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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2003 No. 1592**

**COMPETITION**

The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection  
of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003

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THE ENTERPRISE ACT 2002 (PROTECTION  
OF LEGITIMATE INTERESTS) ORDER 2003

1. Citation, commencement and interpretation
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  13. Enforcement action in European intervention notice cases
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  15. Other provisions of the Act applicable to this Order
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SCHEDULE 1 — MODIFICATIONS TO SECTIONS 23 TO 32 OF THE ACT  
Sections 23 to 32 of the Act shall apply as...

SCHEDULE 2 — ENFORCEMENT ACTION IN EUROPEAN INTERVENTION  
NOTICE CASES

1. ***Pre-emptive undertakings and orders***
2. (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where a European intervention notice is...

3. ***Undertakings in lieu of reference under article 5***
4. (1) The Secretary of State shall not make a reference...
5. (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where the Secretary of State considers...
6. (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where— (a) the Secretary of State...
7. ***Statutory restrictions following reference under article 5***
8. (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where— (a) a reference has been...
9. ***Final undertakings and orders***
10. (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where the Secretary of State considers...
11. (1) The Secretary of State may, in accordance with article...

#### SCHEDULE 3 — OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE ACT APPLICABLE TO THE ORDER

1. (1) The following sections of Part 3 of the Act...
2. (1) The following Schedules of the Act shall apply, with...
3. Section 243(1) of the Act (overseas disclosures) shall not apply...

#### SCHEDULE 4 — CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

1. ***Statutory Instruments Act 1946 (c. 36)***
2. ***Registered Designs Act 1949 (c. 88)***
3. ***Patents Act 1977 (c. 37)***
4. ***Telecommunications Act 1984 (c. 12)***
5. ***Airports Act 1986 (c. 31)***
6. ***Gas Act 1986 (c. 44)***
7. ***Copyright, Design and Patents Act 1988 (c. 48)***
8. ***Electricity Act 1989 (c. 44)***
9. ***Broadcasting Act 1990 (c. 42)***
10. ***Water Industry Act 1991 (c. 56)***
11. ***Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (S.I.1992/231 (N.I. 1))***
12. ***Railways Act 1993 (c. 43)***
13. ***Airports (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 (S.I. 1994/426 (N.I. 1))***
14. ***Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2))***
15. ***Competition Act 1998 (c. 41)***
16. ***Postal Services Act 2000 (c. 26)***
17. ***Transport Act 2000 (c. 38)***

Explanatory Note