

**Income Tax (Exemption of Interest and Other Payments for Economic and Technological Development) (No. 3) Notification 2008**

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**INCOME TAX (EXEMPTION OF INTEREST AND OTHER PAYMENTS FOR  
ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT) (NO. 3) NOTIFICATION  
2008**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 13(4) of the Income Tax Act, the Minister for Finance hereby makes the following Notification:

**Citation and commencement**

**1.** This Notification may be cited as the Income Tax (Exemption of Interest and Other Payments for Economic and Technological Development) (No. 3) Notification 2008 and shall be deemed to have come into operation on 27th June 2007.

**Definitions**

**2.** In this Notification —

“break cost”, “debt securities”, “financial sector incentive (bond market) company”, “prepayment fee”, “qualifying debt securities”, “redemption

premium” and “related party” have the same meanings as in section 13(16) of the Act;

“funds from Singapore operations”, in relation to a person, means the funds and profits of that person’s operations derived through a permanent establishment in Singapore;

“notes” means notes issued by Bridgestone Finance Europe B.V. through its Singapore branch under the programme;

“programme” means the US\$800,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme first entered into on 5th November 1991 by Bridgestone Finance Europe B.V.;

“specified income” means any interest, prepayment fee, redemption premium or break cost payable in respect of any notes;

“specified period” means the period from 27th June 2007 to 31st December 2008 (both dates inclusive).

## **Exemption**

3.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), there shall be exempt from tax the specified income payable by Bridgestone Finance Europe B.V. on notes issued during the specified period to any noteholder who is not resident in Singapore and —

- (a) who carries on any operation in Singapore through a permanent establishment in Singapore where the funds used by that person to acquire the notes are not obtained from that operation; or
- (b) who does not have any permanent establishment in Singapore.

(2) The exemption under sub-paragraph (1) is subject to the following conditions:

- (a) that the dealer or dealers for at least 70% of the total notes issued during the specified period must be —
  - (i) a financial institution in Singapore whose employees who are based in Singapore have a leading and substantial role in the distribution of the notes; or
  - (ii) a financial sector incentive (bond market) company;
- (b) unless otherwise approved by the Minister or such person as he may appoint, the exemption shall not apply if, during the primary launch of the notes issued during the specified period —
  - (i) the notes are issued to fewer than 4 persons; and