



Enterprise Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 40

PART 1

[^{F1}GENERAL FUNCTIONS OF THE CMA]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Pt. 1 title substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 65](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Pt. 1 function transferred (28.3.2013) by [The Public Bodies \(The Office of Fair Trading Transfer of Consumer Advice Scheme Function and Modification of Enforcement Functions\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/783\)](#), arts. 1(2), 2 (with arts. 2(3), 4)

F2 ...

Textual Amendments

- F2** S. 1 cross-heading omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 229](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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Textual Amendments

- F3** Ss. 1-4 omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 229](#) (with savings in s. 28 and S.I. 2014/892, art. 3(7)); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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F³2 The Director General of Fair Trading

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Textual Amendments

- F3** Ss. 1-4 omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 229](#) (with savings in s. 28 and S.I. 2014/892, art. 3(7)); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F³3 Annual plan

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Textual Amendments

- F3** Ss. 1-4 omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 229](#) (with savings in s. 28 and S.I. 2014/892, art. 3(7)); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F³4 Annual and other reports

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Textual Amendments

- F3** Ss. 1-4 omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 229](#) (with savings in s. 28 and S.I. 2014/892, art. 3(7)); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

General functions of [F⁴the CMA]

Textual Amendments

- F4** Words in s. 5 cross-heading substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 60\(3\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

5 Acquisition of information etc.

- (1) The [F⁵CMA] has the function of obtaining, compiling and keeping under review information about matters relating to the carrying out of its functions.
- (2) That function is to be carried out with a view to (among other things) ensuring that the [F⁶CMA] has sufficient information to take informed decisions and to carry out its other functions effectively.
- (3) In carrying out that function the [F⁶CMA] may carry out, commission or support (financially or otherwise) research.

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Textual Amendments

- F5** Word in s. 5(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 60\(2\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F6** Word in s. 5(2)(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 60\(2\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

6 Provision of information etc. to the public

- (1) The [^{F7}CMA] has the function of—
- making the public aware of the ways in which competition may benefit consumers in, and the economy of, the United Kingdom; and
 - giving information or advice in respect of matters relating to any of its functions to the public.
- (2) In carrying out those functions the [^{F7}CMA] may—
- publish educational materials or carry out other educational activities; or
 - support (financially or otherwise) the carrying out by others of such activities or the provision by others of information or advice.

Textual Amendments

- F7** Word in s. 6(1)(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 61](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C2** [S. 6\(1\)\(b\)](#) excluded (20.9.2021) by [United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 \(c. 27\)](#), [ss. 31\(5\)\(b\), 59\(3\)](#) (with s. 55(2)); S.I. 2021/1062, reg. 2(b)

7 Provision of information and advice to Ministers etc.

- (1) The [^{F8}CMA] has the function of—
- making proposals, or
 - giving other information or advice,
- on matters relating to any of its functions to any Minister of the Crown or other public authority (including proposals, information or advice as to any aspect of the law or a proposed change in the law).
- [^{F9}(1A) The CMA may, in particular, carry out the function under subsection (1)(a) by making a proposal in the form of a recommendation to a Minister of the Crown about the potential effect of a proposal for Westminster legislation on competition within any market or markets in the United Kingdom for goods or services.
- (1B) The CMA must publish such a recommendation in such manner as the CMA considers appropriate for bringing the subject matter of the recommendation to the attention of those likely to be affected by it.]
- (2) A Minister of the Crown may request the [^{F10}CMA] to make proposals or give other information or advice on any matter relating to any of its functions; and the [^{F10}CMA]

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shall, so far as is reasonably practicable and consistent with its other functions, comply with the request.

[^{F11}(3) In this section—

“market in the United Kingdom” includes—

- (a) so far as it operates in the United Kingdom or a part of the United Kingdom, any market which operates there and in another country or territory or in a part of another country or territory; and
- (b) any market which operates only in a part of the United Kingdom;

and the reference to a market for goods or services includes a reference to a market for goods and services; and

“Westminster legislation” means—

- (a) an Act of Parliament, or
- (b) subordinate legislation (within the meaning given by section 21 of the Interpretation Act 1978).]

Textual Amendments

- F8** Word in s. 7(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 62\(2\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F9** S. 7(1A)(1B) inserted (26.5.2015) by [Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 \(c. 26\)](#), [ss. 37\(2\)](#), [164\(3\)\(b\)\(iii\)](#)
- F10** Word in s. 7(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 62\(3\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F11** S. 7(3) inserted (26.5.2015) by [Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 \(c. 26\)](#), [ss. 37\(3\)](#), [164\(3\)\(b\)\(iii\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C3** S. 7 excluded (20.9.2021) by [United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 \(c. 27\)](#), [ss. 31\(5\)\(b\)](#), [59\(3\)](#) (with s. 55(2)); S.I. 2021/1062, reg. 2(b)

^{F12}8 Promoting good consumer practice

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Textual Amendments

- F12** S. 8 omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 63](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

[^{F13}8A Exclusion of public consumer advice scheme

The [^{F14}CMA] may not under this Part support a public consumer advice scheme, where that support of a scheme consists of providing, or securing the provision of, an arrangement for giving advice without charge to individual consumers on matters personal to them.]

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Textual Amendments

- F13** S. 8A inserted (28.3.2013) by [The Public Bodies \(The Office of Fair Trading Transfer of Consumer Advice Scheme Function and Modification of Enforcement Functions\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/783\)](#), arts. 1(2), **3**
- F14** Word in s. 8A substituted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/892\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 2** (with art. 3)

Miscellaneous

9 Repeal of certain powers of direction

Section 12 of the Fair Trading Act 1973 (c. 41) (in this Act referred to as “the 1973 Act”) and section 13 of the Competition Act 1980 (c. 21) (powers of Secretary of State to give directions) shall cease to have effect.

10 Part 2 of the 1973 Act

- (1) The following provisions of the 1973 Act shall cease to have effect—
- (a) section 3 and Schedule 2 (which establish, and make provision with respect to, the Consumer Protection Advisory Committee);
 - (b) sections 13 to 21 (which relate to references made to, and reports of, that Committee); and
 - (c) section 22 (power of Secretary of State to make orders in pursuance of a report of that Committee).

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- (3) If the orders saved by subsection (2)(a) have been revoked, the Secretary of State may by order—
- (a) repeal any unrepealed provision of Part 2 of the 1973 Act and subsection (2) above; and
 - (b) make such other consequential modifications of any Act or subordinate legislation (whenever passed or made) as he thinks fit.
- (4) An order under subsection (3)—
- (a) may make transitional or saving provision in connection with any modification made by the order; and
 - (b) shall be made by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

Textual Amendments

- F15** S. 10(2) repealed (26.5.2008) by [The Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1277\)](#), reg. 1, Sch. 2 para. 69, **Sch. 4 Pt. 1** (with reg. 28(2)(3))

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11 Super-complaints to OFT

- (1) This section applies where a designated consumer body makes a complaint to the [F16CMA] that any feature, or combination of features, of a market in the United Kingdom for goods or services is or appears to be significantly harming the interests of consumers.
- (2) The [F16CMA] must, within 90 days after the day on which it receives the complaint, publish a response stating how it proposes to deal with the complaint, and in particular—
 - (a) whether it has decided to take any action, or to take no action, in response to the complaint, and
 - (b) if it has decided to take action, what action it proposes to take.
- (3) The response must state the [F17CMA's] reasons for its proposals.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by order amend subsection (2) by substituting any period for the period for the time being specified there.
- (5) “Designated consumer body” means a body designated by the Secretary of State by order.
- (6) The Secretary of State—
 - (a) may designate a body only if it appears to him to represent the interests of consumers of any description, and
 - (b) must publish (and may from time to time vary) other criteria to be applied by him in determining whether to make or revoke a designation.
- (7) The [F18CMA] —
 - (a) must issue guidance as to the presentation by the complainant of a reasoned case for the complaint, and
 - (b) may issue such other guidance as appears to it to be appropriate for the purposes of this section.
- (8) An order under this section—
 - (a) shall be made by statutory instrument, and
 - (b) shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (9) In this section—
 - (a) references to a feature of a market in the United Kingdom for goods or services have the same meaning as if contained in Part 4, and
 - (b) “consumer” means an individual who is a consumer within the meaning of that Part.

Textual Amendments

- F16** Word in s. 11(1)(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 64\(2\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F17** Word in s. 11(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 64\(3\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F18** Word in s. 11(7) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 64\(4\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C4** S. 11 (except s. 11(7)(a)) applied in part (20.6.2003) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Super-complaints to Regulators\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1368\)](#), **art. 2**

PART 2

THE COMPETITION APPEAL TRIBUNAL

The Competition Appeal Tribunal

12 The Competition Appeal Tribunal

- (1) There shall be a tribunal, to be called the Competition Appeal Tribunal (in this Part referred to as “the Tribunal”).
- (2) The Tribunal shall consist of—
 - (a) a person appointed by the Lord Chancellor to preside over the Tribunal (in this Part referred to as “the President”);
 - [^{F19}(aa) such judges as are nominated from time to time by the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales from the High Court of England and Wales;
 - (ab) such judges as are nominated from time to time by the Lord President of the Court of Session from the judges of the Court of Session;
 - (ac) such judges as are nominated from time to time by the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland from the High Court in Northern Ireland;]
 - (b) members appointed by the Lord Chancellor to form a panel of chairmen; and
 - (c) members appointed by the Secretary of State to form a panel of ordinary members.
- (3) The Tribunal shall have a Registrar appointed by the Secretary of State.
- (4) The expenses of the Tribunal shall be paid by the Competition Service.
- (5) Schedule 2 (which makes further provision about the Tribunal) has effect.

Textual Amendments

- F19** S. 12(2)(aa)-(ac) inserted (27.5.2015) by [Consumer Rights Act 2015 \(c. 15\)](#), **ss. 82(1)**, 100(5); S.I. 2015/1333, **art. 2(b)**

13 The Competition Service

- (1) There shall be a body corporate called the Competition Service (in this Part referred to as “the Service”).
- (2) The purpose of the Service is to fund, and provide support services to, the Competition Appeal Tribunal.
- (3) In subsection (2) “support services” includes the provision of staff, accommodation and equipment and any other services which facilitate the carrying out by the Tribunal of its functions.

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- (4) The activities of the Service are not carried out on behalf of the Crown (and its property is not to be regarded as held on behalf of the Crown).
- (5) The Secretary of State shall pay to the Service such sums as he considers appropriate to enable it to fund the activities of the Tribunal and to carry out its other activities.
- (6) Schedule 3 (which makes further provision about the Service) has effect.

Commencement Information

- II** S. 13 wholly in force at 1.4.2003; s. 13 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 279; s. 13(6) in force for certain purposes at 18.3.2003 by S.I. 2003/765, art. 2, Sch., s. 13 in force at 1.4.2003 by S.I. 2003/766, art. 2, Sch.

14 Constitution of Tribunal for particular proceedings and its decisions

- (1) For the purposes of any proceedings before it^{F20}, including proceedings relating to the approval of a collective settlement under section 49A or 49B of the 1998 Act,] the Tribunal shall consist of a chairman and two other members.
- [^{F21}(1A) But in the case of proceedings relating to a claim under section 47A of the 1998 Act which is subject to the fast-track procedure (as described in Tribunal rules), the Tribunal may consist of a chairman only.]
- (2) The chairman must be the President^{F22}, a judge within any of paragraphs (aa) to (ac) of section 12(2)] or a member of the panel of chairmen.
- (3) The other members may be chosen from [^{F23}the judges within paragraphs (aa) to (ac) of section 12(2),] the panel of chairmen or the panel of ordinary members.
- (4) If the members of the Tribunal as constituted in accordance with this section are unable to agree on any decision, the decision is to be taken by majority vote.
- (5) This section has effect subject to [^{F24}paragraphs 10A(1)(a) and 18] of Schedule 4 (consequences of a member of the Tribunal being unable to continue after the proceedings have begun to be heard).
- (6) Part 1 of Schedule 4 (which makes further provision about the decisions of the Tribunal and their enforcement) has effect.

Textual Amendments

- F20** Words in s. 14(1) inserted (1.10.2015) by Consumer Rights Act 2015 (c. 15), s. 100(5), Sch. 8 para. 19(2); S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(j)
- F21** S. 14(1A) inserted (1.10.2015) by Consumer Rights Act 2015 (c. 15), s. 100(5), Sch. 8 para. 19(3); S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(j)
- F22** Words in s. 14(2) inserted (27.5.2015) by Consumer Rights Act 2015 (c. 15), ss. 82(2)(a), 100(5); S.I. 2015/1333, art. 2(b)
- F23** Words in s. 14(3) substituted (27.5.2015) by Consumer Rights Act 2015 (c. 15), ss. 82(2)(b), 100(5); S.I. 2015/1333, art. 2(b)
- F24** Words in s. 14(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), ss. 48(6), 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C5** S. 14 applied (1.5.2009 for specified purposes, 1.11.2009 in so far as not already in force) by [The Payment Services Regulations 2009 \(S.I. 2009/209\)](#), [reg. 1\(2\)\(b\)\(c\)](#), [106](#) (with [reg. 3](#))

Commencement Information

- I2** S. 14 wholly in force at 20.6.2003; s. 14 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 279; s. 14(1)-(5) in force and s. 14(6) in force for certain purposes at 1.4.2003 by [S.I. 2003/766](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#), [s. 14\(6\)](#) in force for remaining purposes at 20.6.2003 by [S.I. 2003/1397](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#)

15 Tribunal rules

- (1) The Secretary of State may, after consulting the President and such other persons as he considers appropriate, make rules (in this Part referred to as “Tribunal rules”) with respect to proceedings before the Tribunal^{F25}, including proceedings relating to the approval of a collective settlement under section 49A or 49B of the 1998 Act.]
- (2) Tribunal rules may make provision with respect to matters incidental to or consequential upon appeals provided for by or under any Act to the Court of Appeal or the Court of Session in relation to a decision of the Tribunal.
- (3) Tribunal rules may—
 - (a) specify qualifications for appointment as Registrar;
 - (b) confer functions on the President or the Registrar in relation to proceedings before the Tribunal; and
 - (c) contain incidental, supplemental, consequential or transitional provision.
- (4) The power to make Tribunal rules is exercisable by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (5) Part 2 of Schedule 4 (which makes further provision about the rules) has effect, but without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1).

Textual Amendments

- F25** Words in [s. 15\(1\)](#) inserted (3.8.2015 for specified purposes, 1.10.2015 in so far as not already in force) by [Consumer Rights Act 2015 \(c. 15\)](#), [s. 100\(5\)](#), [Sch. 8 para. 20](#); [S.I. 2015/1584](#), [art. 3\(c\)](#); [S.I. 2015/1630](#), [art. 3\(j\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C6** S. 15 applied (1.5.2009 for specified purposes, 1.11.2009 in so far as not already in force) by [The Payment Services Regulations 2009 \(S.I. 2009/209\)](#), [reg. 1\(2\)\(b\)\(c\)](#), [106](#) (with [reg. 3](#))

16 Transfers of certain proceedings to and from Tribunal

- (1) The Lord Chancellor may by regulations—
 - (a) make provision enabling the court—
 - (i) to transfer to the Tribunal for its determination so much of any proceedings before the court as relates to an infringement issue; and
 - (ii) to give effect to the determination of that issue by the Tribunal; and
 - (b) make such incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional or saving provision as the Lord Chancellor may consider appropriate.

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- (2) The power to make regulations under subsection (1) is exercisable by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (3) Rules of court may prescribe the procedure to be followed in connection with a transfer mentioned in subsection (1).
- (4) The court may transfer to the Tribunal, in accordance with rules of court, so much of any proceedings before it as relates to a claim to which section 47A of the 1998 Act applies.
- (5) Rules of court may make provision in connection with the transfer from the Tribunal to the ^{F26} court of all or any part of] a claim made in proceedings under section 47A of the 1998 Act.
- (6) In this section—
- “the court” means—
- (a) the High Court [^{F27} or the county court]; or
- (b) the Court of Session or a sheriff court; and
- ^{F28} “infringement issue” means any question relating to whether or not an infringement of the Chapter I prohibition or the Chapter II prohibition has been or is being committed;]

but otherwise any terms used in this section and Part 1 of the 1998 Act have the same meaning as they have in that Part.

Textual Amendments

- F26** Words in s. 16(5) substituted (3.8.2015 for specified purposes, 1.10.2015 in so far as not already in force) by [Consumer Rights Act 2015 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 100(5), [Sch. 8 para. 21](#); S.I. 2015/1584, art. 3(c); S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(j)
- F27** Words in s. 16(6) inserted (22.4.2014) by virtue of [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 9 para. 81\(a\)](#); S.I. 2014/954, art. 2(c) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/956, arts. 3-11)
- F28** Words in s. 16(6) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), regs. 1(1), [33](#) (with [Sch. 4 paras. 7, 13](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), [35-59](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

Proceedings under Part 1 of 1998 Act

17 Third party appeals

For section 47 of the 1998 Act (third party appeals) there is substituted—

“47 Third party appeals

- (1) A person who does not fall within section 46(1) or (2) may appeal to the Tribunal with respect to a decision falling within paragraphs (a) to (f) of section 46(3) or such other decision of the OFT under this Part as may be prescribed.

