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Taxation Determination

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- 1. An interim liquidation distribution is not 'consideration in respect of the disposal' of shares for the purposes of subsection 160ZD(1) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*.
- 2. Because the distribution is a payment in respect of shares, section 160ZL applies if the relevant shares were acquired after 19 September 1985 to the extent that the distribution:
 - is not a dividend in terms of subsection 47(1); or
 - is a section 160ZLA dividend rebatable adjustment (section 160ZLA; subsection 160ZL(5)).
- 3. A final liquidation distribution is 'consideration in respect of the disposal' of shares for the purposes of subsection 160ZD(1).
- 4. When a final distribution is made, we expect that the liquidator would so describe it to ensure that shareholders are aware that it is a final distribution.

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