section 82, where in relation to an Additional assessment made on any person for any year of assessment, assessments. the Comptroller is of the opinion that-

- the tax charged is less than the amount which should have been charged; or
- any assessed loss is greater than the amount at which it should have been assessed: or
- a refund has been made in excess of the amount which should have been refunded.

he shall make an additional assessment accordingly.

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(2) Where, on the determination of an appeal made under Part XI, the Appeal Commissioners or any subsequent appellate tribunal increase an assessment, the Comptroller shall increase the assessment accordingly, without limit as to time.

Reduced assessments.

- 80.—(1) Subject to this section, where, in relation to an assessment made on any person for any year of assessment, the Comptroller is satisfied upon a claim made within six years after the end of that year of assessment that there is a mistake in the assessment apparent from the face of the return, the assessment or other records, as a result of which
 - the tax charged is greater than the amount which should have been charged; or
 - any assessed loss is less than the amount at which it should have been assessed: or
 - a refund has been made which is less than the amount which should have been refunded.

the Comptroller shall make a reduced assessment accordingly.

- (2) Where, on the determination of an appeal made under Part XI, the Appeal Commissioners or any subsequent appellate tribunal order the reduction of an assessment, the Comptroller shall reduce the assessment accordingly, without limit as to time.
- (3) Where, for any year of assessment a person who has furnished a return of income for that year and has been assessed under section 78 or 79 notifies the Comptroller in writing within six years after the end of the basis period for that year of assessment that by reason of some error or

mistake in such return the assessment was excessive, the Comptroller after taking into account all relevant circumstances and subject to subsection (4) may reduce the assessment to provide such relief as appears to him to be fair and reasonable.

- (4) No relief shall be given under subsection (3) if the assessment was properly made in accordance with the practice generally prevailing at the time the return of income was made
- 81.—(1) Where in relation to any year of assessment the Determination deductions allowable to any person under Division II of Part of assessed V exceed the income against which such deductions may be loss. allowed resulting in an assessed loss in accordance with section 39, the Comptroller shall make a determination of the assessed loss.
- (2) The determination of the assessed loss of any person under subsection (1) shall constitute the making of an assessment by the Comptroller and shall be notified in writing to the person assessed and the provisions of this Act other than sections 83 and 84 shall apply as if such determination were the determination of the amount of the assessable income of such person for such year of assessment.
- 82.—(1) Subject to this section, an assessment may be Time limits made in relation to any person at any time prior to the for assessexpiry of six years after the end of the year of assessment to which it relates.

(2) Where a return of income in respect of any year of assessment is furnished after the 31st March of the year following that year of assessment, an assessment may be

made at any time prior to the expiry of six years after the end of the year during which it is furnished.

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- (3) Where no return of income is furnished in relation to a year of assessment, an assessment may be made at any time.
- (4) Where any fraud or wilful default has been committed in connection with tax for any year of assessment by or on behalf of any person an assessment in relation to such year may be made at any time.
- (5) Where a person is deceased, notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1), (2), (3) and (4), no assessment shall be made at any time after the expiry of three years from the end of the year in which such person died.

Notice of assessment.

- 83.—(1) Subject to subsection (2), a notice of assessment in respect of every person chargeable with tax or entitled to a refund of tax shall be made and issued to such person in such form as may be approved by the Comptroller.
- (2) The Comptroller may not issue a notice of assessment to any person where
 - no liability to tax arises and the tax to be repaid does not exceed twenty five dollars:
 - liability to tax arises but the tax payable does not exceed twenty five dollars,

unless the person makes a request for the issue of a notice of assessment or the Comptroller is of the opinion that such notice should be issued.

- (3) In this section, "notice of assessment" includes a notice in respect of an additional assessment and a reduced assessment.
- 84. The Comptroller shall maintain, in such manner as he Record of thinks fit, a record of all assessments made in respect of each year of assessment.
- 85.—(1) Subject to section 80, where, in relation to an Finality of assessment. assessment-
 - no valid notice of objection has been given under section 86: or
 - subsequent to the determination of an objection, no valid notice of appeal has been given under section 89; or
 - an appeal has been determined and there is no right of further appeal,

such assessment shall be final and conclusive.

- (2) Nothing in subsection (1) shall prevent the Comptroller from making an additional assessment within such time limits as are permitted by section 82 for any year of assessment which does not involve re-opening any matter which has been determined on appeal for such year.
- (3) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2) where any fraud or wilful default has been committed by or on behalf of any person in relation to his liability to tax for any year of assessment, the Comptroller may make an additional assessment for such year even though it may involve reopening a specific matter which has been determined on appeal, but only in respect of a matter upon which no finding of fact was in dispute.

PART XI

OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS

Objection to assessment.

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86.—(1) Any person who is aggrieved by an assessment or a determination by the Comptroller made on him may, by notice in writing to the Comptroller within thirty days after the date of service of the notice of assessment or determination, or within such further time as the Comptroller may for good cause allow, object to the assessment or determination.

- (2) Where the assessment is—
 - (a) an additional assessment; or
 - (b) a reduced assessment which in part imposes a fresh liability,

the person assessed shall have no further right of objection than he would have had if that assessment had not been made except to the extent to which that assessment has imposed a fresh liability on him.

- (3) An objection shall specify particulars of the grounds on which it is made.
- (4) Where the objection is against an assessment which has been made in the absence of a return, the notice of objection shall be sent together with a return duly made.
- (5) Every objection which does not conform to the provisions of subsections (1), (3) or (4) shall not be valid.
- (6) In this section "aggrieved by an assessment or a determination" means aggrieved by—

- (a) the inclusion in an assessment of an amount as part of the assessable income;
- (b) the disallowance in an assessment of an amount claimed as a deduction in ascertaining the assessable income;
- (c) the determination by the Comptroller of the amount of an assessed loss;
- the amount of tax set off under sections 52, 58, 62, 63 or 93;
- the amount of tax credit under sections 57, 58, 59, 60 or 61; or
 - (f) the determination by the Comptroller of any matter affecting a person's liability to tax in circumstances where such determination has not involved the making of an assessment.
- 87.—(1) The Comptroller shall consider any valid Decision by objection made under section 86 and may either disallow it Comptroller or allow it either wholly or in part and shall, by notice in on objection. writing, inform the objector of his decision.
- (2) If a decision of the Comptroller in determining an objection requires the reduction of, or an increase in, an assessment, the Comptroller shall issue a notice of reduced or additional assessment to the person assessed, together with the notice of his decision or as soon as is practicable thereafter.

Appeal Commissioners.

- 88.—(1) For the purposes of this Part, there shall be a tribunal of Appeal Commissioners established and regulated in accordance with this section.
- (2) The Appeal Commissioners shall comprise such persons as may be appointed by the Governor-General from time to time
- (3) The Governor-General shall appoint one of the Commissioners to be Chairman, and any meeting of the Appeal Commissioners shall comprise the Chairman and two other members:

Provided that, in the absence of the Chairman, or where for any reason he is unable to act, three other members shall constitute a quorum for a meeting and such members shall appoint from themselves one member to act as Chairman.

- (4) Every decision of the Appeal Commissioners shall be given under the signature of the Chairman presiding at the meeting.
- (5) The Permanent Secretary, Finance shall appoint a Secretary to the Appeal Commissioners and any notice or correspondence, other than decisions of the Commissioners, may be issued and signed by the Secretary.
- (6) At any hearing by the Appeal Commissioners, in the event of a division of opinion, the decision of the majority shall prevail.
 - (7) The Appeal Commissioners shall have—
 - (a) power to summon to attend at the hearing of an appeal any person who in its opinion is or might be able to give evidence respecting the appeal;

- (b) power, where any person is so summoned, to examine him on oath or otherwise;
- (c) power to require any person to produce any books or documents which are in his custody or under his control and which the Appeal Commissioners may consider necessary for the purpose of the appeal;
- (d) all the powers of a subordinate court with regard to the enforcement of attendance of witnesses, hearing evidence on oath and punishment for misconduct before the court;
- (e) power to admit or reject any evidence adduced, whether or not admissible under the provisions of any written law for the time being in force relating to the admissibility of evidence;
- (f) power to postpone or adjourn the hearing of an appeal where the Appeal Commissioners are satisfied that, for any reasonable cause, either party to the appeal has been prevented from attending on the date fixed for such hearing; and
- (g) power to determine the procedure to be followed in an appeal.
- 89.—(1) Any person, (hereinafter referred to as "the Appeal from appellant"), who is aggrieved by a decision of the decision by Comptroller may, by notice of appeal, appeal therefrom to the Appeal Commissioners.

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- (2) A notice of appeal, a copy of which shall be lodged with the Comptroller, shall be made in writing and shall be lodged with the Secretary to the Appeal Commissioners within thirty days of the date of service of-
 - (a) the Comptroller's decision on the objection; or
 - (b) the Comptroller's determination in relation to any other matter from which an appeal may be made,

or within such further time as the Appeal Commissioners may for good cause allow.

- (3) In this section "aggrieved by a decision of the Comptroller" means aggrieved by a decision of the Comptroller upon an objection against—
 - (a) the inclusion in an assessment of an amount as part of the assessable income;
 - (b) the disallowance in an assessment of an amount claimed as a deduction in ascertaining the assessable income;
 - (c) the determination by the Comptroller of the amount of an assessed loss;
 - (d) the amount of tax set off under sections 52, 53, 62, 63 or 93;
 - the amount of tax credit under sections 57, 58, 59, 60 or 61;
 - (f) the disallowance by the Comptroller of a claim for relief under section 80;

- (g) any determination by the Comptroller of any matter affecting a person's liability to tax in circumstances not involving the making of an assessment.
- 90.—(1) Upon every hearing of an appeal, the Appeal Commissioners may confirm, increase or order the reduction of any assessment or make such other order as they think fit.

