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STAMP DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2002

COMMITTEE STAGE

Amendments to be moved by the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Clause

Amendment Proposed

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- (a) In the proposed section 18I -
 - (i) by adding -

"(1A) The power of the Collector under subsection
(1) shall not, in the case where a stamp certificate has been issued, be exercised more than 6 years from the expiration of the time for stamping the instrument.";

(ii) in subsection (2)(b), by deleting
 everything after "issued," and
 substituting -

"the person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with subsection (1) shall incur a penalty at level 2 which shall be recoverable by the Collector as a civil debt due to the Government.".

- (b) In the proposed section 18J -
 - (i) in subsection (1) -

- (A) in paragraph (b), by adding
 "or" at the end;
- (B) by deleting paragraph (c) and
 substituting -
 - "(c) requested by any
 person who has shown
 to the satisfaction
 of the Collector
 that the stamp
 certificate contains
 any error.";
- (C) by deleting paragraph (d);
- (ii) by adding -
 - "(1A) For the purposes of subsection (1)(c), an error contained in a stamp certificate does not include a case where upon the assessment of the stamp duty of an instrument by the Collector under section 13, the instrument is found to be insufficiently stamped.";
- (iii) in subsection (2)(a) -
 - (A) by deleting "one or more";
 - (AB) in subparagraph (i), by adding "or" at the end;
 - (BC) by deleting subparagraph (ii) and substituting -
 - "(ii) the person who has
 made the request
 for cancellation of
 the stamp
 certificate; and";

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in subsection (4), by deleting ",
                    (iv)
                           upon request or on his own
                           initiative,";
                     (v)
                           in subsection (5), by deleting
                           "concerning" and substituting
                           "which results in";
                          by deleting subsection (6).
                    (vi)
            By adding -
new
                "24A. Representations may be made to
                      Collector before certain
                      penalties are imposed
            Section 58A(1) is amended by adding "18I(2)(b),"
                  after "15(2),"."-
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            In paragraph (a), by adding "退回在以下任何情况下"
            after "或".
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            (a) In the heading, by deleting "等的方式及進行退換"
                 and substituting "或退回印花證明書的方式及進行退換
                 或退回".
            (b) By deleting "Section 51(1) is repealed and
                 the following substituted -" and
                 substituting -
                     "Section 51 is amended -
                           (a) by repealing subsection (1)
                                and substituting -".
            (c) By adding -
                      "(b) in subsection (2), by adding "或退
                           回" after "退換".".
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(CD) by deleting subparagraph

(iii);