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- (2) A person may make an appeal under subsection (1) only if the Tribunal considers that he has a sufficient interest in the decision with respect to which the appeal is made, or that he represents persons who have such an interest.
- (3) The making of an appeal under this section does not suspend the effect of the decision to which the appeal relates.”

18 Monetary claims

- (1) After section 47 of the 1998 Act there is inserted—

“47A Monetary claims before Tribunal

- (1) This section applies to—
 - (a) any claim for damages, or³
 - (b) any other claim for a sum of money,which a person who has suffered loss or damage as a result of the infringement of a relevant prohibition may make in civil proceedings brought in any part of the United Kingdom.
- (2) In this section “relevant prohibition” means any of the following—
 - (a) the Chapter I prohibition;
 - (b) the Chapter II prohibition;
 - (c) the prohibition in Article 81(1) of the Treaty;
 - (d) the prohibition in Article 82 of the Treaty;
 - (e) the prohibition in Article 65(1) of the Treaty establishing the [^{F29}European Union] ;
 - (f) the prohibition in Article 66(7) of that Treaty.
- (3) For the purpose of identifying claims which may be made in civil proceedings, any limitation rules that would apply in such proceedings are to be disregarded.
- (4) A claim to which this section applies may (subject to the provisions of this Act and Tribunal rules) be made in proceedings brought before the Tribunal.
- (5) But no claim may be made in such proceedings—
 - (a) until a decision mentioned in subsection (6) has established that the relevant prohibition in question has been infringed; and
 - (b) otherwise than with the permission of the Tribunal, during any period specified in subsection (7) or (8) which relates to that decision.
- (6) The decisions which may be relied on for the purposes of proceedings under this section are —
 - (a) a decision of the OFT that the Chapter I prohibition or the Chapter II prohibition has been infringed;
 - (b) a decision of the OFT that the prohibition in Article 81(1) or Article 82 of the Treaty has been infringed;
 - (c) a decision of the Tribunal (on an appeal from a decision of the OFT) that the Chapter I prohibition, the Chapter II prohibition or

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- the prohibition in Article 81(1) or Article 82 of the Treaty has been infringed;
- (d) a decision of the European Commission that the prohibition in Article 81(1) or Article 82 of the Treaty has been infringed; or
- (e) a decision of the European Commission that the prohibition in Article 65(1) of the Treaty establishing the [^{F29}European Union] has been infringed, or a finding made by the European Commission under Article 66(7) of that Treaty.
- (7) The periods during which proceedings in respect of a claim made in reliance on a decision mentioned in subsection (6)(a), (b) or (c) may not be brought without permission are—
- (a) in the case of a decision of the OFT, the period during which an appeal may be made to the Tribunal under section 46, section 47 or the EC Competition Law (Articles 84 and 85) Enforcement Regulations 2001 (S.I. 2001/2916);
- (b) in the case of a decision of the OFT which is the subject of an appeal mentioned in paragraph (a), the period following the decision of the Tribunal on the appeal during which a further appeal may be made under section 49 or under those Regulations;
- (c) in the case of a decision of the Tribunal mentioned in subsection (6) (c), the period during which a further appeal may be made under section 49 or under those Regulations;
- (d) in the case of any decision which is the subject of a further appeal, the period during which an appeal may be made to the House of Lords from a decision on the further appeal;
- and, where any appeal mentioned in paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d) is made, the period specified in that paragraph includes the period before the appeal is determined.
- (8) The periods during which proceedings in respect of a claim made in reliance on a decision or finding of the European Commission may not be brought without permission are—
- (a) the period during which proceedings against the decision or finding may be instituted in the European Court; and
- (b) if any such proceedings are instituted, the period before those proceedings are determined.
- (9) In determining a claim to which this section applies the Tribunal is bound by any decision mentioned in subsection (6) which establishes that the prohibition in question has been infringed.
- (10) The right to make a claim to which this section applies in proceedings before the Tribunal does not affect the right to bring any other proceedings in respect of the claim.”
- (2) Section 47A applies to claims arising before the commencement of this section as it applies to claims arising after that time.

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Textual Amendments

F29 Words in Act substituted (22.4.2011) by [The Treaty of Lisbon \(Changes in Terminology\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1043\)](#), arts. 2, 3, 4 (with art. 3(2)(3), 4(2), 6(4)(5))

19 Claims on behalf of consumers

After section 47A of the 1998 Act (which is inserted by section 18), there is inserted—

“47B Claims brought on behalf of consumers

- (1) A specified body may (subject to the provisions of this Act and Tribunal rules) bring proceedings before the Tribunal which comprise consumer claims made or continued on behalf of at least two individuals.
- (2) In this section “consumer claim” means a claim to which section 47A applies which an individual has in respect of an infringement affecting (directly or indirectly) goods or services to which subsection (7) applies.
- (3) A consumer claim may be included in proceedings under this section if it is—
 - (a) a claim made in the proceedings on behalf of the individual concerned by the specified body; or
 - (b) a claim made by the individual concerned under section 47A which is continued in the proceedings on his behalf by the specified body;and such a claim may only be made or continued in the proceedings with the consent of the individual concerned.
- (4) The consumer claims included in proceedings under this section must all relate to the same infringement.
- (5) The provisions of section 47A(5) to (10) apply to a consumer claim included in proceedings under this section as they apply to a claim made in proceedings under that section.
- (6) Any damages or other sum (not being costs or expenses) awarded in respect of a consumer claim included in proceedings under this section must be awarded to the individual concerned; but the Tribunal may, with the consent of the specified body and the individual, order that the sum awarded must be paid to the specified body (acting on behalf of the individual).
- (7) This subsection applies to goods or services which—
 - (a) the individual received, or sought to receive, otherwise than in the course of a business carried on by him (notwithstanding that he received or sought to receive them with a view to carrying on a business); and
 - (b) were, or would have been, supplied to the individual (in the case of goods whether by way of sale or otherwise) in the course of a business carried on by the person who supplied or would have supplied them.
- (8) A business includes—
 - (a) a professional practice;
 - (b) any other undertaking carried on for gain or reward;

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(c) any undertaking in the course of which goods or services are supplied otherwise than free of charge.

(9) “Specified” means specified in an order made by the Secretary of State, in accordance with criteria to be published by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this section.

(10) An application by a body to be specified in an order under this section is to be made in a form approved by the Secretary of State for the purpose.”

Other amendments of 1998 Act

20 Findings of infringements

(1) After section 58 of the 1998 Act there is inserted—

“Findings of infringements

58A Findings of infringements

(1) This section applies to proceedings before the court in which damages or any other sum of money is claimed in respect of an infringement of—

- (a) the Chapter I prohibition;
- (b) the Chapter II prohibition;
- (c) the prohibition in Article 81(1) of the Treaty;
- (d) the prohibition in Article 82 of the Treaty.

(2) In such proceedings, the court is bound by a decision mentioned in subsection (3) once any period specified in subsection (4) which relates to the decision has elapsed.

(3) The decisions are—

- (a) a decision of the OFT that the Chapter I prohibition or the Chapter II prohibition has been infringed;
- (b) a decision of the OFT that the prohibition in Article 81(1) or Article 82 of the Treaty has been infringed;
- (c) a decision of the Tribunal (on an appeal from a decision of the OFT) that the Chapter I prohibition or the Chapter II prohibition has been infringed, or that the prohibition in Article 81(1) or Article 82 of the Treaty has been infringed.

(4) The periods mentioned in subsection (2) are—

- (a) in the case of a decision of the OFT, the period during which an appeal may be made to the Tribunal under section 46 or 47 or the EC Competition Law (Articles 84 and 85) Enforcement Regulations 2001 (S.I. 2001/2916);
- (b) in the case of a decision of the Tribunal mentioned in subsection (3) (c), the period during which a further appeal may be made under section 49 or under those Regulations;

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- (c) in the case of any decision which is the subject of a further appeal, the period during which an appeal may be made to the House of Lords from a decision on the further appeal;
- and, where any appeal mentioned in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) is made, the period specified in that paragraph includes the period before the appeal is determined.”
- (2) Section 58A does not apply in relation to decisions made before the commencement of this section.
- (3) In section 59(1) of that Act (interpretation), in the definition of “the court”, after “58” there is inserted “, 58A ”.

21 Amendment of 1998 Act relating to the Tribunal

Schedule 5 (which contains amendments of the 1998 Act relating to, and to the proceedings of, the Tribunal) has effect.

PART 3

MERGERS

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C7** Pt. 3 (ss. 22-130) modified (20.6.2003) by 1998 c. 41, Sch. 7 para. 20(3) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 185, 279, {Sch. 11 para. 11(2)-(4)(8)}; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C8** Pt. 3 applied (with modifications) (29.12.2004) by Water Industry Act 1991 (c. 56), Sch. 4ZA paras. 1, 2 (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 70(2), 279, Sch. 6); S.I. 2004/3233, art. 2, Sch. (with transitional provisions and savings in arts. 3-5)
- C9** Pt. 3 (ss. 22-130) applied (1.10.2005) by Water Industry Act 1991 (c. 56), s. 17M(4) (as inserted by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), ss. 56, 105(3), Sch. 4 para. 2); S.I. 2005/2714, art. 2(h) (with Sch. para. 5)
- C10** Pt. 3 applied (1.10.2005) by Water Industry Act 1991 (c. 56), s. 17Q(9) (as inserted by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), ss. 56, 105(3), Sch. 4 para. 2); S.I. 2005/2714, art. 2(h) (with Sch. para. 5)
- C11** Pt. 3 applied in part (N.I.) (1.4.2007) by The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21)), arts. 1(2)(3), 23(4), 27(9); S.R. 2007/194, art. 2(2), Sch. 1 Pt. 2 (with Sch. 2)
- C12** Pt. 3 excluded in part (29.9.2008) by The Bradford & Bingley plc Transfer of Securities and Property etc. Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/2546), arts. 1(2), 40
- C13** Pt. 3 modified (1.7.2012) by Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), ss. 79, 306(4); S.I. 2012/1319, art. 2(3)
- C14** Pt. 3 modified (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), Sch. 4 para. 56; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(c) (with Sch.)
- C15** Pt. 3 modified (31.12.2020) by The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), reg. 1(1), Sch. 4 paras. 28-33; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C16** Pt. 3 excluded (28.6.2022) by 1992 c. 13, s. 56E(9B) (as inserted (E.W.) by Skills and Post-16 Education Act 2022 (c. 21), ss. 23(3)(f), 36(2))
- C17** Pt. 3 excluded (28.6.2022) by 1992 c. 13, s. 56A(9B) (as inserted (E.W.) by Skills and Post-16 Education Act 2022 (c. 21), ss. 23(2)(f), 36(2))
- C18** Pt. 3 modified (1.7.2022) by 2006 c. 41, s. 72A (as inserted by Health and Care Act 2022 (c. 31), ss. 83(1), 186(6); S.I. 2022/734, reg. 2(a), Sch. (with regs. 13, 29, 30))
- C19** Pt. 3 modified (E.W.) (29.12.2004) by The Water Mergers (Modification of Enactments) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/3202), regs. 2-35 (as amended (1.4.2014) by S.I. 2014/549, art. 1(1), Sch. 1 para. 22

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(with art. 3); (18.12.2015) by S.I. 2015/1936, regs. 1, 3-20; (6.12.2023) by S.I. 2023/1185, arts. 1(2), 9-27)

CHAPTER 1

DUTY TO MAKE REFERENCES

Duty to make references: completed mergers

22 Duty to make references in relation to completed mergers

- (1) ^{F30}The CMA shall, subject to subsections (2) and (3), make a reference to its chair for the constitution of a group under Schedule 4 to the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 if the CMA believes that it is or may be the case that—
 - (a) a relevant merger situation has been created; and
 - (b) the creation of that situation has resulted, or may be expected to result, in a substantial lessening of competition within any market or markets in the United Kingdom for goods or services.
- (2) The ^{F31}CMA may decide not to make a reference under this section if it believes that—
 - (a) the market concerned is not, or the markets concerned are not, of sufficient importance to justify the making of a reference ^{F32}...; or
 - (b) any relevant customer benefits in relation to the creation of the relevant merger situation concerned outweigh the substantial lessening of competition concerned and any adverse effects of the substantial lessening of competition concerned.
- (3) No reference shall be made under this section if—
 - ^{F33}(za) the period within which the CMA is required by section 34ZA to decide whether the duty to make the reference applies has expired without such a decision having been made;]
 - (a) the making of the reference is prevented by section ^{F34}. . . 74(1) ^{F35}... or paragraph 4 of Schedule 7;
 - (b) the ^{F36}CMA is considering whether to accept undertakings under section 73 instead of making such a reference;
 - (c) the relevant merger situation concerned is being, or has been, dealt with in connection with a reference made under section 33 [^{F37}or 68B or 68C]; [^{F38}or]
 - (d) a notice under section 42(2) is in force in relation to the matter or the matter to which such a notice relates has been finally determined under Chapter 2 otherwise than in circumstances in which a notice is then given to the ^{F36}CMA] under section 56(1); [^{F39}or]
 - ^{F40}(e)
 - ^{F41}(f)
- ^{F42}(3A)
- (4) A reference under this section shall, in particular, specify—
 - (a) the enactment under which it is made; and
 - (b) the date on which it is made.

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- (5) The references in this section to the creation of a relevant merger situation shall be construed in accordance with section 23, the reference in subsection (2) of this section to relevant customer benefits shall be construed in accordance with section 30 and the reference in subsection (3) of this section to a matter to which a notice under section 42(2) relates being finally determined under Chapter 2 shall be construed in accordance with section 43(4) and (5).
- (6) In this Part “market in the United Kingdom” includes—
- (a) so far as it operates in the United Kingdom or a part of the United Kingdom, any market which operates there and in another country or territory or in a part of another country or territory; and
 - (b) any market which operates only in a part of the United Kingdom;
- and references to a market for goods or services include references to a market for goods and services.
- (7) In this Part “the decision-making authority” means—
- (a) in the case of a reference or possible reference under this section or section 33 [F43, 68B or 68C], [F44the CMA]; and
 - (b) in the case of a notice or possible notice under section 42(2) or 59(2) or a reference or possible reference under section 45 or 62, [F45the CMA] or (as the case may be) the Secretary of State.

Textual Amendments

- F30** Words in s. 22(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 67(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F31** Word in s. 22(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 67(3)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F32** Words in s. 22(2)(a) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 67(3)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F33** S. 22(3)(za) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 8 para. 2(a)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F34** Words in s. 22(3)(a) repealed (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 406(7), 411(2)(3), **Sch. 19(1)** (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18 and with Sch. 19 Note 1); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F35** Words in s. 22(3)(a) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 8 para. 2(b)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F36** Word in s. 22(3)(3A) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 67(4)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F37** Words in s. 22(3)(c) inserted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 5(2)**
- F38** Word in s. 22(3)(c) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **34(2)(a)** (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F39** Word in s. 22(3) ceased to have effect (1.5.2004) by virtue of The EC Merger Control (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/1079), reg. 2, **Sch. para. 2(2)(a)**
- F40** S. 22(3)(e) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **34(2)(b)** (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F41** S. 22(3)(f) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **34(2)(b)** (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

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- F42** S. 22(3A) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), regs. 1(1), **34(3)** (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F43** Words in s. 22(7)(a) inserted (26.10.2023) by [Energy Act 2023 \(c. 52\)](#), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 5(3)**
- F44** Words in s. 22(7)(a) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 67(5)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F45** Words in s. 22(7)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 67(5)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

23 Relevant merger situations

- ^{F46}(1) For the purposes of this Part, a relevant merger situation has been created if—
- (a) two or more enterprises have ceased to be distinct enterprises at a time or in circumstances falling within section 24; and
 - (b) the value of the turnover in the United Kingdom of the enterprise being taken over exceeds £70 million.

- (2) For the purposes of this Part, a relevant merger situation has also been created if—
- (a) two or more enterprises have ceased to be distinct enterprises at a time or in circumstances falling within section 24; and
 - (b) as a result, one or both of the conditions mentioned in subsections (3) and (4) below prevails or prevails to a greater extent.]

^{F47}(2A)

- (3) The condition mentioned in this subsection is that, in relation to the supply of goods of any description, at least one-quarter of all the goods of that description which are supplied in the United Kingdom, or in a substantial part of the United Kingdom—
- (a) are supplied by one and the same person or are supplied to one and the same person; or
 - (b) are supplied by the persons by whom the enterprises concerned are carried on, or are supplied to those persons.
- (4) The condition mentioned in this subsection is that, in relation to the supply of services of any description, the supply of services of that description in the United Kingdom, or in a substantial part of the United Kingdom, is to the extent of at least one-quarter—
- (a) supply by one and the same person, or supply for one and the same person; or
 - (b) supply by the persons by whom the enterprises concerned are carried on, or supply for those persons.