Hearing by Appeal Commissioners.

- (2) Where the appellant enters into an agreement in writing with the Comptroller, before the appeal is determined by the Appeal Commissioners, to disallow the appeal or allow it either wholly or in part or to increase any assessment, the appeal shall be deemed to be determined in accordance with the agreement.
- (3) On any appeal to which this section relates both the appellant and the Comptroller shall bear their own costs except where the Appeal Commissioners otherwise direct.
- (4) On any appeal the burden of proof shall lie upon the appellant.
- (5) At least fifteen days before the date fixed for the hearing of an appeal, the Secretary to the Appeal Commissioners shall, by notice in writing, advise the appellant and the Comptroller of the date on, and the place at which the appeal has been set down for hearing.
- (6) At every hearing by the Appeal Commissioners the appellant and the Comptroller shall be entitled to appear in person or by a representative.
- (7) The hearing of an appeal by the Appeal Commissioners shall not be public unless the Chairman of the Appeal Commissioners so directs on application by the appellant and in any case where such a direction is made the

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obligation as to secrecy imposed by section 6 shall cease to apply.

Right of further appeal.

- 91.—(1) The Comptroller or the appellant may appeal to the High Court from any decision of the Appeal Commissioners which involves a question of law, including a question of mixed fact and law.
- (2) The Comptroller or the appellant may appeal to the Court of Appeal from any decision of the High Court (being a decision of the High Court on an appeal from the Appeal Commissioners) which involves a question of law, including a question of mixed fact and law.
- (3) On any further appeal to which this section relates the High Court or the Court of Appeal, as the case may be—
 - (a) may confirm, increase or order the reduction of any assessment;
 - (b) may make such other order as it thinks fit;
 - (c) may make such order as to costs as it thinks fit.

Payment of tax not suspended by objection or appeal.

92. The obligation to pay—

- (a) any tax chargeable under an assessment; or
- (b) any penalty imposed in an assessment for failure to lodge a return or for failure to lodge a correct return; or

(c) any interest imposed for late payment of any tax,

shall not be suspended by reason of any notice of objection or appeal having been given against an assessment, and the tax, penalty or interest charged may be recovered as if no such objection or appeal had been given, or the Comptroller may in his discretion and subject to such terms and conditions as he thinks fit to impose, suspend recovery pending determination of the objection or appeal.

PART XII

PAYMENT, RECOVERY AND REFUND OF TAX

93.—(1) This section shall apply to—

Advance payment of tax.

- (a) every resident company;
- (b) every other resident person, except an individual whose only source of income is from employment;
- (c) every non-resident person carrying on business in Grenada, except a non-resident person providing independent personal services in respect of which there is a liability to withholding tax.
- (2) Subject to this section, every person to whom this section applies shall in respect of his liability to tax for any year of assessment make payment towards such tax in the manner provided by this section.

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(3) Subject to subsection (4), every person to whom this section applies shall pay to the Comptroller on or before 31st March, 30th June, 30th September and 31st December respectively in each year of assessment an instalment equal to one quarter of the tax as ascertained by him on his estimated chargeable income for that year of assessment and a final instalment of any balance of tax upon filing his annual tax return on or before 31st March of the subsequent vear.

(4) A person carrying on business with a basis period ending on a date other than 31st December, as provided for in section 11, shall pay instalments of tax for each year of assessment—

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- in respect of income from the business at the end of the third, sixth, ninth and twelfth month following the beginning of his basis period and a final instalment of any balance of tax upon filing his annual tax return on or before 31st March of the subsequent year; and
- in respect of liability to tax in relation to income other than from business as provided for in subsection (3).
- (5) For the purposes of subsections (3) and (4), the estimated chargeable income of any person for a year of assessment shall be taken to be the chargeable income for the preceding year of assessment.
- (6) Where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Comptroller that the chargeable income of any person for the year of assessment is likely to be less than the chargeable income for the preceding year of assessment, the Comptroller may revise the estimated chargeable income of

that person and the amount of tax chargeable thereon and payment shall be made accordingly.

(7) Where the chargeable income of any person for a year of assessment is likely to exceed or exceeds the chargeable income for the preceding year of assessment, the duarterly instalments shall be paid by that person on an estimated chargeable income that includes the excess.

(8) Where a person to whom subsection (7) applies has paid cuarterly instalments for a year of assessment which include less than eighty percent of the tax liability on the excess, the difference between eighty percent of the tax liability on the excess and the tax paid on the excess shall also be subject to interest payable under section 95.

(9) Where an individual is in receipt in any year of assessment of remuneration within its meaning in the Fourth Schedule, from which tax has been deducted under section 54, the provisions of subsection (3) shall not apply to that individual in respect of the remuneration received by him but the instalments of tax payable under subsection (3) or (4) in respect of his income other than remuneration shall be at the highest rates as if the remuneration formed part of his chargeable income for the year of assessment.

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- (10) Where tax has been deducted under section 54 from remuneration received by an individual in a year of assessment and the remuneration from which tax has been deducted is not less than three quarters of his estimated chargeable income for that year of assessment, he shall on or before 31st December in that year of assessment pay to the Comptroller the remainder of the tax as ascertained by him.
- (11) Any instalment of tax paid pursuant to this section in respect of a year of assessment shall be set off

When tax

deducted

against the tax assessed under section 78 for that year of assessment.

When tax is due and payable.

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94.—(1) Subject to this Part, where the Comptroller makes an assessment in pursuance of section 78 or an additional assessment in pursuance of section 79, the amount of tax payable under the assessment or additional tax payable under the additional assessment shall be due and payable within thirty days of the date of service of the notice of assessment.

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- (2) On application by the person assessed, the Comptroller may grant such extension of time for payment or permit payments to be made by such instalments and within such time as he considers the circumstances warrant, and in that case the tax shall be due and payable accordingly, but nothing in this subsection shall be construed to extend the due date specified in subsection (1) in respect of any interest payable under section 95.
- (3) Where, under subsection (2), any tax is permitted to be paid by instalments and there is default in payment of any instalment, the whole of the balance of tax outstanding shall become due and payable forthwith.

Interest on unpaid tax.

- 95.—(1) Any tax, being the whole or part of an instalment of tax due and payable by any person under section 93, not paid by the date upon which such instalment becomes due and payable shall bear interest at the rate of one and one half percent per month or part thereof for the period during which it remains unpaid.
- (2) Any tax, assessed on any person under section 78 or section 79 and not paid by the due date shall bear interest at the rate of one and one half percent per month or part thereof for the period during which it remains unpaid.

96.—Any tax deducted or deductible—

(a) from the payment of any income to a non-neration or resident to which section 50 applies; or certain other

from remuon- neration or certain other payments is due and payable.

(b) from the profits of a non-resident able.

company remitted out of Grenada to

which section 51 applies; or

from dividends payable to a shareholder by a resident company to which section 52 applies; or

- (d) from interest payable by a bank to which section 33 applies; or
- (e) from the remuneration paid to an employee pursuant to section 54;

shall be due and payable within fifteen days after the end of the month during which that tax was deductible.

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97.—(1) Any tax deducted or deductible under sections 46, 48, 50, 51, 52, 53 of 54 and not paid within the time specified in sections 46, 48, and 96 shall bear interest at the rate of two percent per month or part thereof for the period during which it remains unpaid. 46,48,50, 51, 51 A, 53 or 54

Interest on unpaid tax deductions.

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- (2) Any interest imposed on any person under subsection (1) shall be a debt due by that person and shall not be recoverable by him from the person in respect of whom the tax was deducted or should have been deducted.
- 98.—(1) Tax shall, when it becomes due and payable, be a debt due to the Government and payable to the Comptroller.

Recovery of tax by court action.

- (2) Any tax unpaid may be sued for and recovered
- (3) In any proceedings for the recovery of tax it shall not be competent for the defendant to enter a defence that-

by the Comptroller in any court of competent jurisdiction.

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- the chargeable income is incorrect; or
- the tax charged is excessive: or (b)
- the assessment is the subject of objection or appeal.
- (4) In this section, tax includes
 - tax payable under sections 93 and 94; and
- tax deducted or deductible under sections 46, 48, 50, 51, 52, 53 or 54. 2195

Recovery of tax by distraint.

- 99.—(1) Where any person fails to pay any tax when it becomes due and payable, whether
 - under an assessment made on him; or
 - which he was required to deduct from **(b)** payments made to any other person,

the Comptroller may file with the bailiff a warrant, certified by the Comptroller as correct, of the tax due and pavable and unpaid.

(2) A warrant filed under subsection (1) shall be treated by the bailiff as having the same effect as a civil judgment given by a court of competent jurisdiction in favour of the Comptroller for a debt of the amount specified

in the warrant, and the bailiff shall proceed to levy on the 10/ property of the person named in the warrant to such extent as is necessary for the recovery of the unpaid tax and to meet any proper charges of the bailiff.

100.—(1) Where the Comptroller has reason to believe Recovery of that any person may leave Grenada owing monies or might monies from upon assessment, owe monies under this Act, the persons leav-Comptroller may, by notice in writing served on that person, require that he pay the amount owing or give security to the satisfaction of the Comptroller for the payment thereof, or to secure the amount which might be owing, as the case may be, within the time specified in the notice.

- (2) If any person fails to pay any money owing or give satisfactory security as required under subsection (1). no exit certificate shall be issued to such person under the subsidiary legislation for the time being in force in relation to income tax exit clearances.
- 101.—(1) So much of any tax due and payable by a Recovery of disponor as is attributable to income accrued under a tax from disposition but charged to tax in the name of the disponor under section 14, 15(5) or 16 may be recovered from the positions. assets of the disposition.

- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the tax attributable to income deemed to have accrued to a disponor under section 14, 15(5) or 16 means the amount by which the tax charged under section 56 has been increased by the inclusion of such income in the assessable income of the disponor.
- (3) Where income is deemed to have accrued to the disponor under two or more dispositions the amount ascertained under subsection (2) shall be apportioned

between those dispositions in such proportions as the chargeable income of each such disposition bears to the total chargeable income of all such dispositions.

Recovery of tax from representative taxpaver.

102.—(1) Where any individual dies, then in respect of any tax payable under an assessment—

- made upon him prior to and remaining unpaid at his death; or
- made upon his executor under section 17 in respect of income accrued up to his death; or
- made upon his executor under section 18 in respect of income accrued after death to the estate of the deceased person,

the amount of tax unpaid by that person in his lifetime or pavable under an assessment made on his executor shall be a debt due and payable out of the estate of the deceased person.

- (2) Where a company is being wound up, then in respect of any tax payable under an assessment
 - made upon the company, prior to and remaining unpaid at the commencement of the liquidation; or
 - made upon the liquidator in respect of income accrued prior to commencement of the liquidation; or
 - made upon the liquidator in respect of income accrued during the winding up of the company

the amount of tax unpaid by the company or payable by the liquidator shall be a debt due and payable out of the assets of the company.

- (3) Where any person is chargeable to tax under section 15(1) as a trustee of a trust to the income of which there is no beneficiary immediately entitled, then any tax payable by the trustee shall be due and payable out of the assets of the trust.
- (4) Where any person is chargeable to tax under section 19 or 20 as trustee for an insolvent or other legally disabled person, any tax payable by the trustee shall be due and payable out of the assets of that person.
- (5) Where any person is chargeable to tax under section 22 as agent for a non-resident, any tax payable shall be due and payable out of the assets in Grenada of the nonresident.
- 103.—Every person, who as a representative taxpayer Right of pays any tax, shall be entitled to recover the amount paid representative from the person on whose behalf it was paid or to retain out indemnity. of any moneys that may be in his possession, or may come to him, in his representative capacity, an amount equal to the amount paid.

104.—(1) Every representative taxpayer shall be Personal liapersonally liable for any tax payable by him in his representative capacity if, while it remains unpaid-

bility of representative taxpayer.

- (a) he alienates, charges or disposes of any income in respect of which the tax is charged; or
- he disposes of or parts with any assets or money which is in his possession or

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comes to him after the date on which the tax is due and payable.

if the tax could legally have been paid out of such income, assets or money.

(2) Every trustee, liquidator and executor, shall be personally liable for the payment of any tax if, before distributing any assets under his control to the persons entitled thereto, he fails to obtain from the Comptroller a certificate showing that all tax which may be recovered from such assets has been paid.

Recovery of tax from person holding money for another person.

105.—(1) For the purposes of recovery of any tax due and payable by any person, the Comptroller may, by notice in writing, declare any other person—

- from whom any money is due or may become due to the first mentioned person;
- who holds or may subsequently hold money for or on account of the first mentioned person:
- who holds money on account of some other person for payment to the first mentioned person; or
- who has authority from some other person to pay money to the first mentioned person,

to be the agent of that person and to pay to the Comptroller within fifteen days of the date of service of the notice, or if on such date no money is due or held to which this subsection applies, within fifteen days of the date on which money becomes due or is held in any of the circumstances

referred to in this subsection, the amount specified in the notice or, if the money due or held is less than the amount specified, the whole amount of the money due or held.

- (2) The payment of any money to the Comptroller by any person under subsection (1) shall to the extent of such payment constitute the discharge of the original liability of that person to the person from whom tax was due and payable to the Comptroller.
- (3) Where any person, declared to be an agent under subsection (1), fails to make any payment within the time specified in a notice under that subsection, the provisions of this Act shall apply as if such amount were tax due and payable by the person declared to be an agent on the date by which he was required to make such payment to the Comptroller.
- 106. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other Deductions enactment, all amounts deducted or withheld by any person from certain pursuant to the provisions of sections 46, 48, 50, 51, 52, 53or 54 shall be deemed to be held in trust by that person for held in trust the Comptroller and shall not be subject to attachment in for Comptrolrespect of any debt or liability of that person and in the ler. event of any liquidation, assignment or bankruptcy, the amounts shall form no part of the estate in liquidation, assignment or bankruptcy but shall be paid in full to the Comptroller before any distribution of the property is made.
- 107. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other Priority of enactment-

the trustee in bankruptcy of an individual; (a)

the liquidator of a company which is being wound up,

tax debt upon bankruptcy or liquidation.

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shall apply the assets of the bankrupt individual or the company, as the case may be, in payment of tax due under this Act (whether assessed before or after the date of bankruptcy or commencement of winding up) as a privileged debt in priority over all debts of that individual or company. except law costs and any wages which constitute a privilege debt under the Protection of Wages Act.

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Refund of tax overpaid.

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108.—(1) Where the Comptroller is satisfied that any person has paid tax for any year of assessment by deduction or otherwise in excess of the amount finally determined to be payable under this Act for that year of assessment, that person shall, subject to section 80, be entitled to have the amount of the excess refunded.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), where any tax is due and payable and unpaid in respect of any other year of assessment the Comptroller, instead of refunding the amount of the excess, may apply the excess towards such other unpaid tax and shall notify the person accordingly.

(3) inserted 3/98

Remission of tax.

- 109.—(1) The Minister may remit wholly or in part any tax payable by any person where he is satisfied that it is just and equitable to do so.
- (2) Any decision made under subsection (1) shall be final and not subject to appeal.
- (3) The Comptroller may remit any amount of tax unpaid by any person in respect of any year of assessment, where he is satisfied
 - that such tax is irrecoverable by operation of law; or
 - that the cost of collection of such tax, not exceeding one hundred dollars in relation

to any year of assessment, would exceed the amount outstanding.

(4) In this section "tax" includes amounts of interest or penalty. (s) inserted 31/98

PART XIII

OFFENCES

DIVISION I - CIVIL PENALTIES

110.—(1) The penalties provided for by this Division of Penalties: this Part shall be in addition to any right to institute criminal general. proceedings against any person for any offence under this Act, and any fine payable on conviction for an offence shall be in addition to the penalties provided herein.

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- (2) The penalties provided for by this Division of this Part may be imposed by the Comptroller.
- 111. Where any person who is required to furnish a Penalties: return of income for any year of assessment fails to do so failure to within the prescribed time or any extended time allowed return of inunder section 77, he is liable to a penalty not exceeding ten come. percent of the amount of tax charged for that year of months track assessment or one hundred dollars, whichever is greater.

112.—(1) Any person who fails to furnish a correct Penalties: return of income for any year of assessment by reason of-

> his failure to disclose any assessable turn of inincome accrued to him from any source: or

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- the deduction or set off by him of any amount which is not allowable as a deduction or set off; or
- the claim by him of an expenditure or loss of an amount which was not expended or lost; or
- his failure to disclose any fact, the disclosure of which would result in an increase in his liability to tax.

is liable to a penalty in accordance with subsection (2) or (3).

- (2) Where the incorrectness of the return of income or the information was attributable to
 - neglect or carelessness, he is liable to a penalty not exceeding the amount of tax which would have been lost if he had been assessed on the basis of the incorrect return or information furnished by him; or
 - fraud or wilful default, he is liable to a penalty not exceeding three times the amount of tax which would have been lost if he had been assessed on the basis of the incorrect return or information furnished by him.
- (3) If, for any year of assessment, determination of the chargeable income of any person results in an assessed loss, and the amount of such loss is less than it would have been if it had been calculated on the basis of the return of income or information furnished by him by reason of any of the circumstances specified in subsection (1) and such

incorrectness of the return or information was due to neglect, carelessness, fraud or wilful default he is liable to a penalty not exceeding ten percent of the difference between those amounts.

113. Any person who fails within the specified time to Penalties: comply with a notice issued under section 68(1) requiring failure to him to-

comply with notice to give inforduce documents or give evidence to Comptrol-

ler.

- furnish returns or information under mation, proparagraph (a); or
- produce books of account or documents under paragraph (b); or
- attend the Comptroller for examination under paragraph (c)

of that section, whether in relation to himself or any other person, is liable to a penalty not exceeding one thousand dollars.

114. Where any penalty is contemplated under section Notice to be 113, the Comptroller shall, prior to the imposition thereof, given of innotify the person concerned-

tention to impose penal-

- as to the nature of the breach of the Act which has occurred; and
- as to the amount of penalty which it is proposed to impose,

and shall afford that person the opportunity of being heard thereon within such period as may be specified in the notice.

DIVISION II - CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

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Sanction for prosecution.

- 115.—(1) Subject to the powers of the Director of Public Prosecutions under the Constitution no criminal proceedings in respect of any offence under this Act shall be commenced except with the sanction of the Comptroller.
- (2) Criminal proceedings under this Act shall be commenced in the name of the Comptroller.

Offences: breach of secrecv.

- 116. Any person appointed under or employed in carrying out the provisions of this Act who, in contravention of the oath or declaration of secrecy made by him under section 6.
 - discloses to any unauthorised person any document, information or confidential instruction which has come into his possession or to his knowledge in the course of his duties; or
 - permits any unauthorised person to have access to any records in the possession or custody of the Comptroller,

is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of two thousand dollars and to imprisonment for one year or both 5796

Offences: failure to comply with requirements of the Act.

