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Addendum

Product Ruling

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This Addendum amends Product Ruling PR 2004/54 to reflect changes to simplified tax system legislation from 2005-06 onwards.

PR 2004/54 is amended as follows:

1. Paragraph 77

Replace the paragraph with:

77. To be an 'STS taxpayer' a Grower must be eligible to be an 'STS taxpayer' and must have elected to be an 'STS taxpayer'. Changes to the STS rules apply from 1 July 2005. From that date, STS taxpayers may use the accruals accounting method. For a Grower participating in the Project, the recognition of income and the timing of tax deductions under the STS where the Grower uses the cash accounting method is different.

2. Paragraph 80

Replace the paragraph with:

80. Other than Growers referred to in paragraph 81, a Grower is assessable on ordinary income from carrying on their business of cultivating almond trees and harvesting the almonds for processing and sale in the income year in which that income is derived.

3. Paragraph 81

Replace the paragraph with:

81. A Grower who is an 'STS taxpayer' (for the 2003-04 and 2004-05 income years) or an 'STS taxpayer' using the cash accounting method (for the 2005-06 income year and later years) is assessable on ordinary income from carrying on their business of cultivating almond trees and harvesting the almonds for processing and sale at the time the income is received.

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4. Paragraph 83

Omit the sentences before the table titled 'Allowable Deductions for an 'Early Grower'.

5. Paragraph 84

Replace Note (ii) with:

(ii) For the 2003-04 and 2004-05 income years, the Management fee, the Maintenance fee, the Land licence fee and the Water licence fee shown in the Allotment Management Agreement are deductible in full in the year that they are incurred (where the Grower is not an 'STS taxpayer') or, the year in which they are paid (where the Grower is an 'STS taxpayer').

For the 2005-06 income year, the Management fee, the Maintenance fee, the Land licence fee and the Water licence fee shown in the Allotment Management Agreement are deductible in full in the year that they are incurred (where the Grower is not an 'STS taxpayer' or an 'STS taxpayer' using the accruals accounting method) or in the year in which they are paid (where the Grower is an 'STS taxpayer' using the cash accounting method).

This Addendum applies on and from 1 July 2005.

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