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LHDNM'S CLARIFICATION ON THE INCOME TAX (ACCELERATED CAPITAL ALLOWANCE) (INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT) RULES 2014 [P.U. (A) 217/2014]

We refer to our e-CTIM TECH-DT 55/2014 regarding the gazette order [P.U. (A) 217/2014] on the Accelerated Capital Allowance (ACA) for Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Equipment.

Based on Sub-Rule 7(d) of the P.U. (A) 217/2014, a person who qualifies for a deduction under any other rules made under Section 154 of the Income Tax Act 1967 (e.g. a deduction for statutory audit fees expenditure under the P.U. (A) 129/2006) in the basis period for a year of assessment (YA) cannot claim the ACA for ICT Equipment in the same YA. In view of this, the Institute had submitted a letter dated 8 October 2014 to the Lembaga Hasil Dalam Negeri Malaysia (LHDNM) to seek clarification on the interpretation of the Sub-Rule 7(d).

In the LHDNM's written responses dated 19 January 2015 and 24 February 2015, the LHDNM indicated that the P.U. (A) 217/2014 was in the process of being amended. The LHDNM also confirmed that pending the issuance of the relevant amendments to the P.U. (A) 217/2014, a person who qualifies for a deduction for statutory audit fees expenditure under the P.U. (A) 129/2006 (but not any other incentives on the asset) can claim the ACA under the P.U. (A) 217/2014 in the same YA as long as the Rules listed in the P.U. (A) 217/2014 have been complied.

Members can read the Institute's letter dated 8 October 2014 and the LHDNM's written responses dated 19 January 2015 and 24 February 2015 in full on the Institute's website.

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