^{F48}(4A)

^{F49}(4B)

- (5) For the purpose of deciding whether the proportion of one-quarter mentioned in subsection [^{F50}(3) or (4)] is fulfilled with respect to goods or (as the case may be) services of any description, the decision-making authority shall apply such criterion (whether value, cost, price, quantity, capacity, number of workers employed or some other criterion, of whatever nature), or such combination of criteria, as the decision-making authority considers appropriate.

- (6) References in subsections [^{F51}(3) and (4)] to the supply of goods or (as the case may be) services shall, in relation to goods or services of any description which are the

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subject of different forms of supply, be construed in whichever of the following ways the decision-making authority considers appropriate—

- (a) as references to any of those forms of supply taken separately;
 - (b) as references to all those forms of supply taken together; or
 - (c) as references to any of those forms of supply taken in groups.
- (7) For the purposes of subsection (6) the decision-making authority may treat goods or services as being the subject of different forms of supply whenever—
- (a) the transactions concerned differ as to their nature, their parties, their terms or their surrounding circumstances; and
 - (b) the difference is one which, in the opinion of the decision-making authority, ought for the purposes of that subsection to be treated as a material difference.
- (8) The criteria for deciding when goods or services can be treated, for the purposes of this section, as goods or services of a separate description shall be such as in any particular case the decision-making authority considers appropriate in the circumstances of that case.
- (9) For the purposes of this Chapter, the question whether a relevant merger situation has been created shall be determined as at—
- (a) in the case of a reference which is treated as having been made under section 22 by virtue of section 37(2), such time as the [F52CMA] may determine; and
 - (b) in any other case, immediately before the time when the reference has been, or is to be, made.

^{F53}(10)

Textual Amendments

- F46** S. 23(1)(2) substituted (4.1.2022) by National Security and Investment Act 2021 (c. 25), s. 66(3), **Sch. 2 para. 2(2)** (with s. 62); S.I. 2021/1465, regs. 2, 3 (with regs. 4, 5)
- F47** S. 23(2A) omitted (4.1.2022) by virtue of National Security and Investment Act 2021 (c. 25), s. 66(3), **Sch. 2 para. 2(3)** (with s. 62); S.I. 2021/1465, regs. 2, 3 (with regs. 4, 5)
- F48** S. 23(4A) omitted (4.1.2022) by virtue of National Security and Investment Act 2021 (c. 25), s. 66(3), **Sch. 2 para. 2(3)** (with s. 62); S.I. 2021/1465, regs. 2, 3 (with regs. 4, 5)
- F49** S. 23(4B) omitted (4.1.2022) by virtue of National Security and Investment Act 2021 (c. 25), s. 66(3), **Sch. 2 para. 2(3)** (with s. 62); S.I. 2021/1465, regs. 2, 3 (with regs. 4, 5)
- F50** Words in s. 23(5) substituted (4.1.2022) by National Security and Investment Act 2021 (c. 25), s. 66(3), **Sch. 2 para. 2(4)** (with s. 62); S.I. 2021/1465, regs. 2, 3 (with regs. 4, 5)
- F51** Words in s. 23(6) substituted (4.1.2022) by National Security and Investment Act 2021 (c. 25), s. 66(3), **Sch. 2 para. 2(5)** (with s. 62); S.I. 2021/1465, regs. 2, 3 (with regs. 4, 5)
- F52** Word in s. 23(9)(a) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 68** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F53** S. 23(10) omitted (4.1.2022) by virtue of National Security and Investment Act 2021 (c. 25), s. 66(3), **Sch. 2 para. 2(6)** (with s. 62); S.I. 2021/1465, regs. 2, 3 (with regs. 4, 5)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C20** Ss. 23-32 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1592), **art. 2, Sch. 1**
- C21** Ss. 23-32 amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I. 2003/1592, Sch. 1 (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), **arts. 1, 16** (with arts. 20-23)

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C22 S. 23(9)(ab) modified by S.I. 2003/1592, art. 5A(c) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/891\)](#), arts. 1, 7 (with arts. 20-23))

^{F54}23A. Relevant enterprises

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Textual Amendments

F54 S. 23A omitted (4.1.2022) by virtue of [National Security and Investment Act 2021 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 66(3), [Sch. 2 para. 3](#) (with s. 62); S.I. 2021/1465, regs. 2, 3 (with regs. 4, 5)

24 Time-limits and prior notice

- (1) For the purposes of section 23 two or more enterprises have ceased to be distinct enterprises at a time or in circumstances falling within this section if—
- (a) the two or more enterprises ceased to be distinct enterprises before the day on which the reference relating to them is to be made and did so not more than four months before that day; or
 - (b) notice of material facts about the arrangements or transactions under or in consequence of which the enterprises have ceased to be distinct enterprises has not been given in accordance with subsection (2).
- (2) Notice of material facts is given in accordance with this subsection if—
- (a) it is given to the [^{F55}CMA] prior to the entering into of the arrangements or transactions concerned or the facts are made public prior to the entering into of those arrangements or transactions; or
 - (b) it is given to the [^{F55}CMA], or the facts are made public, more than four months before the day on which the reference is to be made.
- (3) In this section—
- “made public” means so publicised as to be generally known or readily ascertainable; and
- “notice” includes notice which is not in writing.

Textual Amendments

F55 Word in s. 24(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 69](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C21** Ss. 23-32 amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I. 2003/1592, Sch. 1 (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/891\)](#), arts. 1, 16 (with arts. 20-23)
- C23** Ss. 23-32 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1592\)](#), art. 2, Sch. 1
- C24** S. 24 modified in part (31.12.2020) by [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), reg. 1(1), [Sch. 4 para. 21\(2\)](#); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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25 Extension of time-limits

- (1) The [^{F56}CMA] and the persons carrying on the enterprises which have or may have ceased to be distinct enterprises may agree to extend by no more than 20 days the four month period mentioned in section 24(1)(a) or (2)(b).
- (2) The [^{F56}CMA] may by notice to the persons carrying on the enterprises which have or may have ceased to be distinct enterprises extend the four month period mentioned in section 24(1)(a) or (2)(b) if it considers that any of those persons [^{F57}has failed (with or without a reasonable excuse) to comply with any requirement of a notice under section 109].
- [^{F58}(3) An extension under subsection (2) shall come into force when notice of the extension is given and end—
 - (a) when the person concerned provides the information or documents to the satisfaction of the CMA or (as the case may be) appears as a witness in accordance with the requirements of the CMA; or
 - (b) if earlier, the CMA cancels the extension.]
- (4) The [^{F56}CMA] may by notice to the persons carrying on the enterprises which have or may have ceased to be distinct enterprises extend the four month period mentioned in section 24(1)(a) or (2)(b) if it is seeking undertakings from any of those persons under section 73.
- (5) An extension under subsection (4) shall be for the period beginning with the receipt of the notice under that subsection and ending with the earliest of the following events—
 - (a) the giving of the undertakings concerned;
 - (b) the expiry of the period of 10 days beginning with the first day after the receipt by the [^{F56}CMA] of a notice from the person who has been given a notice under subsection (4) and from whom the undertakings are being sought stating that he does not intend to give the undertakings; or
 - (c) the cancellation by the [^{F56}CMA] of the extension.
- [^{F59}(6)
- [^{F60}(7)
- [^{F61}(8)
- (9) Subject to subsections (10) and (11), where the four month period mentioned in section 24(1)(a) or (2)(b) is extended or further extended by virtue of this section in relation to a particular case, any reference to that period in section 24 or the preceding provisions of this section shall have effect in relation to that case as if it were a reference to a period equivalent to the aggregate of the period being extended and the period of the extension (whether or not those periods overlap in time).
- (10) Subsection (11) applies where—
 - (a) the four month period mentioned in section 24(1)(a) or (2)(b) is further extended;
 - (b) the further extension and at least one previous extension is made under one or more of [^{F62}subsections (2) and (4)]; and
 - (c) the same days or fractions of days are included in or comprise the further extension and are included in or comprise at least one such previous extension.

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- (11) In calculating the period of the further extension, any days or fractions of days of the kind mentioned in subsection (10)(c) shall be disregarded.
- (12) No more than one extension is possible under subsection (1).

Textual Amendments

- F56** Word in s. 25(1)-(6) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 26(3), **Sch. 5 para. 70** (with s. 28)(with Sch.)
- F57** Words in s. 25(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 16(2)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F58** S. 25(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 16(3)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F59** S. 25(6) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **35(a)** (with Sch. 4 paras. 8-8B, 20, 28) (as amended by S.I. 2019/685, regs. 1(2), **22** and S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F60** S. 25(7) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **35(a)** (with Sch. 4 paras. 8-8B, 20, 28) (as amended by S.I. 2019/685, regs. 1(2), **22** and S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F61** S. 25(8) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **35(a)** (with Sch. 4 paras. 8-8B, 20, 28) (as amended by S.I. 2019/685, regs. 1(2), **22** and S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F62** Words in s. 25(10)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **35(b)** (with Sch. 4 paras. 8-8B, 20, 28) (as amended by S.I. 2019/685, regs. 1(2), **22** and S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C21** Ss. 23-32 amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I. 2003/1592, Sch. 1 (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), arts. 1, **16** (with arts. 20-23)
- C25** Ss. 23-32 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1592), **art. 2**, Sch. 1
- C26** S. 25(9) modified (31.12.2020) by The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 4 para. 21(4)(a)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

26 Enterprises ceasing to be distinct enterprises

- (1) For the purposes of this Part any two enterprises cease to be distinct enterprises if they are brought under common ownership or common control (whether or not the business to which either of them formerly belonged continues to be carried on under the same or different ownership or control).
- (2) Enterprises shall, in particular, be treated as being under common control if they are—
- enterprises of interconnected bodies corporate;
 - enterprises carried on by two or more bodies corporate of which one and the same person or group of persons has control; or
 - an enterprise carried on by a body corporate and an enterprise carried on by a person or group of persons having control of that body corporate.
- (3) A person or group of persons able, directly or indirectly, to control or materially to influence the policy of a body corporate, or the policy of any person in carrying on an enterprise but without having a controlling interest in that body corporate or in

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that enterprise, may, for the purposes of subsections (1) and (2), be treated as having control of it.

- (4) For the purposes of subsection (1), in so far as it relates to bringing two or more enterprises under common control, a person or group of persons may be treated as bringing an enterprise under his or their control if—
- (a) being already able to control or materially to influence the policy of the person carrying on the enterprise, that person or group of persons acquires a controlling interest in the enterprise or, in the case of an enterprise carried on by a body corporate, acquires a controlling interest in that body corporate; or
 - (b) being already able materially to influence the policy of the person carrying on the enterprise, that person or group of persons becomes able to control that policy.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C27** Ss. 23-32 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1592\)](#), art. 2, **Sch. 1** (as amended (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/891\)](#), arts. 1, **16** (with arts. 20-23))
- C28** S. 26 applied in part (5.12.2019 at 12.10 p.m.) by [The Public Interest Merger Reference \(Gardner Aerospace Holdings Ltd. and Impcross Ltd.\) \(Pre-emptive Action\) Order 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1490\)](#), arts. 1, **5**
- C29** S. 26(2)-(4) applied (20.12.2019 at 9.20 a.m.) by [The Public Interest Merger Reference \(Mettis Aerospace Ltd.\) \(Pre-emptive Action\) Order 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1515\)](#), arts. 1, **4**
- C30** S. 26(2)-(4) applied (5.9.2021 at 7.30 p.m.) by [The Public Interest Merger Reference \(Perpetuus Advanced Materials plc\) \(Pre-emptive Action\) Order 2021 \(S.I. 2021/993\)](#), arts. 1(1), **3(2)**

27 Time when enterprises cease to be distinct

- (1) Subsection (2) applies in relation to any arrangements or transaction—
- (a) not having immediate effect or having immediate effect only in part; but
 - (b) under or in consequence of which any two enterprises cease to be distinct enterprises.
- (2) The time when the parties to any such arrangements or transaction become bound to such extent as will result, on effect being given to their obligations, in the enterprises ceasing to be distinct enterprises shall be taken to be the time at which the two enterprises cease to be distinct enterprises.
- (3) In accordance with subsections (1) and (2) (but without prejudice to the generality of those subsections) for the purpose of determining the time at which any two enterprises cease to be distinct enterprises no account shall be taken of any option or other conditional right until the option is exercised or the condition is satisfied.
- (4) Subsections (1) to (3) are subject to subsections (5) to (8) and section 29.
- (5) The decision-making authority may, for the purposes of a reference, treat successive events to which this subsection applies as having occurred simultaneously on the date on which the latest of them occurred.
- (6) Subsection (5) applies to successive events—

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- (a) which occur within a period of two years under or in consequence of the same arrangements or transaction, or successive arrangements or transactions between the same parties or interests; and
 - (b) by virtue of each of which, under or in consequence of the arrangements or the transaction or transactions concerned, any enterprises cease as between themselves to be distinct enterprises.
- (7) The decision-making authority may, for the purposes of subsections (5) and (6), treat such arrangements or transactions as the decision-making authority considers appropriate as arrangements or transactions between the same interests.
- (8) In deciding whether it is appropriate to treat arrangements or transactions as arrangements or transactions between the same interests the decision-making authority shall, in particular, have regard to the persons substantially concerned in the arrangements or transactions concerned.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C21** Ss. 23-32 amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I. 2003/1592, Sch. 1 (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/891\)](#), arts. 1, **16** (with arts. 20-23)
- C31** Ss. 23-32 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1592\)](#), **art. 2**, Sch. 1
- C32** S. 27 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Anticipated Mergers\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1595\)](#), **art. 3**

28 Turnover test

- (1) For the purposes of section 23 the value of the turnover in the United Kingdom of the enterprise being taken over shall be determined by taking the total value of the turnover in the United Kingdom of the enterprises which cease to be distinct enterprises and deducting—
- (a) the turnover in the United Kingdom of any enterprise which continues to be carried on under the same ownership and control; or
 - (b) if no enterprise continues to be carried on under the same ownership and control, the turnover in the United Kingdom which, of all the turnovers concerned, is the turnover of the highest value.
- (2) For the purposes of this Part (other than section 121(4)(c)(ii)) the turnover in the United Kingdom of an enterprise shall be determined in accordance with such provisions as may be specified in an order made by the Secretary of State.
- (3) An order under subsection (2) may, in particular, make provision as to—
- (a) the amounts which are, or which are not, to be treated as comprising an enterprise's turnover;
 - (b) the date or dates by reference to which an enterprise's turnover is to be determined;
 - (c) the connection with the United Kingdom by virtue of which an enterprise's turnover is turnover in the United Kingdom.

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- (4) An order under subsection (2) may, in particular, make provision enabling the decision-making authority to determine matters of a description specified in the order (including any of the matters mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (3)).
- (5) The [F63CMA] shall—
 - (a) keep under review the sum for the time being mentioned in section 23(1)(b); and
 - (b) from time to time advise the Secretary of State as to whether the sum is still appropriate.
- (6) The Secretary of State may by order amend section 23(1)(b) so as to alter the sum for the time being mentioned there.

Textual Amendments

F63 Word in s. 28(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 71](#) (with s. 28); [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C21 Ss. 23-32 amendment to earlier affecting provision [S.I. 2003/1592](#), Sch. 1 (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/891\)](#), arts. 1, 16 (with arts. 20-23)

C33 Ss. 23-32 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1592\)](#), art. 2, Sch. 1

29 Obtaining control by stages

- (1) Where an enterprise is brought under the control of a person or group of persons in the course of two or more transactions (in this section a “series of transactions”) to which subsection (2) applies, those transactions may, if the decision-making authority considers it appropriate, be treated for the purposes of a reference as having occurred simultaneously on the date on which the latest of them occurred.
- (2) This subsection applies to—
 - (a) any transaction which—
 - (i) enables that person or group of persons directly or indirectly to control or materially to influence the policy of any person carrying on the enterprise;
 - (ii) enables that person or group of persons to do so to a greater degree; or
 - (iii) is a step (whether direct or indirect) towards enabling that person or group of persons to do so; and
 - (b) any transaction by virtue of which that person or group of persons acquires a controlling interest in the enterprise or, where the enterprise is carried on by a body corporate, in that body corporate.
- (3) Where a series of transactions includes a transaction falling within subsection (2)(b), any transaction occurring after the occurrence of that transaction is to be disregarded for the purposes of subsection (1).
- (4) Where the period within which a series of transactions occurs exceeds two years, the transactions that may be treated as mentioned in subsection (1) are any of those transactions that occur within a period of two years.