117.—(1) Any person who—

- fails or neglects to furnish to the Comptroller any return or document as and when required under this Act; or
- fails to comply with the requirements of any notice in writing served on him under this Act: or

refuses or neglects to answer truly and fully any question put to him or to supply any information required from him in relation to his assessable income or the assessable income of any other person; or

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- fails to keep a proper record of his transactions or to preserve any books of account or documents as required under section 71: or
- fails to disclose in any return of income made by him any assessable income accrued to him or any material facts which should have been disclosed: or
- signs any return or document rendered to the Comptroller without reasonable grounds for believing that return or document or any part thereof to be correct: or
- obstructs or hinders any person appointed or employed under this Act in the discharge of his duties,

is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of two thousand dollars and to imprisonment for one vear.

(2) Every person who, having been convicted under subsection (1) of failing to do anything required to be done by him under this Act, fails within any further period specified by the Comptroller in a notice served on him, to comply with the requirements of that notice is guilty of a further offence and liable for each day during which the offence continues to a fine of fifty dollars and to imprisonment for one month.

Offences: intent to

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ity to tax.

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118.—(1) Any person who wilfully and with intent to evade assessment or liability to tax-

- makes, causes or allows to be made any incorrect statement in any return lodged under this Act: or
- signs any document or any return lodged under this Act having reason to believe the contents of such document or return or any part thereof to be incorrect; or
- gives any incorrect answer, verbally or in writing, to any request for information made by the Comptroller; or
- prepares or maintains any incorrect books of account or other records or falsifies any books of account or other records; or
- authorises the preparation or maintenance of any incorrect books of account or other records; or
- makes use of or authorises the use of any fraud whatever.

is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of four thousand dollars and to imprisonment for two years.

(2) In any proceedings under this section, if it is proved that any incorrect statement or entry is wilfully made in any return, document, answer, books of account or other records by any person, he shall be presumed, until the contrary is proved, to have made, caused or allowed to be made that incorrect statement or entry with intent to evade assessment or liability to tax.

119. Any person who-

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to a non-resident to which section 46 applies or sections 50, or 51 and the Third Schedule apply: or

to any person to which sections 48, 52 -or-53 apply, or repealed + replaced 5/96

within the prescribed time fails to pay to the Comptroller any amount deducted in accordance with those provisions,

is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of two thousand dollars and to imprisonment for one year.

120. Any person who-

Offences: by employers or employees.

being an employer-

- within the prescribed time, fails to register as an employer, or to notify any change of address or to notify that he has ceased to be an employer; or
- within the prescribed time, fails to deduct any amount of tax from remuneration paid to an employee; or
- within the prescribed time, fails to pay to the Comptroller any amount

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of tax deducted from remuneration paid to an employee; or

- fails to comply with any direction issued by the Comptroller under the Fourth Schedule: or
- fails to maintain a record of (v) remuneration paid to his employees and tax deducted therefrom: or
- within the prescribed time, fails to deliver to any employee a certificate of tax deducted from remuneration: or
- (vii) within the prescribed time, fails to furnish to the Comptroller an annual return of tax deductions and 5196 remittances; of and
- being an employee, within the prescribed time, fails to lodge the further declaration required by paragraph/3 (5) (b) of the Fourth Schedule upon ceasing to be entitled to any of/the deductions or allowances claimed by him in a declaration previously furnished by him in respect of that year of assessment,

is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of two thousand dollars and to imprisonment for one year.

121.—(1) Any person who wilfully with intent to evade assessment or liability to tax-

Offences: evasion of tax in relation to deduction of tax by employers.

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- furnishes to his employer or to the Comptroller an incorrect declaration of personal particulars or other information in relation to any matter affecting the amount of tax to be deducted from his remuneration: or
- issues, uses or causes to be issued or used any certificate of remuneration and tax deducted which is incorrect; or
- alters any certificate of remuneration and tax deducted issued by any other person. pretends to be the employee named in any such certificate or in any other way to his own advantage or benefit obtains credit with respect to or payment of the whole or any part of any amount of tax deducted from remuneration received by any other person; or
- not being an employer and without being authorised by any person who is an employer, issues or causes to be issued any document purporting to be a certificate of remuneration and tax deducted.

is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of four thousand dollars and to imprisonment for two vears.

(2) In any proceedings under this section, if it is proved that any incorrect statement or entry is wilfully made in any return, document, answer, books of account or other

records by any person, he shall be presumed, until the contrary is proved, to have made, caused or allowed to be made that incorrect statement or entry with intent to evade assessment or liability to tax.

(3) In this section the words "employer". "remuneration" and "employee" shall have the meaning given to them in the Fourth Schedule.

Offences: aiding or abetting.

122.—(1) Any person who—

- wilfully makes or furnishes on behalf of another person; or
- aids or abets another person to make or deliver.

an incorrect return, document, statement or any incorrect information relating to any matter affecting the tax liability of that other person is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of two thousand dollars and to imprisonment for one year.

- (2) Any person who wilfully and with intent to assist any other person to evade assessment to liability to tax does any of the matters referred to in sections 118 or 121. is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of four thousand dollars and to imprisonment for two vears.
- (3) In any proceedings under subsection (2), if it is proved that any incorrect statement or entry is wilfully made in any return, document, answer, books of account or other records by such person, he shall be presumed, until the contrary is proved, to have made such incorrect statement or entry with intent to assist such other person to evade assessment or liability to tax.

123.—(1) Where any person has committed a breach of Mitigation of the provisions of this Act for which a penalty is provided penalties and under Division I of this Part, then in relation to such breach, the Comptroller may mitigate any penalty either wholly or in part.

compounding of offences.

- (2) Subject to the powers of the Director of Public Prosecutions under the Constitution, where any person had committed an offence against this Act for which criminal proceedings may be taken under Division II of this Part, then in relation to such offence, the Comptroller may, at any time prior to the commencement of the hearing by any court of the proceedings, compound the offence and order the person to pay such sum of money as the Comptroller may think fit but not exceeding the maximum amount specified in Division II for such offence.
- (3) The Comptroller shall not exercise his power to compound under subsection (2) unless the person who has committed the offence requests the Comptroller in writing to so deal with the offence.
- (4) Where the Comptroller compounds any offence under this section and makes an order accordingly
 - the order shall be made in writing and there shall be attached to it the request made under subsection (3);
 - the order shall specify the offence committed, the amount ordered to be paid and the date on which payment is to be made:
 - a copy of the order shall be given to the Director of Public Prosecutions and to the person who committed the offence, and that person shall not be liable to any

criminal proceedings in respect of the offence:

- the order shall be final and not subject to any appeal;
- the amount ordered to be paid shall be recoverable as if it were tax due and payable.

Time limits for proceedings to be taken

124. Proceedings under this Division may be commenced-

- where the offence alleged has involved the doing of any act, within three years after the discovery of the act:
- where the offence alleged has involved the failure to do any act, within three years after the Comptroller has become aware of such failure;
- where the offence alleged has involved the non-disclosure or incorrect disclosure by any person of any income or information relating to that person's liability to tax for a year of assessment, within three years after his correct liability to tax has become final for that year of assessment.

PART XIV

MISCELLANEOUS

Forms of notices and returns.

125.—(1) Subject to this Act, the Comptroller may from time to time approve the form of any notice, return of income or other return required for the purposes of this Act.

and where any form has been so approved such form of notice or return shall be used for such purposes.

- (2) Any notice given by the Comptroller under this Act may be signed by the Comptroller or any officer authorised by him in that behalf and any notice purporting to be signed on behalf of the Comptroller shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed to have been signed by an officer so authorised.
- (3) Every form, notice or other document issued. served or given by the Comptroller under this Act shall be sufficiently authenticated if the name or title of the Comptroller or the name or title of the officer authorised in that behalf, is printed, stamped or written thereon.
- 126.—(1) Where, under this Act, any notice or other Service of document is required or authorised to be served on or given notices or to any person by the Comptroller, such notice or other document shall be sufficiently served-

- in case of a person other than a company or a partnership if
 - personally served on him; or (i)
 - left at his address for service of notices: or
 - (iii) sent by post to such address for service of notices; *
- in the case of a company if
 - personally served on the principal officer of the company; or

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- left at or sent by post to the company's address appointed under section 73 for service of notices under this Act. or
- (iii) where no address for service of notices has been appointed, left at or sent by post to any office or place of business of the company;
- in the case of a partnership if
 - personally served on the precedent partner or agent of the partnership; or
 - left at or sent by post to the partnership's address appointed under section 74 for service of notices under this Act; or
 - (iii) where no address for service of notices has been appointed, left at or sent by post to any office or place of business of the partnership;
- in the case of a body of persons if left at or sent by post to the address for service of notices of that body.
- (2) Where any notice is served on any person
 - requiring the personal attendance of that person before the Comptroller, pursuant to section 68; or

appointing that person the agent of some other person for the payment of tax, pursuant to section 105.

the provisions of subsection (1) relating to service by post shall be construed as service by registered post.

- (3) Any notice served by post in accordance with this section shall be deemed to have been served in the case
 - a person resident in Grenada, seven days; and
 - a non-resident person, thirty days;

after the date on which such notice was posted.

127.—(1) Every person who has given an address for service of notices, whether in a return of income or otherwise and who subsequently changes such address shall, notices. within one month after such change, notify the Comptroller in writing of his new address for service of notices.

Change of address for service of

- (2) The address for service of notices last given to the Comptroller by any person shall, for all purposes of the Act, be his address for service of notices.
- (3) Where no address for service of notices has been given, or where the Comptroller's records disclose that any person has changed his address and has failed to notify the Comptroller of such change, then the address of such person as described in any record in the Comptroller's possession shall be a sufficient address for service of notices.

