



Enterprise Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 40

PART 3

MERGERS

CHAPTER 5

SUPPLEMENTARY

Miscellaneous

120 Review of decisions under Part 3

- (1) Any person aggrieved by a decision [^{F1}mentioned in subsection (1A)] may apply to the Competition Appeal Tribunal for a review of that decision.

[^{F2}(1A) The decisions are—

- (a) a decision of the CMA, OFCOM or the Secretary of State under this Part in connection with a reference or possible reference in relation to a relevant merger situation or a special merger situation;
 - (b) a decision of the CMA under this Part in connection with transferred EU merger commitments.]
- (2) For this purpose “decision”—
- (a) does not include a decision to impose a penalty under [^{F3}section 94A(1) or 110(1) or (3)]; but
 - (b) includes a failure to take a decision permitted or required by this Part in connection with a reference or possible reference [^{F4}or transferred EU merger commitments].
- (3) Except in so far as a direction to the contrary is given by the Competition Appeal Tribunal, the effect of the decision is not suspended by reason of the making of the application.

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- (4) In determining such an application the Competition Appeal Tribunal shall apply the same principles as would be applied by a court on an application for judicial review.
- (5) The Competition Appeal Tribunal may—
- (a) dismiss the application or quash the whole or part of the decision to which it relates; and
 - (b) where it quashes the whole or part of that decision, refer the matter back to the original decision maker with a direction to reconsider and make a new decision in accordance with the ruling of the Competition Appeal Tribunal.
- (6) An appeal lies on any point of law arising from a decision of the Competition Appeal Tribunal under this section to the appropriate court.
- (7) An appeal under subsection (6) requires the permission of the Tribunal or the appropriate court.
- (8) In this section—
- “the appropriate court” means the Court of Appeal or, in the case of Tribunal proceedings in Scotland, the Court of Session; and
- “Tribunal rules” has the meaning given by section 15(1).

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 120(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), regs. 1(1), **51A(2)** (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **10**, 35-59); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F2** S. 120(1A) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), regs. 1(1), **51A(3)** (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **10**, 35-59); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F3** Words in s. 120(2)(a) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), **ss. 31(2)**, 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)
- F4** Words in s. 120(2)(b) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), regs. 1(1), **51A(4)** (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **10**, 35-59); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

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** S. 120(5)(b) modified by S.I. 2003/1592, art. 5A(h) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/891\)](#), arts. 1, 7 (with arts. 20-23))
- C3** S. 120 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1592\)](#), art. 15, **Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(z)(21)** (as amended (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/891\)](#), arts. 1, **18(1)-(17)** (with arts. 20-23))
- C4** S. 120(6)-(8) applied (1.9.2004) by [Energy Act 2004 \(c. 20\)](#), ss. 141, 198(2), **Sch. 18 para. 15**; S.I. 2004/2184, **art. 2(2)**, Sch. 2
- C5** S. 120(6)-(8) applied (N.I.) (3.7.2007) by [Electricity Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2007 \(S.R. 2007/321\)](#), **reg. 28**
- C6** S. 120(6)-(8) applied (N.I.) (prosp.) by [The Electricity \(Single Wholesale Market\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/913 \(N.I. 7\)\)](#), arts. 1, 5, {Sch. 1 para. 15}

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C7 S. 120(6)-(8) applied (N.I.) (15.4.2011) by [The Gas and Electricity \(Internal Markets\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(S.R. 2011/155\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 14**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 120(1) words substituted by S.I. 2019/93, reg. 51A(2) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 11](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
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- s. 120(6)-(8) applied by [S.I. 2007/913 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 15](#)

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):

- s. 84A-84C and cross-heading inserted by S.I. 2019/93, reg. 48A (as inserted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 9](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- s. 86(A1) inserted by S.I. 2019/93, reg. 48B(2) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 9](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- s. 91(3)(ba) inserted by S.I. 2019/93, reg. 48E(2)(a) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 9](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- s. 92(A1) inserted by S.I. 2019/93, reg. 48F(2) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 9](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- s. 92A inserted by S.I. 2019/93, reg. 48G (as inserted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 9](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)

- s. 109(A1)(c) inserted by S.I. 2019/93, reg. 50A(2) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 10](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- s. 109(8B)(8C) inserted by S.I. 2019/93, reg. 50A(4) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 10](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- s. 110A(3A) inserted by S.I. 2019/93, reg. 50C(3) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 10](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- s. 120(2)(b)(i) words in s. 120(2)(b) renumbered as s. 120(2)(b)(i) by S.I. 2019/93, reg. 51A(4)(a) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 11](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- s. 120(2)(b)(ii) and word inserted by S.I. 2019/93, reg. 51A(4)(b) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 11](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- Sch. 10 para. 6(aa) inserted by S.I. 2019/93, reg. 59A(12)(b) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 13](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- Sch. 10 para. 1(aa) inserted by S.I. 2019/93, reg. 59A(4)(b) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 13](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- Sch. 10 para. 1A inserted by S.I. 2019/93, reg. 59A(5) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 13](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)