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- (5) Sections 26(2) to (4) and 127(1), (2) and (4) to (6) shall apply for the purposes of this section to determine—
- (a) whether an enterprise is brought under the control of a person or group of persons; and
 - (b) whether a transaction is one to which subsection (2) applies;
- as they apply for the purposes of section 26 to determine whether enterprises are brought under common control.
- (6) In determining for the purposes of this section the time at which any transaction occurs, no account shall be taken of any option or other conditional right until the option is exercised or the condition is satisfied.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C21** Ss. 23-32 amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I. 2003/1592, Sch. 1 (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/891\)](#), arts. 1, 16 (with arts. 20-23)
- C34** Ss. 23-32 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1592\)](#), art. 2, Sch. 1
- C35** S. 29 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Anticipated Mergers\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1595\)](#), art. 3

30 Relevant customer benefits

- (1) For the purposes of this Part a benefit is a relevant customer benefit if—
- (a) it is a benefit to relevant customers in the form of—
 - (i) lower prices, higher quality or greater choice of goods or services in any market in the United Kingdom (whether or not the market or markets in which the substantial lessening of competition concerned has, or may have, occurred or (as the case may be) may occur); or
 - (ii) greater innovation in relation to such goods or services; and
 - (b) the decision-making authority believes—
 - (i) in the case of a reference or possible reference under section 22 or 45(2), as mentioned in subsection (2); and
 - (ii) in the case of a reference or possible reference under section 33 or 45(4), as mentioned in subsection (3).
- (2) The belief, in the case of a reference or possible reference under section 22 or section 45(2), is that—
- (a) the benefit has accrued as a result of the creation of the relevant merger situation concerned or may be expected to accrue within a reasonable period as a result of the creation of that situation; and
 - (b) the benefit was, or is, unlikely to accrue without the creation of that situation or a similar lessening of competition.
- (3) The belief, in the case of a reference or possible reference under section 33 or 45(4), is that—
- (a) the benefit may be expected to accrue within a reasonable period as a result of the creation of the relevant merger situation concerned; and

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- (b) the benefit is unlikely to accrue without the creation of that situation or a similar lessening of competition.
- (4) In subsection (1) “relevant customers” means—
- (a) customers of any person carrying on an enterprise which, in the creation of the relevant merger situation concerned, has ceased to be, or (as the case may be) will cease to be, a distinct enterprise;
 - (b) customers of such customers; and
 - (c) any other customers in a chain of customers beginning with the customers mentioned in paragraph (a);
- and in this subsection “customers” includes future customers.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C21** Ss. 23-32 amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I. 2003/1592, Sch. 1 (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/891\)](#), arts. 1, **16** (with arts. 20-23)
- C36** Ss. 23-32 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1592\)](#), **art. 2**, Sch. 1

^{F64}**31 Information powers in relation to completed mergers**

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Textual Amendments

- F64** S. 31 omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 17**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)

32 Supplementary provision for purposes of [^{F65}section 25]

- ^{F66}(1)
- ^{F66}(2)
- ^{F66}(3)

- (4) In determining for the purposes of section 25(1) or (5)(b) ^{F67}... any period which is expressed in the enactment concerned as a period of days or number of days no account shall be taken of—
- (a) Saturday, Sunday, Good Friday and Christmas Day; and
 - (b) any day which is a bank holiday in England and Wales.

Textual Amendments

- F65** Words in s. 32 heading substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 18(4)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F66** S. 32(1)-(3) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. **18(2)**
- F67** Words in s. 32(4) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 18(3)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)

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- C37** Ss. 23-32 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1592\)](#), **art. 2**, Sch. 1

Duty to make references: anticipated mergers

33 Duty to make references in relation to anticipated mergers

- (1) [^{F68}The CMA shall, subject to subsections (2) and (3), make a reference to its chair for the constitution of a group under Schedule 4 to the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 if the CMA believes that it is or may be the case that—
 - (a) arrangements are in progress or in contemplation which, if carried into effect, will result in the creation of a relevant merger situation; and
 - (b) the creation of that situation may be expected to result in a substantial lessening of competition within any market or markets in the United Kingdom for goods or services.

- (2) The [^{F69}CMA] may decide not to make a reference under this section if it believes that—
 - (a) the market concerned is not, or the markets concerned are not, of sufficient importance to justify the making of a reference ^{F70}...;
 - (b) the arrangements concerned are not sufficiently far advanced, or are not sufficiently likely to proceed, to justify the making of a reference ^{F71}...; or
 - (c) any relevant customer benefits in relation to the creation of the relevant merger situation concerned outweigh the substantial lessening of competition concerned and any adverse effects of the substantial lessening of competition concerned.

- (3) No reference shall be made under this section if—
 - [^{F72}(za) the period within which the CMA is required by section 34ZA to decide whether the duty to make the reference applies has expired without such a decision having been made;]
 - (a) the making of the reference is prevented by section ^{F73} . . . 74(1) ^{F74} ... or paragraph 4 of Schedule 7;
 - (b) the [^{F75}CMA] is considering whether to accept undertakings under section 73 instead of making such a reference;
 - (c) the arrangements concerned are being, or have been, dealt with in connection with a reference made under section 22 [^{F76}or 68B or 68C]; [^{F77}or]
 - (d) a notice under section 42(2) is in force in relation to the matter or the matter to which such a notice relates has been finally determined under Chapter 2 otherwise than in circumstances in which a notice is then given to the [^{F75}CMA] under section 56(1); [^{F78}or]
 - ^{F79}(e)
 - ^{F80}(f)

- ^{F81}(3A)

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- (4) A reference under this section shall, in particular, specify—
- (a) the enactment under which it is made; and
 - (b) the date on which it is made.

Textual Amendments

- F68** Words in s. 33(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 72\(2\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F69** Word in s. 33(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 72\(3\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F70** Words in s. 33(2)(a) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 72\(3\)\(b\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F71** Words in s. 33(2)(b) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 72\(3\)\(c\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F72** S. 33(3)(za) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 8 para. 3\(a\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F73** Words in s. 33(3)(a) repealed (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\), ss. 406\(7\), 411\(2\)\(3\), Sch. 19\(1\)](#) (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18 and with Sch. 19 Note 1); S.I. 2003/3142, [art. 3\(1\), Sch. 1](#) (subject to [arts. 3\(3\), 11](#))
- F74** Words in s. 33(3)(a) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 8 para. 3\(b\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F75** Word in s. 33(3)(3A) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 72\(4\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F76** Words in s. 33(3)(c) inserted (26.10.2023) by [Energy Act 2023 \(c. 52\), s. 334\(2\)\(j\), Sch. 16 para. 6](#)
- F77** Word in s. 33(3)(c) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\), regs. 1\(1\), 36\(2\)\(a\)](#) (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, [regs. 1\(1\), 35-59](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- F78** Word in s. 33(3) ceased to have effect (1.5.2004) by virtue of [The EC Merger Control \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1079\), reg. 2, Sch. para. 2\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- F79** S. 33(3)(e) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\), regs. 1\(1\), 36\(2\)\(b\)](#) (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, [regs. 1\(1\), 35-59](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- F80** S. 33(3)(f) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\), regs. 1\(1\), 36\(2\)\(b\)](#) (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, [regs. 1\(1\), 35-59](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- F81** S. 33(3A) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\), regs. 1\(1\), 36\(3\)](#) (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, [regs. 1\(1\), 35-59](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

34 Supplementary provision in relation to anticipated mergers

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order make such provision as he considers appropriate about the operation of sections 27 and 29 in relation to—
- (a) references under this Part which relate to arrangements which are in progress or in contemplation; or
 - (b) notices under section 42(2) [^{F82}or 59(2)] which relate to such arrangements.
- (2) An order under subsection (1) may, in particular—
- (a) provide for sections 27(5) to (8) and 29 to apply with modifications in relation to such references or notices or in relation to particular descriptions of such references or notices;

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- (b) enable particular descriptions of events, arrangements or transactions which have already occurred—
 - (i) to be taken into account for the purposes of deciding whether to make such references or such references of a particular description or whether to give such notices or such notices of a particular description;
 - (ii) to be dealt with under such references or such references of a particular description or under such notices or such notices of a particular description.

Textual Amendments

F82 Words in s. 34(1)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), regs. 1(1), [37](#) (with [Sch. 4 para. 28](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1343](#), regs. 1(1), [35-59](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#))

[^{F83} 34ZA] Time-limits for decisions about references

- (1) In carrying out its function of deciding whether to make a reference under section 22 or 33, the CMA shall, within the initial period—
 - (a) decide whether the duty to make a reference under the section applies (taking account of the power under section 22(2) or (as the case may be) 33(2) and the operation of section 22(3) or (as the case may be) 33(3)); and
 - (b) inform the persons carrying on the enterprises concerned by notice of the decision and of the reasons for it.
- (2) Nothing in this section prevents the CMA from making a reference under section 22 or 33 in the event that—
 - (a) it decides that the duty to make a reference does not apply because it is considering whether to accept undertakings under section 73; but
 - (b) no such undertakings are offered or accepted.
- (3) In this section—
 - “the initial period” means (subject to any extension under section 34ZB) the period of 40 working days beginning with—
 - (a) where the CMA is carrying out its function in consequence of the giving of a merger notice under section 96, the first working day after the day on which the CMA gives notice under section 96(2A) to the person who gave the merger notice, and
 - (b) in any other case, the first working day after the day on which the CMA informs the persons carrying on the enterprises concerned by notice that it has sufficient information to enable it to begin an investigation for the purposes of deciding whether to make a reference;
 - “working day” means any day which is not—
 - (a) a Saturday, a Sunday, Good Friday or Christmas Day, or
 - (b) a day which is a bank holiday in England and Wales.
- (4) For the purposes of paragraph (a) in the definition of “initial period” in subsection (3), the CMA is carrying out its function in consequence of the giving of a merger notice under section 96 if it is considering whether to make a reference under section 22 or 33 in relation to—

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- (a) arrangements of which notice is given in the merger notice or arrangements which do not differ from them in any material respect, or
- (b) the creation of any relevant merger situation which is, or may be, created in consequence of carrying such arrangements into effect.

^{F84}(5)

Textual Amendments

- F83** Ss. 34ZA-34ZC and cross-heading inserted (25.4.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(1)(i)(3), **Sch. 8 para. 4**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F84** S. 34ZA(5) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), regs. 1(1), **38** (with Sch. 4 paras. 24, 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C38** S. 34ZA(1) modified (31.12.2020) by [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 4 para. 23(2)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

34ZB Extension of time-limits

- (1) The CMA may extend the initial period mentioned in section 34ZA(1) if it considers that a relevant person has failed (with or without a reasonable excuse) to comply with any requirement of a notice under section 109 in relation to the case in question.
- (2) In subsection (1), “relevant person” means—
 - (a) any person carrying on any of the enterprises concerned;
 - (b) any person who (whether alone or as a member of a group) owns or has control of any such person; or
 - (c) any officer, employee or agent of any person mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b).
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2), a person or group of persons able, directly or indirectly, to control or materially to influence the policy of a body of persons corporate or unincorporate, but without having a controlling interest in that body of persons, may be treated as having control of it.
- (4) Where an intervention notice is in force in relation to the matter concerned, the CMA may extend the initial period by no more than 20 working days.

^{F85}(5)

- (6) An extension under subsection (1) or (4) comes into force when published under section 107.
- (7) An extension under subsection (1) continues in force until—
 - (a) the person concerned provides the information or documents to the satisfaction of the CMA or (as the case may be) appears as a witness in accordance with the requirements of the CMA; or
 - (b) the CMA publishes its decision to cancel the extension.

^{F86}(8)

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(9) In this section, “working day” has the same meaning as in section 34ZA.

Textual Amendments

- F83** Ss. 34ZA-34ZC and cross-heading inserted (25.4.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(1)(i)(3), [Sch. 8 para. 4](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F85** S. 34ZB(5) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), regs. 1(1), [39](#) (with Sch. 4 paras. 22, 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), [35-59](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- F86** S. 34ZB(8) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), regs. 1(1), [39](#) (with Sch. 4 paras. 22, 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), [35-59](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

34ZC Sections 34ZA and 34ZB: supplementary

- (1) An extension of the period mentioned in section 34ZA(1) may be made under each of ^{F87}subsections (1) or (4)] of section 34ZB.
- (2) No more than one extension is possible under section 34ZB(4).
- (3) Where a period is extended or further extended under ^{F88}section 34ZB(1) or (4)], the period as extended or (as the case may be) further extended shall, subject to subsections (4) and (5), be calculated by taking the period being extended and adding to it the period of the extension (whether or not those periods overlap in time).
- (4) Subsection (5) applies where—
 - (a) the period mentioned in section 34ZA(1) is further extended;
 - (b) the further extension and at least one previous extension is made under ^{F89}subsection (1)] of section 34ZB; and
 - (c) the same days or fractions of days are included in or comprise the further extension and are included in or comprise at least one such previous extension.
- (5) In calculating the period of the further extension, any days or fractions of days of the kind mentioned in subsection (4)(c) are to be disregarded.
- (6) The Secretary of State may by order do either or both of the following—
 - (a) amend section 34ZA so as to alter the period of 40 working days mentioned in subsection (3) of that section or any period for the time being mentioned in that subsection in substitution for that period;
 - (b) amend section 34ZB so as to alter the period of 20 working days mentioned in subsection (4) of that section or any period for the time being mentioned in that subsection in substitution for that period.
- (7) But no alteration may be made by virtue of subsection (6) which results in—
 - (a) the period for the time being mentioned in section 34ZA(3) exceeding 40 working days; or
 - (b) the period for the time being mentioned in section 34ZB(4) exceeding 20 working days.
- (8) Before making an order under subsection (6), the Secretary of State shall consult the CMA and such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

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(9) In this section, “working day” has the same meaning as in section 34ZA.]

Textual Amendments

- F83** Ss. 34ZA-34ZC and cross-heading inserted (25.4.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(1)(i)(3), **Sch. 8 para. 4**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F87** Words in s. 34ZC(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), regs. 1(1), **40(2)** (with Sch. 4 paras. 22, 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F88** Words in s. 34ZC(3) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), regs. 1(1), **40(3)** (with Sch. 4 paras. 22, 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F89** Words in s. 34ZC(4)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), regs. 1(1), **40(4)** (with Sch. 4 paras. 22, 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

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Textual Amendments

- F90** S. 34A and cross-heading omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), regs. 1(1), **41** (with Sch. 4 paras. 24, 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

^{F90}**34A Duty of [^{F91}CMA] where case referred by the European Commission**

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Textual Amendments

- F91** Word in s. 34A heading substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 73(5)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

^{F92}**34B Power to request information in referred cases**

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Textual Amendments

- F92** S. 34B omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 20**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)

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Determination of references

[^{F93}34C Functions to be exercised by CMA groups

- (1) Where a reference is made to the chair of the CMA under section 22 or 33 for the constitution of a group under Schedule 4 to the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013, the functions of the CMA under or by virtue of the following provisions of this Part in relation to the matter concerned are to be carried out on behalf of the CMA by the group so constituted—
 - (a) sections 35 to 41B, except for sections 35(6) and (7), 36(5) and (6) and 37(6);
 - (b) where a reference is treated by virtue of section 37(2) as having been made under section 22, section 23(9)(a);
 - (c) section 76, as it applies in relation to orders under section 83, and sections 77, 78 and 80 to 84;
 - (d) section 87, so far as relating to an enforcement order made on behalf of the CMA by the group;
 - (e) sections 92(4), 94 and 94A, so far as relating to an enforcement undertaking or enforcement order made on behalf of the CMA by the group;
 - (f) section 104, so far as relating to a decision mentioned in paragraph (a)(iii) of the definition of relevant decision in subsection (6) of that section;
 - (g) section 107, so far as relating to anything done on behalf of the CMA by the group;
 - (h) section 109, where the permitted purpose in question relates to a function that (by virtue of this section) is being or is to be carried out on behalf of the CMA by the group;
 - (i) sections 110 to 115, so far as relating to a notice given under section 109 on behalf of the CMA by the group;
 - (j) section 120(5)(b), so far as relating to a decision of the group;
 - (k) Schedule 10, so far as relating to an enforcement undertaking or enforcement order which the group is considering accepting or making, or which the group has accepted or made, on behalf of the CMA.
- (2) The functions of the CMA under section 95(4) in relation to the matter concerned may be carried out on behalf of the CMA by the group.
- (3) Nothing in subsection (1) prevents the CMA Board from exercising a function of the CMA under or by virtue of the following provisions of this Part where the group constituted as mentioned in subsection (1) has ceased to exist—
 - (a) section 76 and Schedule 10, so far as relating to the making of an order under section 76 in relation to an order under section 83;
 - (b) section 83 and Schedule 10, so far as relating to the making of an order under section 83;
 - (c) sections 76 (as it applies in relation to an order under section 83), 80 to 84 and Schedule 10, so far as relating to the variation, supersession or release of enforcement undertakings or the variation or revocation of enforcement orders;
 - (d) section 87;
 - (e) sections 92(4) and 94.]