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- (4) In any criminal proceedings which may be taken for failure to furnish a return of income against any person liable to furnish such a return it shall be no defence by such person that he has not received from the Comptroller
 - a form for the return of income; or
 - any notice calling upon him to furnish such return.
- (5) In any criminal proceedings which may be taken against any person for failure to comply with any other request or notice by the Comptroller it shall be no defence by such person (who has failed to notify the Comptroller of a change of address) that he has used a different address in any correspondence with or application to the Comptroller after such change of address has occurred.

Amendment of Schedules, Gazettevariation of rates of tax etc. by order.

128.—(1) The Minister may by order published in the

- amend the Schedules;
- increase, delete, reduce, vary or make changes to the rates of tax specified in the Fifth Schedule or in any other provision of the Act;
- vary any sum or figure in any provision of the Act.
- (2) An order under subsection (1) shall be subject to negative resolution.

- 129. The Minister may make regulations for the better Regulations. carrying out of the purposes of this Act and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the regulations
 - may prescribe all matters which are required or permitted to be prescribed;
 - may provide for the issue of exit certificates, fix a charge therefor and impose conditions for persons leaving Grenada:
 - may provide for the imposition by a court of a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars and a term of imprisonment not exceeding three months for any breach of the regulations; and
 - may provide for appeals to the Appeal Commissioners against decisions of the Comptroller made under the regulations.

130.—(1) The Business Levy Act 1987 shall cease to Repeal and have effect from 1st January 1995.

saving. No. 5 of 87.

- (2) Nothing in subsection (1) shall affect any liability or any obligation arising in respect of any levy period prior to 1st January 1995, and in respect of such No. 5 of 87. liability or obligation the Business Levy Act 1987 shall continue in force.
- (3) The National Debt Service Levy Act 1990 shall No. 35 of 90. cease to have effect from 1st October 1994.
- (4) Nothing in subsection (3) shall affect any liability or any obligation arising in respect of levy

No. 35 of 90. 1994, and in respect of such liability or obligation the National Debt Service Levy Act 1990 shall continue in force.

Transitional. 131.—(1) The person who holds office as the Comptroller of Inland Revenue on the date on which the Act is passed shall be deemed to have been appointed under and for the purposes of the Act on 1st January 1994.

(2) Any amount of levy paid by any person in accordance with the provisions of the Business Levy Act 1987 in respect of levy payable for the levy period 1st January 1994 to 31st December 1994 shall be set off against the tax charged under this Act on that person for the year of assessment commencing on 1st January 1994.

(3) Any amount of levy deducted in accordance with the provisions of the National Debt Service Levy Act No. 35 of 90. 1990 from the salary payable to any person for any period after 1st January 1994 and paid to the Comptroller shall be set off against the tax charged under this Act on that person for the year of assessment commencing on 1st January 1994.

- (4) After the set off has been effected in accordance with subsections (2) and (3)—
 - (a) if an amount of tax charged under this Act remains unpaid, sections 98, 99 and 105 shall apply only to that amount;
 - (b) if the amount set off is in excess over the tax charged under this Act on the person, the Comptroller shall refund the excess to that person or apply the excess towards

such other unpaid levy under the Business No. 5 of 87. Levy Act 1987 or the National Debt No. 35 of 90. Service Levy Act 1990, as he thinks fit, and notify the person accordingly.

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- (5) Section 95 shall not apply to any instalment of tax payable under section 93 for the year of assessment commencing on 1st January, 1994 except for the final instalment of any balance of tax payable on or before 31st March 1995.
- (6) The Comptroller may remit wholly or in part any penalty or interest payable by any person in respect of the year of assessment commencing on 1st January 1994 where he is satisfied that it is just and equitable to do so.
- (7) Where any person carries on business with a basis period ending on a date other than 31st December, as provided for in section 11, the assessable income of that person from that business for the year of assessment commencing on 1st January 1994 shall be ascertained by reference to the accounts of that business for the twelve months ending on such other date in that year of assessment.

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(Section 30)

VALUE OF TRADING STOCK

Arrangement of paragraphs

Paragraph

- 1. Value of trading stock to be included in return of income.
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- 4. Value of trading stock on cessation of business.
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- 6. Deemed value of certain trading stock.
- 7. Adjustments to be made where trading stock incorrectly valued.
- 1. Value of trading stock to be included in return of income. Every person carrying on business shall include in his return of income for each year of assessment the value of all trading stock held and not disposed of (hereinafter referred to as "the value of trading stock held") at the beginning and end of the basis period for that year of assessment.
- 2. Value of trading stock at beginning of basis period. The value of trading stock held by any person at the beginning of any basis period shall be deemed to be—
 - (a) where he carried on the business on the last day of the previous basis period, the value of trading stock held on that date; or
 - (b) where he commenced business during the basis period for a year of assessment, the cost price to him of any trading stock acquired prior to the commencement of the business.
- 3. Value of trading stock at end of basis period. The value of trading stock held by any person at the end of any basis period shall be deemed to be the cost price to him unless the Comptroller is satisfied that the estimated realisable value of such stock to such person is less than cost.
- 4. Value of trading stock on cessation of business. Where any person ceases to carry on business but does not dispose of his trading stock at the time of cessation, such trading stock shall be brought to account at its estimated realisable value to him.
- 5. Cost price of trading stock. For the purposes of this Schedule but subject to paragraph 6, the cost price of any trading stock shall be—
 - (a) the cost incurred in acquiring such trading stock; and
 - (b) any further costs incurred in getting such trading stock into its then existing condition or location.
- 6. Deemed value of certain trading stock. Where any trading stock has been acquired or disposed of by any person—
 - (a) for consideration which cannot be valued; or

- (b) not in the ordinary course of business; or
- (c) otherwise than by way of a transaction at arm's length;

the trading stock shall be deemed to have been acquired or disposed of at an amount equal to the price which, in the opinion of the Comptroller, was the current market price of the stock on the date of the acquisition or disposal.

- 7. Adjustments to be made where trading stock incorrectly valued. Where, for any year of assessment, the Comptroller is of the opinion that the value of trading stock held does not comply with the basis of valuation specified in this schedule, the value of trading stock held—
 - (a) at the beginning of the basis period shall remain unaltered; and
 - (b) at the end of that basis period shall be adjusted to comply with paragraph 3.

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Sections 26, 30 & 37)

CAPITAL ALLOWANCES

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PART I

BUILDINGS

- 1. Annual allowance.—(1) In ascertaining the assessable income of any person for any year of assessment from the carrying on by that person or by a lessee from that person of any qualifying business (within the meaning of paragraph 3) there shall be deducted in respect of any building acquired by that person and used for the purpose of such a business carried on by that person or by a lessee an annual allowance of an amount equal to two and one half percent of the cost of the building until the total of the allowances granted equals the lower of the cost or the adjusted cost of such building.
- (2) Notional allowances shall be calculated in accordance with subparagraph (1) and deducted from cost in order to ascertain the adjusted cost of a building—
 - (a) for each year the building was owned by the person carrying on any qualifying business or leased for such business, before the coming into operation of this Act; and
 - (b) for each year the building was not used for the purposes of a qualifying business after the coming into operation of this Act.
- 2. Disposal of building.—(1) Where allowances have been granted to any person for previous years of assessment, in respect of a building and that building is disposed of in the basis period for any year of assessment, a balancing allowance or a balancing charge shall be made as provided in this paragraph.
- (2) Where the lower of the cost or the adjusted cost of a building exceeds the aggregate of—
 - (a) the allowances granted for previous years of assessment; and
 - (b) the disposal value;

the amount of such excess (referred to in this Act as "a balancing allowance") shall be allowed as a deduction for the year of assessment in the basis period for which the building is disposed of.

- (3) Where the disposal value of a building exceeds the difference between-
 - (a) the lower of the cost or the adjusted cost of such building; and
 - (b) the allowances granted for previous years of assessment,

the amount of such excess (referred to in this Act as a "balancing charge") shall be included in the assessable income of the person disposing of the building for the year of assessment in the basis period for which the building is disposed of:

Provided that the balancing charge shall not exceed the aggregate amount of the annual allowances actually given in respect of that building.

- (4) For the purpose of this Part, the adjusted cost of a building means the cost of erection or purchase thereof less the amount of any notional allowances under subparagraph (2) of paragraph 1.
- (5) Where a person has been granted allowances in respect of a building, and such person ceases to carry on business prior to the disposal of such building, for the purposes of this paragraph he shall be subject to the provisions of this paragraph in the event of the subsequent disposal of the building.
- 3. Meaning of building and qualifying business.—(1) For the purposes of this Part a building means a building used for the purposes of carrying on any qualifying business, and includes a building provided by way of welfare facilities for employees but does not include a building used for residential purpose or as a retail shop, showroom or commercial office or ancillary thereto.
- (2) Where part only of a building is to be used for qualifying purposes, and the capital expenditure incurred on that part of the building which is not to be so used—
 - does not exceed ten percent of the total capital expenditure the whole of the building shall be deemed to be used for the purposes of a qualifying business;
 - exceeds ten percent but does not exceed seventy five percent of the total capital expenditure, then the portion of the expenditure

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- qualifying for deduction under this Part shall be such proportion of the expenditure as the part of the building used for the purposes of a qualifying business bears to the entire building;
- (c) exceeds seventy five percent, then the entire building shall be deemed not to be used for the purposes of a qualifying business.

