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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2006 No. 662**

**The Gangmasters (Appeals) Regulations 2006**

**Action by Secretariat in fixing a hearing date**

**16.**—(1) Where an oral hearing is to be held, the Secretariat shall, within twenty working days of the date of receiving the Authority's reply within the period specified by regulation 9(1), fix a date for the hearing.

(2) The Secretariat shall send to the parties a notice—

- (a) stating the time and place of the hearing of the appeal;
- (b) giving guidance regarding the procedure to be followed at the hearing;
- (c) stating the consequences under regulation 19(5) of not attending the hearing; and
- (d) giving guidance regarding the right to submit written representations if that party elects not to attend or be represented at the hearing pursuant to regulation 17(1)(a).

(3) If the Authority fails to send a reply within the period specified in regulation 9(1) and an extension of time is not granted under regulation 13, the Secretariat shall within twenty working days of the end of the period specified in regulation 9(1) fix a date for the hearing.

(4) The date fixed for the hearing shall be not less than fifteen working days after the date on which the notice referred to in paragraph (2) is sent to the parties.