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Ireland – Revenue eBrief No.11/10 has Significant Consequences for those Entitled to the Remittance Basis of Taxation

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Summary

Revenue issued an eBrief on 2nd March 2010 which has significant consequences for individuals who are entitled to claim the remittance basis of taxation. As a result of the eBrief, individuals may be entitled to a refund of Irish tax paid on UK source income and gains in the period 2006 to 2008. To make such a claim an individual must be either non-domiciled or if an Irish citizen, was resident but non-ordinarily resident in the state for one of the years concerned.

Historical Position and Recent Changes

Prior to 1st January 2008, the remittance basis of assessment did not apply to UK source income and gains. From 1st January 2008, the remittance basis was extended to UK source income. (Finance Act 2008) From 20th November 2008, the remittance basis was extended to UK source capital gains. (Finance Act No. 2 2008) Under the remittance basis income/proceeds were not liable to Irish tax unless "remitted/brought" into the State

Revenue's eBrief

Although the Finance Act amendments do not have retrospective effect, as a result of a recent tax appeal case, Revenue has indicated that an individual can make a claim for a repayment where tax was paid on UK sources even though the income/proceeds were not remitted to Ireland. Reclaims are subject to the statutory four year time limit for claiming repayments of tax.

Deloitte's View

This is a welcome step by Revenue. Any remittance basis tax payers who had UK source income or gains taxed in Ireland since 2006 may be eligible to make

a claim for a repayment of tax. Reclaims relating to 2006 must be made by 31st December 2010.

Please note that with effect from 1st January 2010, the remittance basis is no longer available to Irish Citizens.

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