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Textual Amendments

F93 S. 34C inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 74](#) (with [s. 28](#)); [S.I. 2014/416, art. 2\(1\)\(d\)](#) (with [Sch.](#))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C39 S. 34C modified (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 4 para. 47\(2\)](#); [S.I. 2014/416, art. 2\(1\)\(c\)](#) (with [Sch.](#))

35 Questions to be decided in relation to completed mergers

- (1) Subject to subsections (6) and (7) and section 127(3), the [^{F94}CMA] shall, on a reference under section 22, decide the following questions—
 - (a) whether a relevant merger situation has been created; and
 - (b) if so, whether the creation of that situation has resulted, or may be expected to result, in a substantial lessening of competition within any market or markets in the United Kingdom for goods or services.
- (2) For the purposes of this Part there is an anti-competitive outcome if—
 - (a) a relevant merger situation has been created and the creation of that situation has resulted, or may be expected to result, in a substantial lessening of competition within any market or markets in the United Kingdom for goods or services; or
 - (b) arrangements are in progress or in contemplation which, if carried into effect, will result in the creation of a relevant merger situation and the creation of that situation may be expected to result in a substantial lessening of competition within any market or markets in the United Kingdom for goods or services.
- (3) The [^{F95}CMA] shall, if it has decided on a reference under section 22 that there is an anti-competitive outcome (within the meaning given by subsection (2)(a)), decide the following additional questions—
 - (a) whether action should be taken by it under section 41(2) for the purpose of remedying, mitigating or preventing the substantial lessening of competition concerned or any adverse effect which has resulted from, or may be expected to result from, the substantial lessening of competition;
 - (b) whether it should recommend the taking of action by others for the purpose of remedying, mitigating or preventing the substantial lessening of competition concerned or any adverse effect which has resulted from, or may be expected to result from, the substantial lessening of competition; and
 - (c) in either case, if action should be taken, what action should be taken and what is to be remedied, mitigated or prevented.
- (4) In deciding the questions mentioned in subsection (3) the [^{F95}CMA] shall, in particular, have regard to the need to achieve as comprehensive a solution as is reasonable and practicable to the substantial lessening of competition and any adverse effects resulting from it.
- (5) In deciding the questions mentioned in subsection (3) the [^{F95}CMA] may, in particular, have regard to the effect of any action on any relevant customer benefits in relation to the creation of the relevant merger situation concerned.

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- (6) In relation to the question whether a relevant merger situation has been created, a reference under section 22 may be framed so as to require the [F95CMA] to exclude from consideration—
- (a) subsection (1) of section 23;
 - (b) subsection (2) of that section; or
 - (c) one of those subsections if the [F95CMA] finds that the other is satisfied.
- (7) In relation to the question whether [F96any such result as is mentioned in section 23(2)(b) has arisen,] a reference under section 22 may be framed so as to require the [F95CMA] to confine its investigation to the supply of goods or services in a part of the United Kingdom specified in the reference.

Textual Amendments

- F94** Word in s. 35(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 75** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F95** Word in s. 35(3)-(7) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 26(3), **Sch. 5 para. 75** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F96** Words in s. 35(7) substituted (4.1.2022) by National Security and Investment Act 2021 (c. 25), s. 66(3), **Sch. 2 para. 4** (with s. 62); S.I. 2021/1465, regs. 2, 3 (with regs. 4, 5)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C40** Ss. 35, 36, 47, 63, 134 and 141 extended (20.6.2003) by 1977 c. 37, s. 50A(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 8(2)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)

36 Questions to be decided in relation to anticipated mergers

- (1) Subject to subsections (5) and (6) and section 127(3), the [F97CMA] shall, on a reference under section 33, decide the following questions—
- (a) whether arrangements are in progress or in contemplation which, if carried into effect, will result in the creation of a relevant merger situation; and
 - (b) if so, whether the creation of that situation may be expected to result in a substantial lessening of competition within any market or markets in the United Kingdom for goods or services.
- (2) The [F97CMA] shall, if it has decided on a reference under section 33 that there is an anti-competitive outcome (within the meaning given by section 35(2)(b)), decide the following additional questions—
- (a) whether action should be taken by it under section 41(2) for the purpose of remedying, mitigating or preventing the substantial lessening of competition concerned or any adverse effect which may be expected to result from the substantial lessening of competition;
 - (b) whether it should recommend the taking of action by others for the purpose of remedying, mitigating or preventing the substantial lessening of competition concerned or any adverse effect which may be expected to result from the substantial lessening of competition; and
 - (c) in either case, if action should be taken, what action should be taken and what is to be remedied, mitigated or prevented.

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- (3) In deciding the questions mentioned in subsection (2) the [^{F97}CMA] shall, in particular, have regard to the need to achieve as comprehensive a solution as is reasonable and practicable to the substantial lessening of competition and any adverse effects resulting from it.
- (4) In deciding the questions mentioned in subsection (2) the [^{F97}CMA] may, in particular, have regard to the effect of any action on any relevant customer benefits in relation to the creation of the relevant merger situation concerned.
- (5) In relation to the question whether a relevant merger situation will be created, a reference under section 33 may be framed so as to require the [^{F97}CMA] to exclude from consideration—
 - (a) subsection (1) of section 23;
 - (b) subsection (2) of that section; or
 - (c) one of those subsections if the [^{F97}CMA] finds that the other is satisfied.
- (6) In relation to the question whether [^{F98}any such result as is mentioned in section 23(2) (b) will arise,] a reference under section 33 may be framed so as to require the [^{F97}CMA] to confine its investigation to the supply of goods or services in a part of the United Kingdom specified in the reference.

Textual Amendments

- F97** Word in s. 36(1)-(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 26(3), Sch. 5 para. 26 (with s. 28), [S.I. 2014/416](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(d\)](#) (with Sch.)
- F98** Words in s. 36(6) substituted (4.1.2022) by [National Security and Investment Act 2021 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 66(3), [Sch. 2 para. 5](#) (with s. 62); [S.I. 2021/1465](#), regs. 2, 3 (with regs. 4, 5)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C41** Ss. 35, 36, 47, 63, 134 and 141 extended (20.6.2003) by [1977 c. 37](#), s. 50A(6) (as inserted by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), ss. 278, 279, [Sch. 25 para. 8\(2\)](#)); [S.I. 2003/1397](#) {art. 2(1)}, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C42** S. 36(2)(a)(b) modified (20.6.2003) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Anticipated Mergers\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1595\)](#), [art. 4](#)

37 Cancellation and variation of references under section 22 or 33

- (1) The [^{F99}CMA] shall cancel a reference under section 33 if it considers that the proposal to make arrangements of the kind mentioned in the reference has been abandoned.
- (2) The [^{F99}CMA] may, if it considers that doing so is justified by the facts (including events occurring on or after the making of the reference concerned), treat a reference made under section 22 or 33 as if it had been made under section 33 or (as the case may be) 22; and, in such cases, references in this Part to references under those sections shall, so far as may be necessary, be construed accordingly.
- (3) Where, by virtue of subsection (2), the [^{F99}CMA] treats a reference made under section 22 or 33 as if it had been made under section 33 or (as the case may be) 22, sections 77 to 81 shall, in particular, apply as if the reference had been made under section 33 or (as the case may be) 22 instead of under section 22 or 33.
- (4) Subsection (5) applies in relation to any undertaking accepted under section 80, or any order made under section 81, which is in force immediately before the [^{F99}CMA], by

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virtue of subsection (2), treats a reference made under section 22 or 33 as if it had been made under section 33 or (as the case may be) 22.

- (5) The undertaking or order shall, so far as applicable, continue in force as if—
 - (a) in the case of an undertaking or order which relates to a reference made under section 22, accepted or made in relation to a reference made under section 33; and
 - (b) in the case of an undertaking or order which relates to a reference made under section 33, accepted or made in relation to a reference made under section 22; and the undertaking or order concerned may be varied, superseded, released or revoked accordingly.
- (6) The [F100CMA] may at any time vary a reference under section 22 or 33.
- F101(7)
- F101(8)
- (9) No variation by the [F102CMA] under this section shall be capable of altering the period permitted by section 39 within which the report of the [F103CMA] under section 38 is to be prepared and published.

Textual Amendments

F99 Word in s. 37(1)-(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 26\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 77\(2\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d)

F100 Word in s. 37(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 77\(3\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F101 S. 37(7)(8) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 77\(4\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F102 Word in s. 37(9) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 77\(5\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F103 Word in s. 37(9) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 77\(5\)\(b\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

38 Investigations and reports on references under section 22 or 33

- (1) The [F104CMA] shall prepare and publish a report on a reference under section 22 or 33 within the period permitted by section 39.
- (2) The report shall, in particular, contain—
 - (a) the decisions of the [F104CMA] on the questions which it is required to answer by virtue of section 35 or (as the case may be) 36;
 - (b) its reasons for its decisions; and
 - (c) such information as the [F104CMA] considers appropriate for facilitating a proper understanding of those questions and of its reasons for its decisions.
- (3) The [F104CMA] shall carry out such investigations as it considers appropriate for the purposes of preparing a report under this section.
- F105(4)

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Textual Amendments

- F104** Word in s. 38(1)-(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 26\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 78\(2\)](#) (with s. 28), S.I. 2014/416, [art. 2\(1\)\(d\)](#)
- F105** S. 38(4) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 78\(3\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, [art. 2\(1\)\(d\)](#) (with Sch.)

39 Time-limits for investigations and reports

- (1) The ^{F106}CMA shall prepare and publish its report under section 38 within the period of 24 weeks beginning with the date of the reference concerned.
 - (2) ^{F107}Where article 9(6) of the European Merger Regulations applies in relation to the reference under section 22 or 33, the Commission shall prepare and publish its report under section 38—
 - (a) within the period of 24 weeks beginning with the date of the reference; or
 - (b) if it is a shorter period, within such period as is necessary to ensure compliance with that article.]
 - (3) The ^{F106}CMA may extend, by no more than 8 weeks, the period within which a report under section 38 is to be prepared and published if it considers that there are special reasons why the report cannot be prepared and published within that period.
 - (4) The ^{F108}CMA may extend the period within which a report under section 38 is to be prepared and published if it considers that a relevant person has failed (whether with or without a reasonable excuse) to comply with any requirement of a notice under section 109.
 - (5) In ^{F109}this section] “relevant person” means—
 - (a) any person carrying on any of the enterprises concerned;
 - (b) any person who (whether alone or as a member of a group) owns or has control of any such person; or
 - (c) any officer, employee or agent of any person mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b).
 - (6) For the purposes of subsection (5) a person or group of persons able, directly or indirectly, to control or materially to influence the policy of a body of persons corporate or unincorporate, but without having a controlling interest in that body of persons, may be treated as having control of it.
 - (7) An extension under subsection (3) or (4) shall come into force when published under section 107.
 - (8) An extension under subsection (4) shall continue in force until—
 - (a) the person concerned provides the information or documents to the satisfaction of the ^{F108}CMA] or (as the case may be) appears as a witness in accordance with the requirements of the ^{F108}CMA]; or
 - (b) the ^{F108}CMA] publishes its decision to cancel the extension.
- ^{F110}(8A) In the case of a report on a reference under section 33, the CMA may provide that a specified period of no more than 3 weeks is to be disregarded for the purposes of any time-limit for the preparation and publication of the report which applies by virtue of this section if—

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- (a) a relevant person has so requested before the end of the period of 3 weeks beginning with the date of the reference concerned; and
 - (b) the CMA reasonably believes that the arrangements in question might be abandoned.
- (8B) If the CMA exercises the power under subsection (8A), the CMA shall publish a notice to that effect.]
- (9) References in this Part to the date of a reference shall be construed as references to the date specified in the reference as the date on which it is made.
- (10) This section is subject to section 40.

Textual Amendments

- F106** Word in s. 39(1)(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 79** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F107** S. 39(2) ceased to have effect (1.5.2004) by virtue of The EC Merger Control (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/1079), reg. 2, **Sch. para. 2(10)**
- F108** Word in s. 39(4)(8) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 79** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F109** Words in s. 39(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 8 para. 5(2)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F110** S. 39(8A)(8B) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 8 para. 5(3)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

40 Section 39: supplementary

- (1) ^{F111}No extension is possible under subsection (3) or (4) of section 39 where the period within which the report is to be prepared and published is determined by virtue of subsection (2)(b) of that section.]
- (2) ^{F111}Where the period within which the report is to be prepared and published is determined by virtue of subsection (2)(a) of section 39, no extension is possible under subsection (3) or (4) of that section which extends that period beyond such period as is necessary to ensure compliance with article 9(6) of the European Merger Regulations.]
- (3) A period extended under subsection (3) of section 39 may also be extended under subsection (4) of that section and a period extended under subsection (4) of that section may also be extended under subsection (3) of that section.
- (4) No more than one extension is possible under section 39(3).
- (5) Where a period within which a report under section 38 is to be prepared and published is extended or further extended under section 39(3) or (4), the period as extended or (as the case may be) further extended shall, subject to subsections (6) and (7), be calculated by taking the period being extended and adding to it the period of the extension (whether or not those periods overlap in time).
- (6) Subsection (7) applies where—
 - (a) the period within which the report under section 38 is to be prepared and published is further extended;
 - (b) the further extension and at least one previous extension is made under section 39(4); and

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- (c) the same days or fractions of days are included in or comprise the further extension and are included in or comprise at least one such previous extension.
- (7) In calculating the period of the further extension, any days or fractions of days of the kind mentioned in subsection (6)(c) shall be disregarded.
- (8) The Secretary of State may by order amend section 39 so as to alter any one or more of the following periods—
- (a) the period of 24 weeks mentioned in subsection (1) of that section or any period for the time being mentioned in that subsection in substitution for that period;
 - (b) [F111]the period of 24 weeks mentioned in subsection (2)(a) of that section or any period for the time being mentioned in that subsection in substitution for that period;]
 - (c) the period of 8 weeks mentioned in subsection (3) of that section or any period for the time being mentioned in that subsection in substitution for that period.
- (9) No alteration shall be made by virtue of subsection (8) which results in the period for the time being mentioned in subsection (1) [F112]or (2)(a)] of section 39 exceeding 24 weeks or the period for the time being mentioned in subsection (3) of that section exceeding 8 weeks.
- (10) An order under subsection (8) shall not affect any period of time within which the [F113]CMA] is under a duty to prepare and publish its report under section 38 in relation to a reference under section 22 or 33 if the [F113]CMA] is already under that duty in relation to that reference when the order is made.
- (11) Before making an order under subsection (8) the Secretary of State shall consult the [F113]CMA] and such other persons as he considers appropriate.
- (12) The Secretary of State may make regulations for the purposes of section 39(8).
- (13) The regulations may, in particular—
- (a) provide for the time at which information or documents are to be treated as provided (including the time at which they are to be treated as provided to the satisfaction of the [F114]CMA] for the purposes of section 39(8));
 - (b) provide for the time at which a person is to be treated as appearing as a witness (including the time at which he is to be treated as appearing as a witness in accordance with the requirements of the [F114]CMA] for the purposes of section 39(8));
 - (c) provide for the persons carrying on the enterprises which have or may have ceased to be, or may cease to be, distinct enterprises to be informed, in circumstances in which section 39(8) applies, of the fact that—
 - (i) the [F114]CMA] is satisfied as to the provision of the information or documents required by it; or
 - (ii) the person concerned has appeared as a witness in accordance with the requirements of the [F114]CMA];
 - (d) provide for the persons carrying on the enterprises which have or may have ceased to be, or may cease to be, distinct enterprises to be informed, in circumstances in which section 39(8) applies, of the time at which the [F114]CMA] is to be treated as satisfied as mentioned in paragraph (c)(i) above or the person concerned is to be treated as having appeared as mentioned in paragraph (c)(ii) above.

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Textual Amendments

- F111** S. 40(1)(2)(8)(b) ceased to have effect (1.5.2004) by virtue of [The EC Merger Control \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1079\)](#), reg. 2, **Sch. para. 2(11)(a)**
- F112** Words in s. 40(9) ceased to have effect (1.5.2004) by virtue of [The EC Merger Control \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1079\)](#), reg. 2, **Sch. para. 2(11)(b)**
- F113** Word in s. 40(10)(11) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 80** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F114** Word in s. 40(13) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 80** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

41 Duty to remedy effects of completed or anticipated mergers

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where a report of the ^{F115}CMA] has been prepared and published under section 38 within the period permitted by section 39 and contains the decision that there is an anti-competitive outcome.
- (2) The ^{F115}CMA] shall take such action under section 82 or 84 as it considers to be reasonable and practicable—
 - (a) to remedy, mitigate or prevent the substantial lessening of competition concerned; and
 - (b) to remedy, mitigate or prevent any adverse effects which have resulted from, or may be expected to result from, the substantial lessening of competition.
- (3) The decision of the ^{F115}CMA] under subsection (2) shall be consistent with its decisions as included in its report by virtue of section 35(3) or (as the case may be) 36(2) unless there has been a material change of circumstances since the preparation of the report or the ^{F115}CMA] otherwise has a special reason for deciding differently.
- (4) In making a decision under subsection (2), the ^{F115}CMA] shall, in particular, have regard to the need to achieve as comprehensive a solution as is reasonable and practicable to the substantial lessening of competition and any adverse effects resulting from it.
- (5) In making a decision under subsection (2), the ^{F115}CMA] may, in particular, have regard to the effect of any action on any relevant customer benefits in relation to the creation of the relevant merger situation concerned.

Textual Amendments

- F115** Word in s. 41(1)-(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 26(3), **Sch. 5 para. 81** (with s. 28), S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d)

^{F116}41A Time-limit for discharging duty under section 41

- (1) The CMA shall discharge its duty under section 41(2) within the period of 12 weeks beginning with the date on which it publishes the report concerned under section 38.
- (2) The CMA may extend, by no more than 6 weeks, the period within which its duty under section 41(2) shall be discharged if it considers that there are special reasons for doing so.

