



Enterprise Act 2002

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PART 3

MERGERS

CHAPTER 1

DUTY TO MAKE REFERENCES

Duty to make references: anticipated mergers

[^{F1}34ZB Extension of time-limits

- (1) The CMA may extend the initial period mentioned in section 34ZA(1) if it considers that a relevant person has failed (with or without a reasonable excuse) to comply with any requirement of a notice under section 109 in relation to the case in question.
- (2) In subsection (1), “relevant person” means—
 - (a) any person carrying on any of the enterprises concerned;
 - (b) any person who (whether alone or as a member of a group) owns or has control of any such person; or
 - (c) any officer, employee or agent of any person mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b).
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2), a person or group of persons able, directly or indirectly, to control or materially to influence the policy of a body of persons corporate or unincorporate, but without having a controlling interest in that body of persons, may be treated as having control of it.
- (4) Where an intervention notice is in force in relation to the matter concerned, the CMA may extend the initial period by no more than 20 working days.

^{F2}(5)

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- (6) An extension under subsection (1) or (4) comes into force when published under section 107.
- (7) An extension under subsection (1) continues in force until—
- (a) the person concerned provides the information or documents to the satisfaction of the CMA or (as the case may be) appears as a witness in accordance with the requirements of the CMA; or
 - (b) the CMA publishes its decision to cancel the extension.
- ^{F3}(8)
- (9) In this section, “working day” has the same meaning as in section 34ZA.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 34ZA-34ZC and cross-heading inserted (25.4.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(1)(i)(3), **Sch. 8 para. 4**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F2** S. 34ZB(5) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), regs. 1(1), **39** (with Sch. 4 paras. 22, 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F3** S. 34ZB(8) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), regs. 1(1), **39** (with Sch. 4 paras. 22, 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Pt. 3 modified (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 4 para. 56**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(c) (with Sch.)
- C2** Pt. 3 modified (31.12.2020) by [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 4 paras. 28-33**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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