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- (3) For the purposes of this Part a "qualifying business" means—
 - (a) a business carried on in a mill, factory or similar premises for the manufacture of goods or materials or their subjection to any industrial process; or
 - (b) the operation of a dock or a water or electricity undertaking; or
 - (c) the extraction of natural resources by mining or drilling; or
 - (d) the catching or taking of fish including shell fish; or
 - the cultivation of land, the rearing of livestock or the exercise of other forms of husbandry.

PART II

PLANT AND MACHINERY

- 1. Annual allowance.—(1) In ascertaining the assessable income of any person for any year of assessment there shall be deducted an annual allowance in respect of expenditure incurred whether before or after the commencement of this Act, on the provision of plant and machinery acquired and brought into use by that person for the purpose of producing assessable income.
- (2) The deduction allowable in any year of assessment shall, subject to subparagraphs (3), (4) and (5), be an amount equal to the following percentages of the cost of the plant and machinery—
 - (i) office furniture and equipment, electrical appliances, light plant and machinery, fixed heavy plant and machinery,

- (iii) motor vehicles other than heavy vehicles......20%;
- (iv) aircraft and equipment, heavy motor vehicles, vehicles used for public transport, heavy plant and machinery and earth moving equipment.......25%;

until the allowances so granted equal the lower of the cost or the adjusted cost of such plant and machinery.

- (3) Where the Comptroller is satisfied that by reason of the use of plant and machinery on multiple shift work or in other circumstances there is abnormal wear and tear, he may authorise the deduction of such higher rate of allowance than is provided by sub-paragraph (2) as appears to him to be reasonable in the circumstances.
- (4) Where the Comptroller is satisfied that a motor vehicle is substantially used for the transport of any director or other employee of a company or the proprietor of any other business in the course of his business activities the Comptroller may authorise the deduction of such lesser rate of annual allowance as appears to him to be reasonable in the circumstances.
- (5) For the purposes of this Part, the "adjusted cost of plant and machinery" means expenditure incurred on plant and machinery purchased before the coming into operation of this Act, reduced by notional allowances calculated in accordance with subparagraph (2) for each year during which the plant and machinery was in use before the coming into operation of this Act.
- (6) For the purposes of this Part, plant and machinery includes furniture fixtures and fittings but does not include any implement, utensil or similar article.
- 2. Disposal of plant and machinery.—(1) Where allowances have been granted to any person for previous years of assessment, in respect of plant and machinery and any such asset is disposed of in the basis period for any year of assessment, a balancing allowance or a balancing charge shall be made as provided in this paragraph.

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(2) Where the lower of the cost or the adjusted cost of the plant and

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- (a) the allowances granted for previous years of assessment; and
- (b) the disposal value,

the amount of such excess (referred to in this Act as a "balancing allowance") shall be allowed as a deduction for the year of assessment in the basis period for which the asset is disposed of.

- (3) Where the disposal value of the plant and machinery exceeds the difference between—
 - (a) the lower of the cost or, the adjusted cost of the plant and machinery; and
 - (b) the allowances granted for previous years of assessment,

the amount of such excess (referred to in this Act as "balancing charge") shall be taken into account in ascertaining the assessable income of the person disposing of the plant and machinery for the year of assessment in the basis period for which the plant and machinery is disposed of:

Provided that the balancing charge shall not exceed the aggregate amount of the annual allowances actually given in respect of the plant and machinery.

- (4) Where a person has been granted allowances in respect of any plant and machinery and the person ceases to carry on business prior to the disposal of the plant and machinery, for the purposes of this paragraph, he shall be subject to the provisions of this paragraph in the event of the subsequent disposal of such plant and machinery.
- 3. Replacement property.—(1) Where but for this paragraph the amount of any balancing charge would be taken into account in ascertaining the assessable income of any person for a year of assessment, that person may elect, by notice in writing given to the Comptroller when furnishing his return of income for that year that hieu of the balancing charge being so taken into account it may be deducted, subject to subparagraphs (2) and (3), from expenditure incurred on any plant and machinery (hereinafter referred to as "the replacement property") acquired by him during the basis period for the year of assessment to replace the plant and machinery disposed of.
- (2) Where an election is made under this paragraph the expenditure incurred on the replacement property shall be reduced by the amount of the balancing charge referred to in sub-paragraph (1) for the purpose of determining the cost of the

replacement property for the calculation of the annual allowances applicable thereto, but nothing herein shall affect the calculation of any balancing allowance or balancing charge by reference to the full amount of the expenditure incurred and the reduction of balancing charge made by sub-paragraph (1) in the event of the subsequent disposal of the replacement property.

- (3) Where an election is made under this paragraph in relation to the disposal of plant and machinery giving rise to a balancing charge which exceeds the cost of the replacement property—
 - no annual allowance shall be granted in respect of the replacement property; and
 - (b) the amount of the excess shall be included in the assessable income of the person disposing of the plant and machinery for the year of assessment in the basis period for which the plant and machinery is disposed of.

PART III

AGRICULTURAL EXPENDITURE

- 1. Deduction allowed. Subject to this Part, where any person incurs capital expenditure on any agricultural works there shall be allowed as a deduction for the year of assessment in the basis period for which the expenditure was incurred and in the next succeeding four years of assessment an amount equal to one-fifth of such expenditure.
- 2. Certificate to be furnished. The deduction provided by this Part shall not be given until the person claiming such deduction furnishes to the Comptroller a certificate signed by the Chief Agricultural Officer stating that—
 - (a) the agricultural works for which the deduction is claimed have been carried out; and
 - (b) the expenditure incurred is fair and reasonable.
- 3. Deduction allowable on disposal. Where any person, who has incurred capital expenditure to which this Part relates, disposes of the property prior to the grant of the full amount of the allowances to which he would have been entitled had the disposal not taken place, he shall cease to be entitled to any further deduction and the balance thereof shall be allowed to the person who has acquired the property.

4. Apportionment of deduction. For the purposes of paragraph 3, where a property is disposed of on a date other than the end of a basis period or where part only of a property is disposed of, the Comptroller may apportion the deduction allowable as between the parties in such manner as appears to him to be reasonable.

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5. Meaning of capital expenditure on agricultural works. In this Part "capital expenditure on agricultural works" means capital expenditure incurred in respect of the clearing, draining or planting of land for agricultural purposes, soil conservation works, the provision of drains, wells, boreholes or dipping tanks and the cutting of new access roads to areas of production.

PART IV

INTERPRETATION

1. Definitions. In this Schedule-

"allowances granted" in relation to previous years of assessment means the sum of the annual allowances granted under a Part of this Schedule.

"disposal" in relation to any asset means the scrapping, loss or destruction, sale, exchange, compulsory acquisition or gift of such asset;

"disposal value" means, in relation to-

- (a) the scrapping of an asset, the scrap value thereof;
- (b) the loss or destruction of an asset, any amount received for the remains thereof together with any amount accrued as compensation or indemnity for such loss or destruction;
- (c) the disposal of an asset, by way of-
 - (i) sale, the net proceeds of sale;
 - exchange, the market value of any asset acquired through such exchange adjusted to take account of any monetary consideration made;
 - (iii) compulsory acquisition, the amount for which it was so acquired;
 - (iv) gift, the market value thereof;

but in any case where the amount accrued or the market value exceeds the cost, the disposal value shall be limited to the cost price or the adjusted cost, if applicable;

"cost to" or "expenditure incurred" by any person does not include such part of any expenditure incurred as is reimbursed to that person by way of subsidy or grant by the Government or some other person unless such subsidy or grant has formed part of his assessable income.

- 2. Application of Schedule to hire purchase transactions. Where under a hire purchase agreement or similar transaction, the use and enjoyment of an asset is obtained by a person to whom this Schedule applies for a period of time at the end of which the property in the asset will or may pass for no consideration or a nominal consideration he shall be deemed to have—
 - (a) acquired the asset at the time the agreement or transaction was entered into; and
 - (b) incurred expenditure thereon of an amount equal to the total amounts, excluding interest, payable under the agreement or transaction at the time referred to in clause (a).
- 3. Apportionment of consideration where assets sold for consolidated amount. Where any property, in respect of which allowances have been granted under this Schedule is disposed of together with other assets for a total consideration—
 - (a) which does not allocate separate prices for the separate items; or
 - (b) which allocates either a nominal consideration to some assets, or such consideration as, in the opinion of the Comptroller does not represent the true market value of those assets,

he may apportion the total consideration among the several assets in such manner as to arrive at a true market value of those assets in respect of which allowances have been granted and such value shall be taken to be the disposal value of such assets for the purposes of this Schedule.

- 4. Disposal of assets in certain transactions: value to be adopted.— (1) Where any assets in respect of which allowances have been granted under this Schedule, are disposed of by the owner to a purchaser other than by way of a transaction at arm's length, subject to sub-paragraph (2) the assets shall be deemed to have been disposed of at market value and such value shall apply both to the vendor and the purchaser.
 - (2) Where pursuant to-

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- (a) the amalgamation, reconstruction or merger of a company with another company and the transfer of assets to that other company; or
- (b) the transfer of assets from an individual to a company or to a relative.

there is a substantial identity between the former owner and the new owner, the assets shall in relation to both, be deemed to have been disposed of at an amount equal to the difference between—

- (i) the cost or, if applicable, the adjusted cost of the asset; and
- (ii) the allowances granted for previous years of assessment.
- (3) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (2) there shall be deemed to be a substantial identity between the former owner and the new owner—
 - (a) in a case to which sub-paragraph (2) (a) applies, where at the end of the basis period for the year of assessment in which the assets were transferred, shares in the company acquiring the assets, carrying—
 - (i) the right to exercise no less than eighty percent of the voting power in the company; or
 - (ii) the right to receive not less than eighty percent of any dividends that might be paid by the company; or
 - (iii) the right to receive not less than eighty percent of any capital distribution in the event of a winding up or of a reduction in the share capital of the company,

were beneficially held by persons or relatives of such persons who at the time the assets were transferred beneficially held in the disposing company shares carrying rights of those kinds:

(b) in a case to which sub-paragraph (2)(b) applies, where at the end of the year of assessment in the basis period for which the assets were transferred, in the case of a transfer to a company, shares carrying rights of the kind specified in clause (a) were beneficially held by the vendor or relatives of the vendor.