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- (3) The CMA may extend the period within which its duty under section 41(2) shall be discharged if it considers that a relevant person has failed (whether with or without reasonable excuse) to comply with any requirement of a notice under section 109 which is given in relation to the reference.
- (4) In subsection (3), “relevant person” means—
 - (a) any person carrying on any of the enterprises concerned;
 - (b) any person who (whether alone or as a member of a group) owns or has control of any such person; or
 - (c) any officer, employee or agent of any person mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b).
- (5) For the purposes of subsection (4), a person or group of persons able, directly or indirectly, to control or materially to influence the policy of a body of persons corporate or unincorporate, but without having a controlling interest in that body of persons, may be treated as having control of it.
- (6) An extension under subsection (2) or (3) comes into force when published under section 107.
- (7) An extension under subsection (3) continues in force until—
 - (a) the person concerned provides the information or documents to the satisfaction of the CMA or (as the case may be) appears as a witness in accordance with the requirements of the CMA; or
 - (b) the CMA publishes its decision to cancel the extension.

Textual Amendments

F116 Ss. 41A, 41B inserted (25.4.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(1)(i)(3), [Sch. 8 para. 6](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

41B Section 41A: supplementary

- (1) A period extended under section 41A(2) may also be extended under section 41A(3), and a period extended under section 41A(3) may also be extended under section 41A(2).
- (2) No more than one extension is possible under section 41A(2).
- (3) Where a period is extended or further extended under section 41A(2) or (3), the period as extended or (as the case may be) further extended is, subject to subsections (4) and (5), to be calculated by taking the period being extended and adding to it the period of the extension (whether or not those periods overlap in time).
- (4) Subsection (5) applies where—
 - (a) the period within which the CMA must discharge its duty under section 41(2) is further extended;
 - (b) the further extension and at least one previous extension is made under section 41A(3); and
 - (c) the same days or fractions of days are included in or comprise the further extension and are included in or comprise at least one such previous extension.

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- (5) In calculating the period of the further extension, any days or fractions of days of the kind mentioned in subsection (4)(c) are to be disregarded.
- (6) The Secretary of State may by order amend section 41A so as to alter either or both of the following periods—
- (a) the period of 12 weeks mentioned in subsection (1) of that section or any period for the time being mentioned in that subsection in substitution for that period;
 - (b) the period of 6 weeks mentioned in subsection (2) of that section or any period for the time being mentioned in that subsection in substitution for that period.
- (7) But no alteration may be made by virtue of subsection (6) which results in—
- (a) the period for the time being mentioned in section 41A(1) exceeding 12 weeks; or
 - (b) the period for the time being mentioned in section 41A(2) exceeding 6 weeks.
- (8) Before making an order under subsection (6) the Secretary of State shall consult the CMA and such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.]

Textual Amendments

F116 Ss. 41A, 41B inserted (25.4.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(1)(i)(3), **Sch. 8 para. 6**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

CHAPTER 2

PUBLIC INTEREST CASES

Power to make references

42 Intervention by Secretary of State in certain public interest cases

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where—
- (a) the Secretary of State has reasonable grounds for suspecting that it is or may be the case that a relevant merger situation has been created or that arrangements are in progress or in contemplation which, if carried into effect, will result in the creation of a relevant merger situation;
 - (b) no reference under ^{F117}section 22, 33, 68B or 68C] has been made in relation to the relevant merger situation concerned;
 - (c) no decision has been made not to make such a reference (other than a decision made by virtue of subsection (2)(b) of section 33 ^{F118}or subsection (2)(a) of section 68C] or a decision to accept undertakings under section 73 instead of making such a reference); and
 - (d) no reference is prevented from being made under ^{F119}section 22, 33, 68B or 68C] by virtue of—
 - (i) ^{F120}section 22(3)(za) or (a)] or (as the case may be) ^{F121}33(3)(za) or (a)] ^{F122}(including those provisions as applied by sections 68B and 68C)]; ^{F123} ...

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^{F123}(ii)

- (2) The Secretary of State may give a notice to the [^{F124}CMA] (in this Part “an intervention notice”) if he believes that it is or may be the case that one or more than one public interest consideration is relevant to a consideration of the relevant merger situation concerned.
- (3) For the purposes of this Part a public interest consideration is a consideration which, at the time of the giving of the intervention notice concerned, is specified in section 58 or is not so specified but, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, ought to be so specified.
- (4) No more than one intervention notice shall be given under subsection (2) in relation to the same relevant merger situation.
- (5) For the purposes of deciding whether a relevant merger situation has been created or whether arrangements are in progress or in contemplation which, if carried into effect, will result in the creation of a relevant merger situation, sections 23 [^{F125}to 30] (read together with section 34) shall apply for the purposes of this Chapter as they do for the purposes of Chapter 1 but subject to subsection (6).
- (6) In their application by virtue of subsection (5) sections 23 [^{F126}to 30] shall have effect as if—
 - (a) for paragraph (a) of section 23(9) there were substituted—
 - “(a) in relation to the giving of an intervention notice, the time when the notice is given;
 - (aa) in relation to the making of a report by the [^{F127}CMA] under section 44, the time of the making of the report;
 - (ab) in the case of a reference which is treated as having been made under section 45(2) or (3) by virtue of section 49(1), such time as the [^{F128}CMA] may determine; and”;
 - (b) the references to the [^{F127}CMA] in [^{F129}section 25(1) to (3) ^{F130}...] included references to the Secretary of State;
 - (c) the references to the [^{F127}CMA] in section 25(4) and (5) were references to the Secretary of State;
 - (d) the reference in section 25(4) to section 73 were a reference to paragraph 3 of Schedule 7;
 - (e) after section 25(5) there were inserted—
 - “(5A) The Secretary of State may by notice to the persons carrying on the enterprises which have or may have ceased to be distinct enterprises extend the four month period mentioned in section 24(1)(a) or (2) (b) if, by virtue of section 46(5) or paragraph 3(6) of Schedule 7, he decides to delay a decision as to whether to make a reference under section 45.
 - (5B) An extension under subsection (5A) shall be for the period of the delay.”;
 - (f) in section 25(10)(b) [^{F131}for “ and (4) ” there were substituted “, (4) and (5A)”];
 - (g) the reference in section 25(12) to one extension were a reference to one extension by the [^{F127}CMA] and one extension by the Secretary of State;
 - (h) the powers to extend time-limits under section 25 as applied by subsection (5) above ^{F132}... were not exercisable by the [^{F127}CMA] or the Secretary of State before the giving of an intervention notice but the existing time-limits [^{F133}by

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- virtue of section 24 (as so applied)] in relation to possible references under section 22 or 33 were applicable for the purposes of the giving of that notice;
- (i) the existing time-limits [^{F134}by virtue of section 24 (as so applied)] in relation to possible references under section 22 or 33 (except for extensions under section 25(4)) remained applicable on and after the giving of an intervention notice as if any extensions were made under section 25 as applied by subsection (5) above but subject to further alteration by the [^{F127}CMA] or the Secretary of State under section 25 as so applied;
- ^{F135}(j)
- (k) in the case of the giving of intervention notices, the references in sections 23 [^{F136}to 30] to the making of a reference or a reference were, so far as necessary, references to the giving of an intervention notice or an intervention notice;
- ^{F137}(l)
- (7) Where the Secretary of State has given an intervention notice mentioning a public interest consideration which, at that time, is not finalised, he shall, as soon as practicable, take such action as is within his power to ensure that it is finalised.
- (8) For the purposes of this Part a public interest consideration is finalised if—
- (a) it is specified in section 58 otherwise than by virtue of an order under subsection (3) of that section; or
- (b) it is specified in that section by virtue of an order under subsection (3) of that section and the order providing for it to be so specified has been laid before, and approved by, Parliament in accordance with subsection (7) of section 124 and within the period mentioned in that subsection.

Textual Amendments

- F117** Words in s. 42(1)(b) substituted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 7(2)**
- F118** Words in s. 42(1)(c) inserted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 7(3)**
- F119** Words in s. 42(1)(d) substituted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 7(4)(a)**
- F120** Words in s. 42(1)(d)(i) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **42(2)(a)(i)** (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F121** Words in s. 42(1)(d)(i) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **42(2)(a)(ii)** (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F122** Words in s. 42(1) inserted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 7(4)(b)**
- F123** S. 42(1)(d)(ii) and word omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **42(2)(b)** (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F124** Word in s. 42(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 82(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F125** Words in s. 42(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 21(3)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F126** Words in s. 42(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 21(4)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F127** Word in s. 42(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 82(3)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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- F128** Word in s. 42(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 82(3)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F129** Words in s. 42(6)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 21(5)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F130** Words in s. 42(6)(b) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **42(3)(a)** (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(2), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F131** Words in s. 42(6)(f) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **42(3)(b)** (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F132** Words in s. 42(6)(h) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 21(6)(a)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F133** Words in s. 42(6)(h) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 21(6)(b)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F134** Words in s. 42(6)(i) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 21(7)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F135** S. 42(6)(j) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 21(8)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F136** Words in s. 42(6)(k) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 21(9)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F137** S. 42(6)(l) and word omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 21(10)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)

43 Intervention notices under section 42

- (1) An intervention notice shall state—
 - (a) the relevant merger situation concerned;
 - (b) the public interest consideration or considerations which are, or may be, relevant to a consideration of the relevant merger situation concerned; and
 - (c) where any public interest consideration concerned is not finalised, the proposed timetable for finalising it.
- (2) Where the Secretary of State believes that it is or may be the case that two or more public interest considerations are relevant to a consideration of the relevant merger situation concerned, he may decide not to mention in the intervention notice such of those considerations as he considers appropriate.
- (3) An intervention notice shall come into force when it is given and shall cease to be in force when the matter to which it relates is finally determined under this Chapter.
- (4) For the purposes of this Part, a matter to which an intervention notice relates is finally determined under this Chapter if—
 - (a) the time within which the [^{F138}CMA][^{F139}or (if relevant) OFCOM] is to report to the Secretary of State under section 44 [^{F140}or (as the case may be) 44A] has expired and no such report has been made;
 - (b) the Secretary of State decides to accept an undertaking or group of undertakings under paragraph 3 of Schedule 7 instead of making a reference under section 45;
 - (c) the Secretary of State otherwise decides not to make a reference under that section;
 - (d) the [^{F141}CMA] cancels such a reference under section 48(1) or 53(1);

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- (e) the time within which the [^{F141}CMA] is to prepare a report under section 50 and give it to the Secretary of State has expired and no such report has been prepared and given to the Secretary of State;
 - (f) the time within which the Secretary of State is to make and publish a decision under section 54(2) has expired and no such decision has been made and published;
 - (g) the Secretary of State decides under section 54(2) to make no finding at all in the matter;
 - (h) the Secretary of State otherwise decides under section 54(2) not to make an adverse public interest finding;
 - (i) the Secretary of State decides under section 54(2) to make an adverse public interest finding but decides neither to accept an undertaking under paragraph 9 of Schedule 7 nor to make an order under paragraph 11 of that Schedule; or
 - (j) the Secretary of State decides under section 54(2) to make an adverse public interest finding and accepts an undertaking under paragraph 9 of Schedule 7 or makes an order under paragraph 11 of that Schedule.
- (5) For the purposes of this Part the time when a matter to which an intervention notice relates is finally determined under this Chapter is—
- (a) in a case falling within subsection (4)(a), (e) or (f), the expiry of the time concerned;
 - (b) in a case falling within subsection (4)(b), the acceptance of the undertaking or group of undertakings concerned;
 - (c) in a case falling within subsection (4)(c), (d), (g) or (h), the making of the decision concerned;
 - (d) in a case falling within subsection (4)(i), the making of the decision neither to accept an undertaking under paragraph 9 of Schedule 7 nor to make an order under paragraph 11 of that Schedule; and
 - (e) in a case falling within subsection (4)(j), the acceptance of the undertaking concerned or (as the case may be) the making of the order concerned.

[^{F142}(6) In this Part “OFCOM” means the Office of Communications.]

Textual Amendments

F138 Word in s. 43(4)(a) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 83\(2\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F139 Words in s. 43(4)(a) inserted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), ss. 389(1), 411(2)(3), [Sch. 16 para. 8\(2\)\(a\)](#) (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, [art. 3\(1\)](#), Sch. 1 (subject to [arts. 3\(3\)](#), 11)

F140 Words in s. 43(4)(a) inserted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), ss. 389(1), 411(2)(3), [Sch. 16 para. 8\(2\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, [art. 3\(1\)](#), Sch. 1 (subject to [arts. 3\(3\)](#), 11)

F141 Word in s. 43(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 83\(2\)\(b\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F142 S. 43(6) inserted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), ss. 389(1), 411(2)(3), [Sch. 16 para. 8\(3\)](#) (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, [art. 3\(1\)](#), Sch. 1 (subject to [arts. 3\(3\)](#), 11)

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44 Investigation and report by [F143CMA]

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where the Secretary of State has given an intervention notice in relation to a relevant merger situation.
 - (2) The [F144CMA] shall, within such period as the Secretary of State may require, give a report to the Secretary of State in relation to the case.
 - (3) The report shall contain—
 - (a) advice from the [F144CMA] on the considerations relevant to the making of a reference under section 22 or 33 which are also relevant to the Secretary of State's decision as to whether to make a reference under section 45; and
 - (b) a summary of any representations about the case which have been received by the [F144CMA] and which relate to any public interest consideration mentioned in the intervention notice concerned [F145] (other than a media public interest consideration) and which is or may be relevant to the Secretary of State's decision as to whether to make a reference under section 45.
 - (4) The report shall, in particular, include decisions as to whether the [F146CMA] believes that it is, or may be, the case that—
 - (a) a relevant merger situation has been created or arrangements are in progress or in contemplation which, if carried into effect, will result in the creation of a relevant merger situation;
 - (b) the creation of that situation has resulted, or may be expected to result, in a substantial lessening of competition within any market or markets in the United Kingdom for goods or services;
 - (c) the market or markets concerned would not be of sufficient importance to justify the making of a reference ^{F147}... under section 22 or 33;
 - (d) in the case of arrangements which are in progress or in contemplation, the arrangements are not sufficiently far advanced, or not sufficiently likely to proceed, to justify the making of such a reference;
 - (e) any relevant customer benefits in relation to the creation of the relevant merger situation concerned outweigh the substantial lessening of competition and any adverse effects of the substantial lessening of competition; or
 - (f) it would be appropriate to deal with the matter (disregarding any public interest considerations mentioned in the intervention notice concerned) by way of undertakings under paragraph 3 of Schedule 7.
 - (5) If the [F148CMA] believes that it is or may be the case that it would be appropriate to deal with the matter (disregarding any public interest considerations mentioned in the intervention notice concerned) by way of undertakings under paragraph 3 of Schedule 7, the report shall contain descriptions of the undertakings which the [F148CMA] believes are, or may be, appropriate.
- [F149] (5A) The report may, in particular, contain a summary of any representations about the case which have been received by the [F148CMA] and which relate to any media public interest consideration mentioned in the intervention notice concerned and which is or may be relevant to the Secretary of State's decision as to whether to make a reference under section 45.]
- (6) The report may, in particular, include advice and recommendations on any public interest consideration mentioned in the intervention notice concerned and which is or may be relevant to the Secretary of State's decision as to whether to make a reference under section 45.

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(7) The [F150CMA] shall carry out such investigations as it considers appropriate for the purposes of producing a report under this section.

[F151(8) In this Part “media public interest consideration” means any consideration which, at the time of the giving of the intervention notice concerned—

- (a) is specified in section 58(2A) to (2C); or
- (b) in the opinion of the Secretary of State, is concerned with broadcasting or newspapers and ought to be specified in section 58.

(9) In this Part “broadcasting” means the provision of services the provision of which—

- (a) is required to be licensed under Part 1 or 3 of the Broadcasting Act 1990 or Part 1 or 2 of the Broadcasting Act 1996; or
- (b) would be required to be so licensed if provided by a person subject to licensing under the Part in question.

(10) In this Part “newspaper” means a daily, Sunday or local (other than daily or Sunday) newspaper circulating wholly or mainly in the United Kingdom or in a part of the United Kingdom.

(11) The Secretary of State may by order amend subsections (9) and (10).]

Textual Amendments

F143 Word in s. 44 heading substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 84\(5\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F144 Word in s. 44(2)(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 84\(2\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F145 Words in s. 44(3)(b) inserted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), [ss. 376\(1\)](#), 411(2)(3) (with transitional provisions in [Sch. 18](#)); S.I. 2003/3142, [art. 3\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1](#) (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)

F146 Word in s. 44(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 84\(3\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F147 Words in s. 44(4)(c) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 84\(3\)\(b\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F148 Word in s. 44(5)(5A) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 84\(4\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F149 S. 44(5A) inserted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), [ss. 376\(2\)](#), 411(2)(3) (with transitional provisions in [Sch. 18](#)); S.I. 2003/3142, [art. 3\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1](#) (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)

F150 Word in s. 44(7) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 84\(4\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F151 S. 44(8)-(11) inserted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), [ss. 376\(3\)](#), 411(2)(3) (with transitional provisions in [Sch. 18](#)); S.I. 2003/3142, [art. 3\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1](#) (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)

[F152] **44A Additional investigation and report by OFCOM: media mergers**

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where—
 - (a) the Secretary of State has given an intervention notice in relation to a relevant merger situation; and
 - (b) the intervention notice mentions any media public interest consideration.
- (2) OFCOM shall, within such period as the Secretary of State may require, give a report to the Secretary of State on the effect of the consideration or considerations concerned on the case.

