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Items relating to contaminated land

Landfill Tax Exemption

Landfill tax exemption for waste from contaminated land will now be phased out by 1 April 2012, instead of the originally proposed date of 2010. However in order to claim the exemption it is necessary to hold a relief certificate from HMRC and no new certificates are to be issued after 30 November 2008.

Extension of Land Remediation Relief to Japanese Knotweed

Within the Budget the Government announced that the additional revenue from the phasing out the landfill tax exemption for waste from contaminated land will be utilized to extend land remediation relief to expenditure on derelict land and to the appropriate removal of Japanese knotweed by treatment.

The Government will consult on draft legislation in the summer, with the aim of bringing this forward within the Finance Bill 2009 for implementation by 1 April 2009.

Landfill Tax

Last year in the Budget the Government announced that as from 1 April 2008 and subsequently at least until 2010-11, the standard rate of landfill tax would increase by £8 per tonne each year, as follows: from 1 April 2008, £32 and from 1 April 2009, £40 per tonne.

The current Budget states that the Government expects the standard rate to continue to increase beyond 2010-11.

In the 2007 Budget it was also announced that the lower rate of Landfill Tax applying to inactive waste would increase from £2 to £2.50 per tonne from 1 April 2008.

The 2008 Budget announces that lower rate will be frozen at £2.50 per tonne in 2009-10.

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