
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Restrictive Practices Court (Resale Prices) Rules 1976

Applications under section 16(1)

3. An applicant who wishes to obtain leave to apply under section 16(1) of the Act for an order in respect of goods of any class must apply for leave by notice issued out of the central office of the Court, or the office of the Court in Scotland or Northern Ireland.

4. A notice under rule 3 shall be accompanied by a copy of the intended application, which shall state the class of goods to which it relates and the provisions of section 14(2) of the Act on which the applicant intends to rely, and shall be supported by evidence on affidavit of the facts alleged by the applicant to justify the making of an order under section 16(1) of the Act; and copies of the notice, the intended application, and every affidavit shall be served on the Director not less than six weeks before the date fixed by the Court for the hearing of the application for leave, and the Director shall be entitled to be heard thereon.

5. If leave is granted, the applicant shall, not later than 14 days thereafter, cause to be published in the London Gazette, the Edinburgh Gazette and the Belfast Gazette, and in at least one daily newspaper circulating throughout the United Kingdom, a notice of the application, which shall include a statement setting out the effect of rule 6.

6. Any supplier or retailer of goods of a class to which the application relates, and any trade association representing employees in the distributive trades, who wishes to be represented before the Court on the hearing of the application must notify the applicant and the Director in writing within 28 days after the publication of the notice—

- (a) stating the nature of his interest;
- (b) stating whether he supports or opposes the maintenance of minimum resale prices in respect of all or any of the goods to which the application relates;
- (c) giving the name of his solicitor (if any); and
- (d) giving an address in the United Kingdom at which documents may be served on him.