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## 2008 CHAPTER 10

### PART 2

#### CHILD SUPPORT ETC.

##### *Miscellaneous*

#### **Disclosure of information to credit reference agencies**

**31** After Article 45C of the Child Support Order (inserted by section 30) insert—

##### **“Disclosure of information to credit reference agency**

**45D.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), the Department may supply qualifying information to a credit reference agency for use for the purpose of furnishing information relevant to the financial standing of individuals.

(2) The reference in paragraph (1) to qualifying information is to information which—

- (a) is held by the Department for the purposes of this Order,
- (b) relates to a person who is liable to pay child support maintenance, and
- (c) is of a prescribed description.

(3) Information may not be supplied under paragraph (1) without the consent of the person to whom it relates, unless a liability order against that person is in force.

(4) No provision may be made under Article 16(3) authorising the supply of information by the Department to credit reference agencies.

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(5) In this Article, “credit reference agency” has the same meaning as in the Consumer Credit Act 1974.”.

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**Commencement Information**

- II** [S. 31](#) in operation at 14.2.2015 for specified purposes and 23.3.2015 in so far as not already in operation by [S.R. 2015/57, art. 2](#)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SR 2012/440 art. 3 by [S.R. 2014/194 art. 4](#)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SR 2013/201 art. 3 by [S.R. 2014/194 art. 5](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 2 para. 3(3) inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 126\(2\)](#)