



PR 2008/27W - Income tax: ITC Sandalwood Project 2008

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Notice of Withdrawal

Product Ruling

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Product Ruling PR 2008/27 is withdrawn with effect from today.

1. This Product Ruling has been withdrawn in accordance with subsection 358-20(1) of Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953*, which states the Commissioner may withdraw a public ruling either wholly or to an extent.
2. Product Ruling PR 2008/27 set out the Commissioner's opinion on the tax consequences for persons participating in the ITC Sandalwood Project 2008 ('the Project'), a forestry managed investment scheme, entered into for the purpose of establishing and harvesting Indian Sandalwood and Australian Sandalwood trees for commercial sale.
3. On 14 March 2013, Growers voted in favour of a transaction for the sale of the Indian Sandalwood component of the Project as standing timber ('the transaction') resulting in the Project being carried out in a materially different way from how it was described in the Ruling.
4. This withdrawal notice sets out the taxation treatment of amounts received by Growers under the transaction.

Taxation implications for Growers

5. The transaction resulted in a capital gains tax (CGT) event for the purpose of section 82KZMGB of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* (ITAA 1936). As a result, Growers are required to include the market value or decrease in market value of their interests in the Project in their assessable income in the income year in which the CGT event happened (section 82KZMGB(2) of the ITAA 1936).
6. The Responsible Entity will provide information to Growers to assist them determine the market value or decrease in market value of their interests for the purpose of section 82KZMGB of the ITAA 1936.
7. The disposal of Growers' interests in the Project does not disturb the tax treatment of Growers' previous outgoings as set out in PR 2008/27 provided that the Project was carried out in the manner described in the Ruling up until the date the transaction was implemented.

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8. As a result of the transaction, Growers will cease to carry on a business of primary production from the 2012-13 income year. Therefore, the non-commercial loss rules contained in Division 35 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (ITAA 1997) have no application for the 2012-13 and later income years.

9. Paragraph 28 of PR 2008/27 ruled that Growers can claim deductions for interest incurred under a loan agreement with ITC Finance Pty Ltd or the Nominated Financier as described at paragraphs 83 to 87 of PR 2008/27. Interest expenses will continue to be deductible provided Growers meet certain requirements outlined in TR 2004/4 *Income tax: deductions for interest incurred prior to the commencement of, or following the cessation of, relevant income earning activities*.

Commissioner of Taxation

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