

PRIVATE SECURITY INDUSTRY ACT 2001

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY

Part II

General

Door supervisors etc for public houses, clubs and comparable venues

Section 15: Arrangements for the grant of approvals

50. *Subsection (1)* requires the Authority to make arrangements for granting approvals to providers of security services who seek such approval. *Subsection (2)* requires the scheme to ensure that:
- Approval can be granted for some or all of the services offered by the supplier;
 - Approval is granted only if the conditions of *subsection (3)* have been met;
 - Approval can be granted on certain conditions;
 - An individual can refuse approval if it is different from the terms sought;
 - There is a system for handling complaints which the approved contractor's own complaints procedures do not dispose of;
 - Approval will cease after three years or after such a period as the Secretary of State may have specified by order;
 - The approval can be modified or withdrawn.
51. *Subsection (3)* sets out the conditions that must be met before an approval is granted. The Authority should be satisfied that the person seeking approval meets and will comply with requirements laid down by the Secretary of State and the Authority and is otherwise a fit and proper person for approval as a supplier of security services. *Subsection (4)* enables certain of the conditions to be framed by reference to expert opinion.
52. *Subsection (5)* expands on the further requirements which may be imposed by conditions in the approval. They are requirements
- to provide information as specified;
 - that may be framed by reference to expert opinion.
53. *Subsection (6)* requires that the conditions that are imposed on any approval for the supply of information or the maintenance of complaints / disputes procedures must be restricted to conditions that are relevant to the matters mentioned in *subsection (3)*. *Subsection (7)* permits the Authority to enforce any requirement that

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is made on any applicant for approval to provide information. *Subsection (8)* allows the Authority to charge fees.