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## Part 3 and Schedules 20 to 23 of the Finance (No. 2) Bill 2016-17

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Fiscal Measures : Yes

### Message

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No abre el plazo - Nezahtuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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#### 4. Notification Number

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#### 5. Title

Part 3 and Schedules 20 to 23 of the Finance (No. 2) Bill 2016-17

#### 6. Products Concerned

(1) Packaged beverages that:

- (a) are of an alcoholic strength not exceeding 1.2% ABV;
- (b) contain added sugar from a source other than fruit juice, vegetable juice or milk; and
- (c) contain at least 5 grams of sugar per 100 millilitres.

(2) Packaged liquids that, when prepared by the addition of water, crushed ice or carbon dioxide, would constitute a beverage satisfying conditions (1)(a)-(c) above.

Milk-based drinks, milk substitute drinks, alcohol substitute drinks and soft drinks used for medical or nutritional purposes are exempt from the levy.

#### 7. Notification Under Another Act

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#### 8. Main Content

The Soft Drinks Industry Levy (the Levy) is a charge on packaged soft drinks falling within the description given at section 6 above.

The Levy is targeted at soft drinks consumed within the United Kingdom; it is payable (a) on domestically produced drinks by the person who packages the drink; and (b) on imports by the person who first receives or sells the drink within the United Kingdom. Drinks that are exported or are lost or destroyed prior to consumption attract a credit which can be applied against the liability for the Levy.

The Levy is charged at a rate of £0.18 (~€0.22) per litre of prepared drink for drinks with a sugar content of 5 grams and above per 100 millilitres and £0.24 (~€0.29) per litre of prepared drink for drinks with a sugar content of 8 grams and above per 100 millilitres.

#### 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Sugar-sweetened soft drinks have been identified by public health experts as a major contributor to sugar consumption and an important factor in childhood obesity. Consuming just one full-sugar 330 millilitre can of cola takes a child over their recommended daily intake of sugar for the day. These drinks generally represent empty calories, and are a leading contributor to sugar intakes for both children and adults.



Obesity also has costs to society. The estimated indirect cost to the UK economy from obesity is between £27 billion and £46 billion. The direct cost to the NHS includes £6.1 billion a year on overweight and obesity-related ill health and £8.8 billion for type 2 diabetes.

The Levy is explicitly aimed at encouraging producer-led behaviour change. The Levy is designed so that, if producers bring down the sugar content in their products, reduce portion sizes and help customers to choose low sugar and sugar-free brands, then they can pay less or no Levy.

#### **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

No Basic Text exists

#### **11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

No

#### **12. Grounds for the Emergency**

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#### **13. Confidentiality**

No

#### **14. Fiscal measures**

Yes

#### **15. Impact assessment**

Yes

#### **16. TBT and SPS aspects**

TBT aspect

No - The draft is not a technical regulation nor a conformity assessment

SPS aspect

No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure

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