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- (3) The report shall contain—
- (a) advice and recommendations on any media public interest consideration mentioned in the intervention notice concerned and which is or may be relevant to the Secretary of State’s decision as to whether to make a reference under section 45; and
 - (b) a summary of any representations about the case which have been received by OFCOM and which relate to any such consideration.
- (4) OFCOM shall carry out such investigations as they consider appropriate for the purposes of producing a report under this section.]

Textual Amendments

F152 S. 44A inserted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 377, 411(2)(3)** (with transitional provisions in [Sch. 18](#)); [S.I. 2003/3142](#), **art. 3(1)**, [Sch. 1](#) (subject to [arts. 3\(3\), 11](#))

45 Power of Secretary of State to refer matter to [F153CMA]

- (1) Subsections (2) to (5) apply where the Secretary of State—
- (a) has given an intervention notice in relation to a relevant merger situation; and
 - (b) has received a report of the [F154CMA] under section 44[F155], and any report of OFCOM which is required by virtue of section 44A,] in relation to the matter.
- (2) The Secretary of State may make a reference [F156to the chair of the CMA for the constitution of a group under Schedule 4 to the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013] if he believes that it is or may be the case that—
- (a) a relevant merger situation has been created;
 - (b) the creation of that situation has resulted, or may be expected to result, in a substantial lessening of competition within any market or markets in the United Kingdom for goods or services;
 - (c) one or more than one public interest consideration mentioned in the intervention notice is relevant to a consideration of the relevant merger situation concerned; and
 - (d) taking account only of the substantial lessening of competition and the relevant public interest consideration or considerations concerned, the creation of that situation operates or may be expected to operate against the public interest.
- (3) The Secretary of State may make a reference [F156to the chair of the CMA for the constitution of a group under Schedule 4 to the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013] if he believes that it is or may be the case that—
- (a) a relevant merger situation has been created;
 - (b) the creation of that situation has not resulted, and may be expected not to result, in a substantial lessening of competition within any market or markets in the United Kingdom for goods or services;
 - (c) one or more than one public interest consideration mentioned in the intervention notice is relevant to a consideration of the relevant merger situation concerned; and

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- (d) taking account only of the relevant public interest consideration or considerations concerned, the creation of that situation operates or may be expected to operate against the public interest.
- (4) The Secretary of State may make a reference [^{F156}to the chair of the CMA for the constitution of a group under Schedule 4 to the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013] if he believes that it is or may be the case that—
- (a) arrangements are in progress or in contemplation which, if carried into effect, will result in the creation of a relevant merger situation;
 - (b) the creation of that situation may be expected to result in a substantial lessening of competition within any market or markets in the United Kingdom for goods or services;
 - (c) one or more than one public interest consideration mentioned in the intervention notice is relevant to a consideration of the relevant merger situation concerned; and
 - (d) taking account only of the substantial lessening of competition and the relevant public interest consideration or considerations concerned, the creation of the relevant merger situation may be expected to operate against the public interest.
- (5) The Secretary of State may make a reference [^{F156}to the chair of the CMA for the constitution of a group under Schedule 4 to the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013] if he believes that it is or may be the case that—
- (a) arrangements are in progress or in contemplation which, if carried into effect, will result in the creation of a relevant merger situation;
 - (b) the creation of that situation may be expected not to result in a substantial lessening of competition within any market or markets in the United Kingdom for goods or services;
 - (c) one or more than one public interest consideration mentioned in the intervention notice is relevant to a consideration of the relevant merger situation concerned; and
 - (d) taking account only of the relevant public interest consideration or considerations concerned, the creation of the relevant merger situation may be expected to operate against the public interest.
- (6) For the purposes of this Chapter any anti-competitive outcome shall be treated as being adverse to the public interest unless it is justified by one or more than one public interest consideration which is relevant.
- (7) This section is subject to section 46.

Textual Amendments

- F153** Words in s. 45 heading substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 85\(4\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F154** Word in s. 45(1)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 85\(2\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F155** Words in s. 45(1)(b) inserted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), ss. 389(1), 411(2)(3), [Sch. 16 para. 9](#) (with transitional provisions in [Sch. 18](#)); S.I. 2003/3142, [art. 3\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1](#) (subject to [arts. 3\(3\)](#), 11)
- F156** Words in s. 45(2)-(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 26(3), [Sch. 5 para. 85\(3\)](#) (with s. 28), S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d)

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46 References under section 45: supplementary

- (1) No reference shall be made under section 45 if—
- (a) the making of the reference is prevented by section ^{F157} . . . 74(1) ^{F158} ... or paragraph 4 of Schedule 7; [^{F159} or]
 - ^{F160}(b)
 - ^{F161}(c)
- ^{F162}(1A)
- (2) The Secretary of State, in deciding whether to make a reference under section 45, shall accept the decisions of the [^{F163}CMA] included in its report by virtue of subsection (4) of section 44 and any descriptions of undertakings as mentioned in subsection (5) of that section.
- (3) Where the decision to make a reference under section 45 is made at any time on or after the end of the period of 24 weeks beginning with the giving of the intervention notice concerned, the Secretary of State shall, in deciding whether to make such a reference, disregard any public interest consideration which is mentioned in the intervention notice but which has not been finalised before the end of that period.
- (4) Subject to subsection (5), where the decision to make a reference under section 45(2) or (4) is made at any time before the end of the period of 24 weeks beginning with the giving of the intervention notice concerned, the Secretary of State shall, in deciding whether to make such a reference, disregard any public interest consideration which is mentioned in the intervention notice but which has not been finalised if its effect would be to prevent, or to help to prevent, an anti-competitive outcome from being adverse to the public interest.
- (5) The Secretary of State may, if he believes that there is a realistic prospect of the public interest consideration mentioned in subsection (4) being finalised within the period of 24 weeks beginning with the giving of the intervention notice concerned, delay deciding whether to make the reference concerned until the public interest consideration is finalised or, if earlier, the period expires.
- (6) A reference under section 45 shall, in particular, specify—
- (a) the subsection of that section under which it is made;
 - (b) the date on which it is made; and
 - (c) the public interest consideration or considerations mentioned in the intervention notice concerned which the Secretary of State is not under a duty to disregard by virtue of subsection (3) above and which he believes are or may be relevant to a consideration of the relevant merger situation concerned.

Textual Amendments

- F157** Words in s. 46(1)(a) repealed (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), ss. 406(7), 411(2)(3), [Sch. 19\(1\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [Sch. 18](#) and with [Sch. 19 Note. 1](#)); S.I. 2003/3142, [art. 3\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1](#) (subject to [arts. 3\(3\), 11](#))
- F158** Words in s. 46(1)(a) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 15 para. 22](#); S.I. 2014/416, [art. 2\(1\)\(f\)](#) (with [Sch.](#))
- F159** Word in s. 46(1) ceased to have effect (1.5.2004) by virtue of [The EC Merger Control \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1079\)](#), [reg. 2](#), [Sch. para. 2\(12\)\(a\)](#)

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- F160** S. 46(1)(b) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), regs. 1(1), **43(a)** (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F161** S. 46(1)(c) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), regs. 1(1), **43(a)** (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F162** S. 46(1A) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), regs. 1(1), **43(b)** (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F163** Words in s. 46(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 86** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F164 ...

Textual Amendments

- F164** S. 46A and cross-heading omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), regs. 1(1), **44** (with Sch. 4 paras. 24, 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

F164 46A Cases referred by the European Commission where intervention notice is in force

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F165 46B Extension of preliminary assessment period

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Textual Amendments

- F165** S. 46B omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), regs. 1(1), **44** (with Sch. 4 paras. 24, 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

F166 46C Power to request information in referred cases

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Textual Amendments

- F166** S. 46C omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 24**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)

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Reports on references

[^{F167}46D Functions to be exercised by CMA groups

Where a reference is made to the chair of the CMA under section 45 for the constitution of a group under Schedule 4 to the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013, the functions of the CMA under or by virtue of the following provisions of this Part in relation to the matter concerned are to be carried out on behalf of the CMA by the group so constituted—

- (a) sections 47 to 53;
- (b) where a reference is treated by virtue of section 49(1) as having been made under section 45(2) or (3), section 23(9)(ab) (as it has effect by virtue of section 42(6));
- (c) sections 104, so far as relating to any decision mentioned in paragraph (a) (iii) of the definition of relevant decision in subsection (6) of that section, and 104A;
- (d) section 107, so far as relating to anything done on behalf of the CMA by the group;
- (e) section 109, where the permitted purpose relates to a function that (by virtue of this section) is being or is to be carried out on behalf of the CMA by the group;
- (f) sections 110 to 115, so far as relating to a notice given under section 109 on behalf of the CMA by the group;
- (g) section 118(4);
- (h) section 120(5)(b), so far as relating to a decision of the group.]

Textual Amendments

F167 S. 46D inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 88](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C43 S. 46D modified (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 4 para. 47\(2\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(c) (with Sch.)

47 Questions to be decided on references under section 45

- (1) The [^{F168}CMA] shall, on a reference under section 45(2) or (3), decide whether a relevant merger situation has been created.
- (2) If the [^{F168}CMA] decides that such a situation has been created, it shall, on a reference under section 45(2), decide the following additional questions—
 - (a) whether the creation of that situation has resulted, or may be expected to result, in a substantial lessening of competition within any market or markets in the United Kingdom for goods or services; and
 - (b) whether, taking account only of any substantial lessening of competition and the admissible public interest consideration or considerations concerned, the creation of that situation operates or may be expected to operate against the public interest.

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- (3) If the [F168CMA] decides that a relevant merger situation has been created, it shall, on a reference under section 45(3), decide whether, taking account only of the admissible public interest consideration or considerations concerned, the creation of that situation operates or may be expected to operate against the public interest.
- (4) The [F168CMA] shall, on a reference under section 45(4) or (5), decide whether arrangements are in progress or in contemplation which, if carried into effect, will result in the creation of a relevant merger situation.
- (5) If the [F168CMA] decides that such arrangements are in progress or in contemplation, it shall, on a reference under section 45(4), decide the following additional questions—
 - (a) whether the creation of that situation may be expected to result in a substantial lessening of competition within any market or markets in the United Kingdom for goods or services; and
 - (b) whether, taking account only of any substantial lessening of competition and the admissible public interest consideration or considerations concerned, the creation of that situation may be expected to operate against the public interest.
- (6) If the [F168CMA] decides that arrangements are in progress or in contemplation which, if carried into effect, will result in the creation of a relevant merger situation, it shall, on a reference under section 45(5), decide whether, taking account only of the admissible public interest consideration or considerations concerned, the creation of that situation may be expected to operate against the public interest.
- (7) The [F168CMA] shall, if it has decided on a reference under section 45 that the creation of a relevant merger situation operates or may be expected to operate against the public interest, decide the following additional questions—
 - (a) whether action should be taken by the Secretary of State under section 55 for the purpose of remedying, mitigating or preventing any of the effects adverse to the public interest which have resulted from, or may be expected to result from, the creation of the relevant merger situation;
 - (b) whether the [F168CMA] should recommend the taking of other action by the Secretary of State or action by persons other than itself and the Secretary of State for the purpose of remedying, mitigating or preventing any of the effects adverse to the public interest which have resulted from, or may be expected to result from, the creation of the relevant merger situation; and
 - (c) in either case, if action should be taken, what action should be taken and what is to be remedied, mitigated or prevented.
- (8) Where the [F168CMA] has decided by virtue of subsection (2)(a) or (5)(a) that there is or will be a substantial lessening of competition within any market or markets in the United Kingdom for goods or services, it shall also decide separately the following questions (on the assumption that it is proceeding as mentioned in section 56(6))—
 - (a) whether action should be taken by it under section 41 for the purpose of remedying, mitigating or preventing the substantial lessening of competition concerned or any adverse effect which has resulted from, or may be expected to result from, the substantial lessening of competition;
 - (b) whether the [F168CMA] should recommend the taking of action by other persons for the purpose of remedying, mitigating or preventing the substantial lessening of competition concerned or any adverse effect which has resulted from, or may be expected to result from, the substantial lessening of competition; and

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- (c) in either case, if action should be taken, what action should be taken and what is to be remedied, mitigated or prevented.
- (9) In deciding the questions mentioned in subsections (7) and (8) the [F168CMA] shall, in particular, have regard to the need to achieve as comprehensive a solution as is reasonable and practicable to—
- (a) the adverse effects to the public interest; or
 - (b) (as the case may be) the substantial lessening of competition and any adverse effects resulting from it.
- (10) In deciding the questions mentioned in subsections (7) and (8) in a case where it has decided by virtue of subsection (2)(a) or (5)(a) that there is or will be a substantial lessening of competition, the [F168CMA] may, in particular, have regard to the effect of any action on any relevant customer benefits in relation to the creation of the relevant merger situation concerned.
- (11) In this section “admissible public interest consideration” means any public interest consideration which is specified in the reference under section 45 and which the [F168CMA] is not under a duty to disregard.

Textual Amendments

F168 Word in s. 47(1)-(11) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 26(3), Sch. 5 para. 89 (with s. 28), [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C44 Ss. 35, 36, 47, 63, 134 and 141 extended (20.6.2003) by [1977 c. 37, s. 50A\(6\)](#) (as inserted by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), ss. 278, 279, [Sch. 25 para. 8\(2\)](#)); [S.I. 2003/1397](#) {art. 2(1)}, Sch. (with art. 8)

48 Cases where references or certain questions need not be decided

- (1) The [F169CMA] shall cancel a reference under section 45(4) or (5) if it considers that the proposal to make arrangements of the kind mentioned in that reference has been abandoned.
- (2) In relation to the question whether a relevant merger situation has been created or the question whether a relevant merger situation will be created, a reference under section 45 may be framed so as to require the [F169CMA] to exclude from consideration—
- (a) subsection (1) of section 23;
 - (b) subsection (2) of that section; or
 - (c) one of those subsections if the [F169CMA] finds that the other is satisfied.
- (3) In relation to the question whether [F170any such result as is mentioned in section 23(2) (b) has arisen or the question whether any such result will arise,] a reference under section 45 may be framed so as to require the [F169CMA] to confine its investigation to the supply of goods or services in a part of the United Kingdom specified in the reference.

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Textual Amendments

- F169** Word in s. 48(1)-(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 26(3), Sch. 5 para. 90 (with s. 28), [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F170** Words in s. 48(3) substituted (4.1.2022) by [National Security and Investment Act 2021 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 66(3), [Sch. 2 para. 6](#) (with s. 62); [S.I. 2021/1465](#), regs. 2, 3 (with regs. 4, 5)

49 Variation of references under section 45

- (1) The [F171CMA] may, if it considers that doing so is justified by the facts (including events occurring on or after the making of the reference concerned), treat—
 - (a) a reference made under subsection (2) or (3) of section 45 as if it had been made under subsection (4) or (as the case may be) (5) of that section; or
 - (b) a reference made under subsection (4) or (5) of section 45 as if it had been made under subsection (2) or (as the case may be) (3) of that section;
 and, in such cases, references in this Part to references under those enactments shall, so far as may be necessary, be construed accordingly.
- (2) Where, by virtue of subsection (1), the [F171CMA] treats a reference made under subsection (2) or (3) of section 45 as if it had been made under subsection (4) or (as the case may be) (5) of that section, paragraphs F172 ... 2, 7 and 8 of Schedule 7 shall, in particular, apply as if the reference had been made under subsection (4) or (as the case may be) (5) of that section instead of under subsection (2) or (3) of that section.
- (3) Where, by virtue of subsection (1), the [F171CMA] treats a reference made under subsection (4) or (5) of section 45 as if it had been made under subsection (2) or (as the case may be) (3) of that section, paragraphs F173 ... 2, 7 and 8 of Schedule 7 shall, in particular, apply as if the reference had been made under subsection (2) or (as the case may be) (3) of that section instead of under subsection (4) or (5) of that section.
- (4) Subsection (5) applies in relation to F174 ... any order made under paragraph 2 of [F175Schedule 7], which is in force immediately before the [F171CMA], by virtue of subsection (1), treats a reference as mentioned in subsection (1).
- (5) The F176 ... order shall, so far as applicable, continue in force as if—
 - (a) in the case of an F176 ... order which relates to a reference under subsection (2) or (3) of section 45 F177 ... made in relation to a reference made under subsection (4) or (as the case may be) (5) of that section; and
 - (b) in the case of an F176 ... order which relates to a reference made under subsection (4) or (5) of that section F177 ... made in relation to a reference made under subsection (2) or (as the case may be) (3) of that section;
 and the F176 ... order concerned may be varied F178 ... or revoked accordingly.
- (6) The Secretary of State may at any time vary a reference under section 45.
- (7) The Secretary of State shall consult the [F171CMA] before varying any such reference.
- (8) Subsection (7) shall not apply if the [F171CMA] has requested the variation concerned.
- (9) No variation by the Secretary of State under this section shall be capable of altering the public interest consideration or considerations specified in the reference or the period permitted by section 51 within which the report of the [F171CMA] under section 50 is to be prepared and given to the Secretary of State.

