



# Competition Act 1980

## 1980 CHAPTER 21

### *General provisions about references and investigations*

#### **17 Laying before Parliament and publication of reports.**

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) below, the Secretary of State shall lay a copy of any report made to him under section <sup>F1</sup> . . . , 11(10) <sup>F2</sup>... above before each House of Parliament and shall arrange for the report to be published in such manner as appears to him appropriate.
- (2) The Secretary of State shall not lay a copy of a report made to him under section <sup>F3</sup> . . . 11(10) above before either House of Parliament unless at least twenty-four hours before doing so he has transmitted to every person specified in the reference a copy of the report in the form in which it is laid (or by virtue of subsection (3) below is treated as being laid) before each House of Parliament.
- (3) If a report made to him under section <sup>F1</sup> . . . , 11(10) <sup>F4</sup>... above is presented by command of Her Majesty to either House of Parliament otherwise than at or during the time of a sitting of that House, the presentation of the report shall for the purposes of this section be treated as the laying of a copy of it before that House by the Secretary of State.
- (4) If it appears to the Secretary of State that the publication of any matter in a report made to him under section <sup>F1</sup> . . . , 11(10) <sup>F4</sup>... above would be [<sup>F5</sup>inappropriate] , he shall exclude that matter from the copies of the report as laid before Parliament and from the report as published under this section.
- [<sup>F6</sup>(5) In deciding what is inappropriate for the purposes of subsection (4) the Secretary of State shall have regard to the considerations mentioned in section 244 of the Enterprise Act 2002.]
- (6) Any reference in [<sup>F7</sup>section] 12 above to a report of the [<sup>F8</sup>CMA] shall be construed as a reference to the report in the form in which copies of it are laid (or by virtue of subsection (3) of this section are treated as having been laid) before each House of Parliament under this section.

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Competition Act 1980, Section 17. (See end of Document for details)

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### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 17(1)(3)-(5) repealed (1.3.2000) by 1998 c. 41, ss. 74(1)(3), Sch. 12 para. 4(7)(a), **Sch. 14 Pt. I** (with s. 73); S.I. 2000/344, art. 2, **Sch.**
- F2** Words in s. 17(1) repealed (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), s. 279, Sch. 25 para. 10(6)(a), **Sch. 26**; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- F3** Words in s. 17(2) repealed (1.3.2000) by 1998 c. 41, ss. 74(1)(3), Sch. 12 para. 4(7)(b), **Sch. 14 Pt. I** (with s. 73); S.I. 2000/344, art. 2, **Sch.**
- F4** Words in s. 17(3)(4) repealed (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), s. 279, Sch. 25 para. 10(6)(a), **Sch. 26**; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- F5** Word in s. 17(4) substituted (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), s. 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(6)(b)**; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- F6** S. 17(5) substituted (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), s. 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(6)(c)**; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- F7** Words in s. 17(6) substituted (1.3.2000) by 1998 c. 41, ss. 74(1), **Sch. 12 para. 4(7)(c)** (with s. 73); S.I. 2000/344, art. 2, **Sch.**
- F8** Word in s. 17(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 6 para. 7**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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