
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1948 No. 1

The Statutory Instruments Regulations 1947

The Reference Committee

Constitution and powers of Reference Committee

11.—(1) There shall be a Committee to be known as the Statutory Instruments Reference Committee consisting of such two or more persons as the Lord Chancellor and the Speaker of the House of Commons may nominate.

(2) The quorum of the Committee shall be such as the Lord Chancellor and the Speaker may determine; and subject to that determination the Committee shall regulate their own procedure.

(3) Where, under Regulation 6 or 7 of these Regulations, the responsible authority gives any certificate in respect of a statutory instrument, that authority shall notify the Committee; and the Committee may, if they consider that the requirements of subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Principal Act with respect to the printing and sale of copies ought to be complied with, direct that the instrument shall not be exempt from those requirements or, as the case may be, shall not be exempt therefrom so far as concerns the document specified in the certificate:

Provided that the Committee may direct that the notification required by this paragraph need not be given in respect of any specified class of instrument.

(4) Without prejudice to the provisions of the last foregoing paragraph, it shall be the duty of the Committee to determine any question referred to them—

- (a) as to the numbering, printing or publication of any statutory instrument or class or description of such instruments;
- (b) whether any statutory instrument or any class or description of statutory instruments is in the nature of a Public General Act or of a local and personal or private Act; and
- (c) whether any document whereby is exercised after the commencement of the Principal Act⁽¹⁾ any power conferred by or under any Act of Parliament passed before the commencement of that Act⁽²⁾ does or does not constitute such a statutory rule as is referred to in subsection (2) of Section 1 of that Act.

(1) The Statutory Instruments Act, 1946, commenced January 1st, 1948 (S.I. 1948 No. 3, P. 4001 above).

(2) The Statutory Instruments Act, 1946, commenced January 1st, 1948 (S.I. 1948 No. 3, p. 4001 above).