- (4) In sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) "a relative" in relation to any person means-
 - (a) the spouse of that person; or
 - (b) a lineal ancestor, child or other lineal descendant, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew or niece of that person or of his spouse.

THIRD SCHEDULE

(Section 50)

DEDUCTION OF TAX FROM PAYMENTS TO NON-RESIDENTS

Arrangement of Paragraphs

Paragraph

1. Application.

2. Deduction to be made by person making payment.

3. Rates of tax to be deducted.

4. Certificate and record of payments made and tax deducted.

5. Returns of deduction and remittances of tax.

6. Personal liability where failure to deduct tax.

1. Application.—(1) This Schedule applies to every person who makes any payment by way of—

(a) a dividend; (b) interest or discounts; 2 95

or licence

(c) rental, lease premium or licence;

(d) royalty;

(e) management charge;

(f) commission or fee, not being in respect of an employment to which section 54 applies;

(g) annuities or other periodic payments including payments by way of alimony or maintenance;

(h) the distribution of income of a trust, being income of the kind specified in clauses (a) to (g),

(i) remittance out of Grenada from profits of a non-resident company to which section 51 applies;

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to a non-resident, but subject to sub-paragraph (2) does not apply to any other payments to a non-resident carrying on business or exercising employment in Grenada.

- (2) This Schedule also applies to any payment to a non-resident person in respect of independent personal services performed in Grenada other than by way of carrying on a business in Grenada through a permanent establishment in Grenada.
- (3) Where the accounts of a business are maintained on an accruals basis. and during the basis period for a year of assessment any amount of the kind specified in sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) is charged as an expense but payment is not made, tax shall be deducted and accounted for to the Comptroller as if payment had been made on the last day of that basis period.
- (4) For the purposes of proviso (a) to paragraph 2, where the income accruing to a trust is of different kinds, it/shall be treated as retaining such character for determining the rate of tax to be deducted therefrom by the trustee.
- 2. Deduction to be made by person making payment. Where any payment is made to which this Schedule applies, then such amount shall not form chargeable income of the person to whom the payment is made and the person making the payment shall deduct tax from the gross amount of the income from such source at the rate specified in paragraph (3):

Provided that-

- where income accrues to a trust, and a non-resident beneficiary is entitled to the immediate benefit of the whole or part thereof, the trustee shall deduct and account for the tax required to be deducted under this Schedule;
- where income which accrues to a non-resident is payable to a bank or other agent on his behalf, then for the purposes of collection of the withholding tax the bank or agent shall deduct and account for the tax required to be deducted under this Schedule:
- where income which accrues to a non-resident is payable by another non-resident then, for the purposes of collection of the tax imposed by this section, the Comptroller may, without relieving the payer of his obligations under this Schedule, impose the charge directly on the non-resident to whom the income accrues and the general provisions of Part XII relating to the recovery of tax shall apply.

- 3. Rates of tax to be deducted. Subject to section 43, tax shall be deducted from the actual amount paid at the rate of twenty five percent of every dollar of such payment and shall be the final liability in respect of such income.
- 4. Certificate and record of payments made and tax deducted.-(1) Every person who has deducted any tax under this Schedule shall furnish to the person to whom payment is made a certificate showing the gross amount of the payment made and the tax deducted therefrom.
- (2) Every person making any payment to which this schedule applies shall maintain a record showing in relation to each calendar year
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the gross amount thereof; (b)

- the amount of tax deducted therefrom; and (c)
- the name and address of the non-resident,

and the record shall be kept available for examination by the Comptroller as and when required.

- 5. Returns of deduction and remittances of tax.—(1) Every person shall, when making any payment under section 96, furnish a return in such form as the Comptroller may approve showing the amount of tax deducted and remitted, together with a copy of all certificates issued under paragraph 4 in respect of such deductions of tax.
- (2) Every person to whom this Schedule applies, shall in respect of each calendar year, within two months after the end of such year or within such further time as the Comptroller may allow, furnish to the Comptroller a return in such form as he may approve showing the total of tax deducted by that person during such year and the total payments of such tax which have been made to the Comptroller.
- (3) In the event of there being any deficiency between the total amount of tax deducted in any year and the total payments of such tax made to the Comptroller, that person shall be required to account to the Comptroller for such deficiency.
- 6. Personal liability where failure to deduct tax.—(1) Where any person fails to deduct any tax under this Schedule he shall, in addition to any penalty for which he may be liable, be personally liable to pay to the Comptroller within the time specified in section 96 the amount which he has failed to deduct.
- (2) Where any person pays to the Comptroller the amount of tax which he failed to deduct such amount shall be deemed to have been deducted under this Schedule.

(4) Where any person has failed to deduct tax as required under this Schedule but the Comptroller is satisfied that tax deducted from earlier or later payments is sufficient to meet the amount of tax which he has failed to deduct, the Comptroller may absolve such person from his liability under sub-paragraph (1).

FOURTH SCHEDULE

YELD TAX BY EMPLOYERS

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(Section 54)

Paragraph

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11. Employer's monthly return of tax deductions and remittances.

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14. Liability to deduct tax not abated by other rights or obligations.

15. Definitions.

1. Registration of employers.—(1) Every person who pays or becomes liable to pay remuneration to any employee shall register as an employer with the Comptroller.

(2) Every person who was an employer on the day on which the Act is passed, shall register with the Comptroller in the prescribed form within thirty days after that day and every person who becomes an employer after the day on which the

Act is passed shall so register within thirty days after the end of the month in which he becomes an employer.

- (3) Every employer who changes his business address or ceases to be an employer shall notify the Comptroller accordingly within thirty days of such change of address or of his ceasing to be an employer, as the case may be.
- 2. Deduction of tax.—(1) Every employer shall, unless the Comptroller otherwise directs, deduct tax in accordance with this Schedule.
- (2) Subject to this paragraph and paragraph 5 the amount of tax to be deducted shall be determined in accordance with tax deduction tables prescribed by the Comptroller under paragraph 4 and taking into account the tax credits claimed by the employee in the declaration lodged by him under paragraph 3.
- (3) Where, during any calendar year any employee receives income from more than one source of employment at the same time, the amount of tax to be deducted shall be such amount as is directed by the Comptroller.
 - (4) Where, during any calendar year, any employee-
 - (a) is a non-resident individual; or
 - (b) being a resident individual, fails to lodge a declaration as required by paragraph 3,

the amount of tax to be deducted shall be determined in accordance with tax deduction tables prescribed by the Comptroller under paragraph 4.

- 3. Declaration by employees.—(1) Subject to this paragraph, every employee, chargeable to tax, to whom any remuneration accrues from employment after the commencement of this Act shall furnish a declaration in the prescribed form to the person specified in sub-paragraph (2) or (3).
- (2) Where the remuneration is received from one employer only, the declaration shall be furnished to the employer, who shall take the particulars shown on the declaration into account in deducting tax under paragraph 2.
- (3) Where the remuneration is received by that employee from more than one employer such declaration shall be furnished to the Comptroller who shall direct the respective employers as to the amount of tax to be deducted by them.

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- (4) A declaration under this paragraph shall not be furnished by an employee who is a non-resident.
 - (5) A declaration under this paragraph shall be furnished—
 - (a) where an employment commences, within seven days of such commencement; and

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- (b) where the employee ceases to be entitled to the tax credits or other deductions or allowances claimed in a declaration already furnished by him in respect of that year, within seven days of such change of circumstance.
- (6) A declaration under this paragraph may be furnished at any time during the year where there is any change of circumstances whereby an employee becomes entitled to an increase in the tax credits or other deductions or allowances claimed in a declaration already furnished by him.
- 4. Tax deduction tables.—(1) The Comptroller shall prescribe tax deduction tables (hereinafter in this Schedule referred to as "the tables") which shall come into force on 1st October 1994.
- (2) The tax to be deducted in accordance with the tables prescribed under this paragraph shall take into account—
 - (a) the rates of tax payable under section 56;
 - (b) the tax credits allowable under Part VIII; and
 - (c) such other deductions or allowances as the Comptroller may deem appropriate.
- (3) The tables shall include a table prescribing the tax to be deducted in the case of a non-resident employee and an employee who has failed to furnish a declaration under paragraph 3.
- /(4) The tables may specify the manner of calculation of the tax to be deducted from any payments of remuneration by way of—
 - (a) annual or other bonuses;
 - (b) overtime; and

- (c) other payments of an abnormal nature.
- (5) In the event of any variation of the rates of tax payable or the tax credits, deductions or allowances allowable in relation to any year of assessment to which this Act applies, the Comptroller shall prescribe new tables to take into account such variation and shall, by notice published in the Gazette, specify the date upon which such tables shall come into force.
- 5. Variations from tax deduction tables.—(1) Every employer shall, at the written request of any employee, deduct from his remuneration an amount of tax greater than that required to be deducted under the tables.
- (2) Where, in relation to any year of assessment any employee is of the opinion that the amount of tax required to be deducted by his employer under the tables will be substantially greater than the amount of tax which is likely to be charged for that year of assessment, he may apply in the prescribed form to the Comptroller for the issue of a direction and, if the Comptroller is satisfied that it would be reasonable to do so, he may direct the employer by notice in writing to deduct either no tax or such amount as appears to the Comptroller to be appropriate to the circumstances of that employee, and the employer shall comply with that direction.
- (3) A request by an employee under subparagraph (1) or a direction by the Comptroller under sub-paragraph (2) may be withdrawn at any time by notice in writing given to the employer and upon receipt of any such notice the employer shall deduct tax in accordance with the tables.
- (4) Any request under sub-paragraph (1), direction under subparagraph (2) or notice of withdrawal under subparagraph (3) shall be complied with by the employer on and after the pay day next succeeding a period of seven days following the receipt by him of such request, direction or notice.
- 6. Payment to or recovery by Comptroller. Any tax deducted under this Schedule shall—
 - \sqrt{a} be due and payable within the time specified in section 96; and
 - (b) when it becomes due and payable, be a debt due to Government and, if unpaid, shall be liable to interest at the rate specified in section 97 and may be recovered in the manner provided in sections 98, 99 or 105.

