



# Groceries Code Adjudicator Act 2013

## 2013 CHAPTER 19

*What advice, guidance and recommendations does the Adjudicator give?*

### 11 Advice

The Adjudicator may give advice on any matter relating to the Groceries Code to suppliers or large retailers.

#### Commencement Information

II S. 11 in force at 25.6.2013 by S.I. 2013/1236, art. 2

### 12 Guidance

- (1) The Adjudicator must publish guidance about—
  - (a) the criteria that the Adjudicator intends to adopt in deciding whether to carry out investigations;
  - (b) the practices and procedures that the Adjudicator intends to adopt in carrying out investigations;
  - (c) the criteria that the Adjudicator intends to adopt in choosing whether to use the enforcement powers and which ones; and
  - (d) the criteria that the Adjudicator intends to adopt in deciding the amount of any financial penalty under section 9.
- (2) In addition, the Adjudicator may publish guidance about the practices and procedures that the Adjudicator intends to adopt in carrying out other functions.
- (3) The Adjudicator may publish guidance about—
  - (a) the application of any provision of the Groceries Code;
  - (b) steps that large retailers need to take in order to comply with the Groceries Code;
  - (c) any other matter relating to the Groceries Code.

**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Groceries Code Adjudicator Act 2013.  
**Cross Heading:** What advice, guidance and recommendations does the Adjudicator give?. (See end of Document for details)

- (4) Before publishing guidance under this section the Adjudicator must consult any persons he or she thinks appropriate.
- (5) The Adjudicator must publish the first guidance under subsection (1)(a), (b), (c) and (d) within 6 months beginning with the day on which section 1 comes into force.
- (6) Where there is any guidance in force under this section, the Adjudicator must take account of it in carrying out functions.

**Commencement Information**

**I2** S. 12 in force at 25.6.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1236](#), [art. 2](#)

**13 Recommendations to [<sup>F1</sup>Competition and Markets Authority]**

If the Adjudicator considers it appropriate for any changes to be made to the Groceries Code, he or she must recommend them to the [<sup>F1</sup>Competition and Markets Authority].

**Textual Amendments**

**F1** Words in s. 13 and in heading substituted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/892\)](#), [art. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 205](#) (with [art. 3](#))

**Commencement Information**

**I3** S. 13 in force at 25.6.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1236](#), [art. 2](#)

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