

# Estate Agents Act 1979

# CHAPTER 38

# ESTATE AGENTS ACT 1979

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# Spent convictions

A person is not to be treated for the purposes... 1

# Discrimination

- A person shall be deemed to have committed discrimination for... 2
- After the expiry of the period of five years beginning... 3
- For the purposes of paragraphs 2 and 3 "discrimination" and... 4
- 5 In the application of paragraphs 2 to 4 above to...
- In the application of paragraphs 2 to 4 above to... 6

SCHEDULE 2 — Procedure etc.

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# Introductory

1 In this Schedule— (a) subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, references...

# *Notice of proposal*

2 (1) The OFT shall give to the person affected a...

# Hearing of representations

- 3 Where the OFT receives notice under paragraph 2(3)(b) above it...
- 4 (1) In the course of the hearing of oral representations...
- 5 If the Dirctor adjourns the hearing it shall give the...

# Decision

- 6 (1) The OFT shall take into account in deciding whether...
- 7 If the OFT decides not to proceed with its proposal...
- 8 If the OFT decides to proceed with its proposal it...

# Notification of decision

- 9 (1) Notice of the decision to make the order, and...
- 10 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, the order to which... Part II — APPLICATIONS UNDER SECTIONS 6(1) AND 8(3)
- 11 Any reference in this Part of this Schedule to an...
- 12 An application shall be in writing and be in such...
- 13 The OFT may by notice require the applicant to publish...
- 14 If an application does not comply with paragraph 12 above...

SCHEDULE 3 — Redress Schemes

# Approval of redress schemes

- 1 A redress scheme may be approved for the purposes of...
- 2 (1) A scheme may not be approved unless the OFT...
- 3 (1) In determining whether a scheme, or any provisions mentioned...
- 4 The OFT must not approve a scheme unless it considers...
- 5 The OFT must not approve a scheme if it considers...

# Applications for approval to the OFT

- 6 An application for approval by the OFT of a redress...
- 7 Where the OFT is proposing to refuse an application for...
- 8 If the OFT decides to refuse an application for approval,...

# Notification of changes to an approved scheme

9 The scheme administrator of a redress scheme which is approved...

# Withdrawal of approval by the OFT

- 10 The OFT may withdraw approval of a redress scheme which...
- 11 Before withdrawing approval of a scheme, the OFT must give...
- 12 The OFT must give the scheme administrator a notice stating—...
- 13 If the OFT decides to withdraw approval of a scheme—...

Revocation of designation by the Secretary of State

14 If the Secretary of State decides to revoke his designation...

# Defamation proceedings

15 For the purposes of the law relating to defamation, proceedings...

# Interpretation

16 In this Schedule—" redress scheme " has the meaning...

SCHEDULE 4 — Penalty notices under section 23B(1)

- 1 A penalty charge notice given to a person under section...
- 2 The penalty charge specified in the notice shall be of...
- 3 (1) The period specified under paragraph 1(c) must not be...
- 4 The enforcement authority may, if they consider that the penalty...
- 5 (1) If, within the period specified under paragraph 1(c) (or...
- 6 (1) If after a review the penalty charge notice is...
- 7 If the penalty charge notice is withdrawn or quashed, the...
- 8 (1) The amount of the penalty charge is recoverable from...
- 9 In proceedings for the recovery of the penalty charge, a...
- 10 Section 29 (service of notices etc.) applies in relation...
- 11 The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision supplementary...
- 12 Any power to make regulations under this Schedule shall be...

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