- 7. Payment of remuneration free of tax.—(1) Where any agreement between an employer and an employee provides for the employer to pay as remuneration to the employee an amount expressed to be free of tax, the amount to be paid under the agreement shall be deemed to be such an amount of remuneration as, after deduction of tax, would leave an amount equal to the remuneration paid free of tax.
 - (2) In any case to which subparagraph (1) applies—
 - (a) the employer shall be liable to pay to the Comptroller an amount equal to the difference between the remuneration deemed to be paid and the amount of remuneration paid;
 - (b) such amount shall be deemed to be tax to be deducted under this Schedule; and
 - (c) the employee shall be deemed to have received as income from employment the amount deemed to have been paid by the employer.
- 8. Certificate of remuneration and tax deducted.—(1) Every employer who has deducted any tax under this Schedule in any calendar year shall within the time and in relation to the period specified in subparagraph (2), furnish to every employee to whom remuneration has been paid, a certificate in the prescribed form the contents of which shall include—
 - (a) the total remuneration accrued to that employee; and
 - (b) / the total of the amounts of tax deducted from such remuneration.
- (2) The certificate referred to in subparagraph (1) shall specify the period of employment to which it relates and shall be furnished to the employee or former employee—
 - (a) where the employer has not ceased to be an employer in relation to that employee at the end of the calendar year, within one month after the end of that calendar year;
 - (b) where the employer has ceased to be an employer in relation to that employee but has continued to be an employer in relation to

- other employees, on the date of cessation of the employment of that person;
- (c) where the employer has ceased to be an employer in relation to all employees, within one month after the date on which he ceased to be an employer.
- (3) Any employee who has not received a certificate within the time specified in subparagraph (2) shall apply to the employer forthwith for such certificate to be furnished and in the event of such certificate not being furnished within a further period of fifteen days he shall notify the Comptroller of such failure by the employer to furnish the certificate.
- (4) Every employee, when furnishing his return of income for any year of assessment, shall attach to such return the certificates furnished to him under this paragraph.
- (5) The certificate to be furnished under this paragraph by an employer to an employee may be delivered—
 - (a) by hand to such employee or his authorised agent; or
 - (b) by registered letter addressed to that employee at his usual or last known postal address; or
 - where the chargeable income of that employee is not chargeable to tax/in his name, by hand or registered letter addressed to the person chargeable:

Provided that in the event of inability to deliver a certificate in the manner provided by this sub-paragraph the employer shall retain such certificate and forward it to the Comptroller with the return required under paragraph 12.

- (6) In addition to the annual certificate referred to in sub-paragraph (1), on every occasion during the calendar year upon which a payment of remuneration is made to an employee from which tax is deducted under this Schedule the employer shall furnish to him particulars of the total remuneration payable for the pay period and of the amount of tax deducted therefrom.
- 9. Personal liability of employer and employee.—(1) Where, in any calendar year, an employer fails to deduct any tax under paragraph 2 he shall, in addition to any penalty for which he may be liable, be personally liable to pay to the Comptroller within the time specified in section 96 the amount which he has failed to deduct.

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- (2) Where an employer pays to the Comptroller the amount of tax which he failed to deduct, such amount shall be deemed to have been deducted under this Schedule.
- (3) The employer shall be entitled to recover from the employee any amount paid to the Comptroller under sub-paragraph (2).
- (4) Where, in relation to any payment of remuneration an employer has failed to deduct tax under paragraph 2, but the Comptroller is satisfied that tax deducted under this Schedule from earlier or later payments of remuneration is sufficient to meet the amount of tax which he has failed to deduct, the Comptroller may absolve the employer from his liability under sub-paragraph (1).
- (5) Where an employer pays an amount to the Comptroller under this paragraph, he shall not be required to include any such amount in a certificate under paragraph 8 unless and until he recovers the amount from the employee.
- (6) Where any amount of tax which has been set off under section 62 pursuant to a certificate under paragraph 8 has not been deducted by the employer, the employer and the employee shall be jointly and severally liable to pay to the Comptroller the amount which has been so set off and such amount shall be recoverable under the Act:

Provided that where the Comptroller is satisfied that the employee alone was responsible for the incorrect amount being shown on his certificate under paragraph 8, the employer/shall be absolved from liability under this sub-paragraph.

- (7) Where it is proved to the satisfaction of the Comptroller that any amount of tax has been deducted from the remuneration of any employee, notwithstanding that the employer has failed to pay such amount to the Comptroller, no action shall be taken by the Comptroller for the recovery thereof from that employee.
- 10/ Employer to keep records. Every employer shall, in respect of each of his employees, maintain a record showing in relation to each calendar year, the amounts of—/
 - (a) remuneration accrued to that employee; and
 - (b) tax deducted from such remuneration,

and such record shall be kept available for examination by the Comptroller as and when required.

- 11. Employer's monthly return of tax deductions and remittances. Every employer shall, when making any payment under section 96 furnish a return showing the amount of tax deducted and remitted.
- 12. Employer's annual return of tax deductions and remittances.—(1) Every employer shall, in respect of each calendar year—
 - (a) within one month after the end of that year; or
 - (b) where he ceases to be an employer during that year, within fifteen days after such cessation,

or within such further time as the Comptroller may allow, furnish to the Comptroller a return showing the total amount of tax deducted by him in respect of each of his employees during that year and the total payments of such tax made to the Comptroller.

- (2) In the event of there being any deficiency between the total amount of tax deducted and the total payments of such tax made to the Comptroller, the employer shall be required to account to the Comptroller/for such deficiency.
- (3) The return referred to in subparagraph (1) shall be accompanied by copies of all certificates issued under sub-paragraph 1 of paragraph 8.
- 13. Duties and liabilities of representative employers.—(1) Every representative employer, in relation to any remuneration paid by him in his representative capacity to any employee shall be subject to the same duties and liabilities under this Schedule as if such remuneration had been paid by him in his personal capacity.
- (2) Any tax which should be deducted by a representative employer under this Schedule, any interest due by him under section 97, or fine imposed under section 120 or 121 on him shall be recoverable from him but to the extent only of any assets of the person whom he represents which may be in his possession or may come to him while acting in his representative capacity.
- (3) The executor of the estate of any deceased employer or the trustee of the estate of any bankrupt employer shall fulfil such obligations of that employer under this Schedule as were not fulfilled at the time of his death or bankruptcy.
- 14. Liability to/deduct tax not abated by other rights or obligations. The liability of an employer to deduct tax under this Schedule shall not be abated or extinguished by reason of—
 - (a) the fact that the employer has a right or is, otherwise than in terms of any law, under an obligation to deduct any other amount

from the employee's remuneration and such right or obligation shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other law, be deemed to refer only to the balance of remuneration remaining after tax has been deducted; and

(b) the provisions of any law which may provide that the amount of remuneration shall not be reduced or be subjected to attachment.

15. Definitions. In this Schedule-

"employee" means any person who, in respect of an employment, as defined in section 2, receives remuneration from an employer, and incudes any person to whom remuneration accrues—

- (a) as a director of a company;
- (b) from a former employer or the trustee of a pension fund, as a consequence of a former employment;
- (c) as a dependent of a deceased person where such remuneration accrued to that dependent as a consequence of the former employment of that deceased person;

"employer" means any person who pays remuneration to an employee, and includes—

- (a) the Government of Grenada;
- (b) a/representative employer; and
- (c) the trustee of any pension fund;

"remuneration" means any amount accrued to an employee by way of employment income within the meaning of section 31 and includes any advance payment of remuneration or any payment on account of remuneration;

"representative employer" means-

- (a) in the case of a company, the principal officer or, where such company is in liquidation, the liquidator;
- (b) in the case of a partnership, the precedent partner;

- (c) where the employer is the Government, a local authority, a corporation or other authority established by statute or a body corporate or unincorporate (not being a company or partnership), the person responsible for paying remuneration on behalf of such employer;
- in the case of an employer in respect of whose chargeable income a representative taxpayer is chargeable to tax, the representative taxpayer;
- (e) in the case of a non-resident employer, the agent having responsibility to pay remuneration on behalf of such employer,

but nothing in this definition shall be construed as relieving any employer from any duty or liability imposed upon him by this Schedule.

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(Section 56)

RATES OF TAX

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On the first	\$20,000	10 percent
	\$15,000	
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	ver\$50,000	

2. (a) On the chargeable income of every company—

for the year of assessment commencing on 1st January 1994.

(b) On the chargeable income of every company—

On every dollar thereof 30 percent

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for the year of assessment commencing on 1st January 1995 and thereafter.

Passed by the House of Representatives this 13th day of September, 1994.

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