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Draft Taxation Determination

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1. Paragraph 45 of Taxation Ruling TR 95/6 deals with the calculation of the net profit derived from the sale of standing trees ventured into a business of forest operations. It is the net profit amount that is returned as assessable income in such situations, and not the gross sale proceeds. In calculating the net profit the sale proceeds are reduced by an amount based on the market value of the trees when ventured into the business.
2. We accept the market value may be determined by applying the following steps:
 - (a) establish the tonnage of available timber ventured into the business divided into usual industry categories of pulpwood, sawlog, etc.;
 - (b) establish the purchase price/value per tonne for each category at the time the timber is ventured into the business; and
 - (c) the market value is calculated by multiplying (a) by (b) for each category.
3. In regard to (a), the estimates should be established by a reputable forester who has practised in the industry for at least three years.
4. In regard to (b), this may be readily established from within the forestry industry or the local Forestry Department/Commission or Agency.

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