

Amendment to Clause 117: SDLT: Higher rates for additional dwellings and dwellings purchased by companies

Summary

1. Clause 117 is amended to give the Treasury the power to change the rules as to what is a higher rates transaction for the purpose of removing transactions from the higher rates.

Details of the amendment

Amendments 41-42 to new Schedule 4ZA

2. The amendment introduces a new paragraph 18 which contains a power for the Treasury to change the rules for higher rates transactions in order to remove certain transactions from that charge.
3. The power allows changes that would cause some transactions to become higher rate transactions as long as that is incidental or consequential to a change that removes transactions from the higher rates charge.

Background note

4. The higher rates of SDLT for additional dwellings and dwellings purchased by companies was introduced by the Government to support home ownership. These changes have had effect since 1 April 2016 by virtue of a Provisional Collection of Taxes Act resolution.