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Amendment

Page 5, line 28, after first ‘in’ insert ‘paragraph (a) of’.

EXPLANATORY NOTE**SUMMARY**

1. This clause introduces provisions to impose a liability to general betting duty on the amount that a betting exchange charges to parties who use the betting exchange’s facilities to bet with each other.

DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENT

2. This clause amends subsection (1) of section 5C of the Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1981 through the insertion of some words after the words “in the course of a business”. That subsection contains two paragraphs, (a) and (b), both of which contain the specified words. It is clear from the other amendment to section 5C(1) proposed by clause 7(4)(b) that the reference is intended to be to the appearance of the specified words in paragraph (a) only.

BACKGROUND

3. This measure is intended to remove betting exchanges from the bet-broker provisions and to change the basis on which their liability to general betting duty will be calculated. A betting exchange’s liability will now be calculated by reference to its own income and not by reference to its customers’ winnings. This measure will raise an additional £4m in general betting duty from the betting exchange sector. It is welcomed by this sector and is consistent with the Government’s fairness agenda.

4. The proposed amendment has been prompted by questions from the trade which have highlighted scope for confusion and misunderstanding in that the clause as drafted could be interpreted as requiring that an additional and meaningless amendment be made to section 5C(1)(b) of the Betting and Gaming Duties Act. This amendment does no more than remove that ambiguity.