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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2003 No. 1372**

**The Competition Appeal Tribunal Rules 2003**

**PART II**

**APPEALS**

***RESPONSE TO APPEAL PROCEEDINGS***

**Defence**

**14.**—(1) The respondent shall send to the Registrar a defence in the form required by this rule so that the defence is received within six weeks (or such further time as the Tribunal may allow) of the date on which the respondent received a copy of the notice of appeal in accordance with rule 13(b).

(2) The defence shall state—

- (a) the name and address of the respondent;
- (b) the name and address of the respondent's legal representative, if appropriate;
- (c) an address for service in the United Kingdom,

and shall be signed and dated by the respondent, or on his behalf by his duly authorised officer or his legal representative.

(3) The defence shall contain—

- (a) a succinct presentation of the arguments of fact and law upon which the respondent will rely;
- (b) the relief sought by the respondent and any directions sought pursuant to rule 19; and
- (c) a schedule listing all the documents annexed to the defence.

(4) The defence may contain observations on the question in which part of the United Kingdom the proceedings of the Tribunal are to be treated as taking place for all or for any purposes of those proceedings.

(5) There shall be annexed to the defence a copy of every document upon which the respondent relies including the written statements of all witnesses of fact, and where practicable expert witnesses, if any.

(6) The signed original of the defence (and its annexes) must be accompanied by ten copies certified by the respondent or his duly authorised officer or legal representative as conforming to the original.

(7) Rules 9, 10 (except rule 10(1)(b) and (c)) and 11 shall apply to the defence.

(8) On receiving the defence, the Registrar shall send a copy to the appellant.