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Facts

A foreign company has been operating a branch in Mauritius. A new company was incorporated in Mauritius to take over the activities of the branch. The branch had accumulated losses as at the date of its take over.

Point at issue

Whether the accumulated tax losses of the branch of the foreign company are transferable to the company incorporated in Mauritius to take over the activities carried on by the branch.

Ruling

Losses incurred by the branch of a foreign company cannot be transferred to a company incorporated in Mauritius as they constitute two distinct and separate entities.