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Textual Amendments

- F171** Word in s. 49(1)-(4)(7)-(9) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 26(3), Sch. 5 para. 91 (with s. 28); [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F172** Word in s. 49(2) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 15 para. 25\(2\)](#); [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F173** Word in s. 49(3) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 15 para. 25\(3\)](#); [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F174** Words in s. 49(4) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 15 para. 25\(4\)\(a\)](#); [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F175** Words in s. 49(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 15 para. 25\(4\)\(b\)](#); [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F176** Words in s. 49(5) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 15 para. 25\(5\)\(a\)](#); [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F177** Words in s. 49(5) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 15 para. 25\(5\)\(b\)](#); [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F178** Words in s. 49(5) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 15 para. 25\(5\)\(c\)](#); [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)

50 Investigations and reports on references under section 45

- (1) The [^{F179}CMA] shall prepare a report on a reference under section 45 and give it to the Secretary of State within the period permitted by section 51.
- (2) The report shall, in particular, contain—
- the decisions of the [^{F179}CMA] on the questions which it is required to answer by virtue of section 47;
 - its reasons for its decisions; and
 - such information as the [^{F179}CMA] considers appropriate for facilitating a proper understanding of those questions and of its reasons for its decisions.
- [^{F180}(2A) Where the report relates to a reference under section 45 which has been made after a report of OFCOM under section 44A, the [^{F179}CMA] shall give a copy of its report (whether or not published) to OFCOM.]
- (3) The [^{F179}CMA] shall carry out such investigations as it considers appropriate for the purpose of producing a report under this section.

Textual Amendments

- F179** Word in s. 50(1)-(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 26(3), Sch. 5 para. 92 (with s. 28), [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F180** S. 50(2A) inserted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), ss. 389(1), 411(2)(3), [Sch. 16 para. 10](#) (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); [S.I. 2003/3142](#), [art. 3\(1\)](#), Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)

51 Time-limits for investigations and reports by [^{F181}CMA]

- (1) The [^{F182}CMA] shall prepare its report under section 50 and give it to the Secretary of State under that section within the period of 24 weeks beginning with the date of the reference concerned.

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- (2) [^{F183}Where article 9(6) of the European Merger Regulations applies in relation to the reference under section 45, the [^{F182}CMA] shall prepare its report under section 50 and give it to the Secretary of State—
- (a) within the period of 24 weeks beginning with the date of the reference; or
 - (b) if it is a shorter period, within such period as is necessary to ensure compliance with that article.]
- (3) The [^{F182}CMA] may extend, by no more than 8 weeks, the period within which a report under section 50 is to be prepared and given to the Secretary of State if it considers that there are special reasons why the report cannot be prepared and given to the Secretary of State within that period.
- (4) The [^{F182}CMA] may extend the period within which a report under section 50 is to be prepared and given to the Secretary of State if it considers that a relevant person has failed (whether with or without a reasonable excuse) to comply with any requirement of a notice under section 109.
- (5) In subsection (4) “relevant person” means—
- (a) any person carrying on any of the enterprises concerned;
 - (b) any person who (whether alone or as a member of a group) owns or has control of any such person; or
 - (c) any officer, employee or agent of any person mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b).
- (6) For the purposes of subsection (5) a person or group of persons able, directly or indirectly, to control or materially to influence the policy of a body of persons corporate or unincorporate, but without having a controlling interest in that body of persons, may be treated as having control of it.
- (7) An extension under subsection (3) or (4) shall come into force when published under section 107.
- (8) An extension under subsection (4) shall continue in force until—
- (a) the person concerned provides the information or documents to the satisfaction of the [^{F184}CMA] or (as the case may be) appears as a witness in accordance with the requirements of the [^{F184}CMA]; or
 - (b) the [^{F184}CMA] publishes its decision to cancel the extension.
- (9) This section is subject to sections 52 and 53.

Textual Amendments

- F181** Word in s. 51 heading substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 93\(3\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F182** Word in s. 51(1)-(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 26(3), [Sch. 5 para. 93\(2\)](#) (with s. 28), S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F183** S. 51(2) ceased to have effect (1.5.2004) by virtue of [The EC Merger Control \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1079\)](#), reg. 2, [Sch. para. 2\(16\)](#)
- F184** Word in s. 51(8) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 93\(2\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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52 Section 51: supplementary

- (1) ^{F185}No extension is possible under subsection (3) or (4) of section 51 where the period within which the report is to be prepared and given to the Secretary of State is determined by virtue of subsection (2)(b) of that section.]
- (2) ^{F185}Where the period within which the report is to be prepared and given to the Secretary of State is determined by virtue of subsection (2)(a) of section 51, no extension is possible under subsection (3) or (4) of that section which extends that period beyond such period as is necessary to ensure compliance with article 9(6) of the European Merger Regulations.]
- (3) A period extended under subsection (3) of section 51 may also be extended under subsection (4) of that section and a period extended under subsection (4) of that section may also be extended under subsection (3) of that section.
- (4) No more than one extension is possible under section 51(3).
- (5) Where a period within which a report under section 50 is to be prepared and given to the Secretary of State is extended or further extended under section 51(3) or (4), the period as extended or (as the case may be) further extended shall, subject to subsections (6) and (7), be calculated by taking the period being extended and adding to it the period of the extension (whether or not those periods overlap in time).
- (6) Subsection (7) applies where—
 - (a) the period within which the report under section 50 is to be prepared and given to the Secretary of State is further extended;
 - (b) the further extension and at least one previous extension is made under section 51(4); and
 - (c) the same days or fractions of days are included in or comprise the further extension and are included in or comprise at least one such previous extension.
- (7) In calculating the period of the further extension, any days or fractions of days of the kind mentioned in subsection (6)(c) shall be disregarded.
- (8) The Secretary of State may by order amend section 51 so as to alter any one or more of the following periods—
 - (a) the period of 24 weeks mentioned in subsection (1) of that section or any period for the time being mentioned in that subsection in substitution for that period;
 - (b) ^{F185}the period of 24 weeks mentioned in subsection (2)(a) of that section or any period for the time being mentioned in that subsection in substitution for that period;]
 - (c) the period of 8 weeks mentioned in subsection (3) of that section or any period for the time being mentioned in that subsection in substitution for that period.
- (9) No alteration shall be made by virtue of subsection (8) which results in the period for the time being mentioned in subsection (1) ^{F186}or (2)(a)] of section 51 exceeding 24 weeks or the period for the time being mentioned in subsection (3) of that section exceeding 8 weeks.
- (10) An order under subsection (8) shall not affect any period of time within which the ^{F187}CMA] is under a duty to prepare and give to the Secretary of State its report under section 50 in relation to a reference under section 45 if the ^{F187}CMA] is already under that duty in relation to that reference when the order is made.

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- (11) Before making an order under subsection (8) the Secretary of State shall consult the [F187CMA] and such other persons as he considers appropriate.
- (12) The Secretary of State may make regulations for the purposes of section 51(8).
- (13) The regulations may, in particular—
- (a) provide for the time at which information or documents are to be treated as provided (including the time at which they are to be treated as provided to the satisfaction of the [F188CMA] for the purposes of section 51(8));
 - (b) provide for the time at which a person is to be treated as appearing as a witness (including the time at which he is to be treated as appearing as a witness in accordance with the requirements of the [F188CMA] for the purposes of section 51(8));
 - (c) provide for the persons carrying on the enterprises which have or may have ceased to be, or may cease to be, distinct enterprises to be informed, in circumstances in which section 51(8) applies, of the fact that—
 - (i) the [F188CMA] is satisfied as to the provision of the information or documents required by it; or
 - (ii) the person concerned has appeared as a witness in accordance with the requirements of the [F188CMA];
 - (d) provide for the persons carrying on the enterprises which have or may have ceased to be, or may cease to be, distinct enterprises to be informed, in circumstances in which section 51(8) applies, of the time at which the [F188CMA] is to be treated as satisfied as mentioned in paragraph (c)(i) above or the person concerned is to be treated as having appeared as mentioned in paragraph (c)(ii) above.

Textual Amendments

F185 S. 52(1)(2)(8)(b) ceased to have effect (1.5.2004) by virtue of [The EC Merger Control \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1079\)](#), reg. 2, **Sch. para. 2(17)(a)**

F186 Words in s. 52(9) ceased to have effect (1.5.2004) by virtue of [The EC Merger Control \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1079\)](#), reg. 2, **Sch. para. 2(17)(b)**

F187 Word in s. 52(10)(11) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 94** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F188 Word in s. 52(13) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 94** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

53 Restrictions on action where public interest considerations not finalised

- (1) The [F189CMA] shall cancel a reference under section 45 if—
- (a) the intervention notice concerned mentions a public interest consideration which was not finalised on the giving of that notice or public interest considerations which, at that time, were not finalised;
 - (b) no other public interest consideration is mentioned in the notice;
 - (c) at least 24 weeks has elapsed since the giving of the notice; and
 - (d) the public interest consideration mentioned in the notice has not been finalised within that period of 24 weeks or (as the case may be) none of the public interest considerations mentioned in the notice has been finalised within that period of 24 weeks.

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- (2) Where a reference ^{F190}... under section 45 specifies a public interest consideration which has not been finalised before the making of the reference, the [F191CMA] shall not give its report to the Secretary of State under section 50 in relation to that reference unless—
- (a) the period of 24 weeks beginning with the giving of the intervention notice concerned has expired; [F192or]
 - (b) the public interest consideration concerned has been finalised; [F193or]
 - (c) [F194the report must be given to the Secretary of State to ensure compliance with article 9(6) of the European Merger Regulations.]
- (3) The [F195CMA] shall, in reporting on any of the questions mentioned in section 47(2) (b), (3), (5)(b), (6) and (7), disregard any public interest consideration which has not been finalised before the giving of the report.
- (4) The [F195CMA] shall, in reporting on any of the questions mentioned in section 47(2) (b), (3), (5)(b), (6) and (7), disregard any public interest consideration which was not finalised on the giving of the intervention notice concerned and has not been finalised within the period of 24 weeks beginning with the giving of the notice concerned.
- (5) Subsections (1) to (4) are without prejudice to the power of the [F195CMA] to carry out investigations in relation to any public interest consideration to which it might be able to have regard in its report.

Textual Amendments

- F189** Word in s. 53(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 95\(2\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F190** Words in s. 53(2) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 95\(3\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F191** Word in s. 53(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 95\(3\)\(b\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F192** Word in s. 53(2) inserted (1.5.2004) by [The EC Merger Control \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1079\), reg. 2, Sch. para. 2\(18\)\(a\)](#)
- F193** Word in s. 53(2) ceased to have effect (1.5.2004) by virtue of [The EC Merger Control \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1079\), reg. 2, Sch. para. 2\(18\)\(b\)](#)
- F194** S. 53(2)(c) ceased to have effect (1.5.2004) by virtue of [The EC Merger Control \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1079\), reg. 2, Sch. para. 2\(18\)\(c\)](#)
- F195** Word in s. 53(3)-(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 26\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 95\(4\)](#) (with s. 28), S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d)(with Sch.)

Decisions of the Secretary of State

54 Decision of Secretary of State in public interest cases

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where the Secretary of State has received a report of the [F196CMA] under section 50 in relation to a relevant merger situation.
- (2) The Secretary of State shall decide whether to make an adverse public interest finding in relation to the relevant merger situation and whether to make no finding at all in the matter.

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- (3) For the purposes of this Part the Secretary of State makes an adverse public interest finding in relation to a relevant merger situation if, in relation to that situation, he decides—
- (a) in connection with a reference ^{F197}... under subsection (2) of section 45, that it is the case as mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (d) of that subsection or subsection (3) of that section;
 - (b) in connection with a reference ^{F197}... under subsection (3) of that section, that it is the case as mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (d) of that subsection;
 - (c) in connection with a reference ^{F197}... under subsection (4) of that section, that it is the case as mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (d) of that subsection or subsection (5) of that section; and
 - (d) in connection with a reference ^{F197}... under subsection (5) of that section, that it is the case as mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (d) of that subsection.
- (4) The Secretary of State may make no finding at all in the matter only if he decides that there is no public interest consideration which is relevant to a consideration of the relevant merger situation concerned.
- (5) The Secretary of State shall make and publish his decision under subsection (2) within the period of 30 days beginning with the receipt of the report of the [^{F198}CMA] under section 50.
- (6) In making a decision under subsections (2) to (4), the Secretary of State shall disregard any public interest consideration not specified in the reference under section 45 and any public interest consideration disregarded by the [^{F198}CMA] for the purposes of its report.
- (7) In deciding whether to make an adverse public interest finding under subsection (2), the Secretary of State shall accept—
- (a) in connection with a reference ^{F199}... under section 45(2) or (4), the decision of the report [^{F200}of the CMA] under section 50 as to whether there is an anti-competitive outcome; and
 - (b) in connection with a reference ^{F199}... under section 45(3) or (5)—
 - (i) the decision of the report [^{F200}of the CMA] under section 50 as to whether a relevant merger situation has been created or (as the case may be) arrangements are in progress or in contemplation which, if carried into effect, will result in the creation of a relevant merger situation; and
 - (ii) the decision of the report of the [^{F201}CMA] under section 44 as to the absence of a substantial lessening of competition.
- (8) In determining for the purposes of subsection (5) the period of 30 days no account shall be taken of—
- (a) Saturday, Sunday, Good Friday and Christmas Day; and
 - (b) any day which is a bank holiday in England and Wales.

Textual Amendments

F196 Word in s. 54(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 96\(2\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F197 Words in s. 54(3) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 96\(3\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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- F198** Word in s. 54(5)(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 96(4)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F199** Words in s. 54(7) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 96(5)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F200** Words in s. 54(7) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 96(5)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F201** Word in s. 54(7)(b)(ii) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 96(5)(c)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

55 Enforcement action by Secretary of State

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where the Secretary of State has decided under subsection (2) of section 54 within the period required by subsection (5) of that section to make an adverse public interest finding in relation to a relevant merger situation and has published his decision within the period so required.
- (2) The Secretary of State may take such action under paragraph 9 or 11 of Schedule 7 as he considers to be reasonable and practicable to remedy, mitigate or prevent any of the effects adverse to the public interest which have resulted from, or may be expected to result from, the creation of the relevant merger situation concerned.
- (3) In making a decision under subsection (2) the Secretary of State shall, in particular, have regard to the report of the [F202CMA] under section 50.
- (4) In making a decision under subsection (2) in any case of a substantial lessening of competition, the Secretary of State may, in particular, have regard to the effect of any action on any relevant customer benefits in relation to the creation of the relevant merger situation concerned.

Textual Amendments

- F202** Word in s. 55(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 97** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Other

56 Competition cases where intervention on public interest grounds ceases

- (1) Where the Secretary of State decides not to make a reference under section 45 on the ground that no public interest consideration to which he is able to have regard is relevant to a consideration of the relevant merger situation concerned, he shall by notice require the [F203CMA] to deal with the matter otherwise than under this Chapter.
- (2) Where a notice is given to the [F203CMA] in the circumstances mentioned in subsection (1), the [F203CMA] shall decide whether to make a reference under section 22 [F204, 33, 68B or 68C]; and any time-limits in relation to the Secretary of State's decision whether to make a reference under section 45 (including any remaining powers of extension) shall apply in relation to the decision of the [F203CMA] whether to make a reference under section 22 [F204, 33, 68B or 68C].
- (3) Where the [F205CMA] cancels under section 53(1) a reference under section 45 and [F206:its report] under section 44 contains the decision that it is or may be the case

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that there is an anti-competitive outcome in relation to the relevant merger situation concerned, the [F205CMA] shall proceed under this Part as if a reference under section 22 or (as the case may be) 33 had been made F207....

- (4) In proceeding by virtue of subsection (3) to prepare and publish a report under section 38, the [F208CMA] shall proceed as if—
- (a) the reference under section 22 or 33 had been made at the same time as the reference under section 45;
 - (b) the timetable for preparing and giving its report under section 50 (including any remaining powers of extension and as extended by an additional period of 20 days) were the timetable for preparing and publishing its report under section 38; and
 - (c) in relation to the question whether a relevant merger situation has been created or the question whether arrangements are in progress or in contemplation which, if carried into effect, will result in the creation of a relevant merger situation, the [F208CMA] were confined to the questions on the subject to be investigated by it under section 47.
- (5) In determining the period of 20 days mentioned in subsection (4) no account shall be taken of—
- (a) Saturday, Sunday, Good Friday and Christmas Day; and
 - (b) any day which is a bank holiday in England and Wales.
- (6) Where the Secretary of State decides under section 54(2) to make no finding at all in the matter in connection with a reference under section 45(2) or (4), the [F209CMA] shall proceed under this Part as if a reference under section 22 or (as the case may be) 33 had been made F210... instead of a reference under section 45 and as if its report to the Secretary of State under section 50 had been prepared and published by it under section 38 within the period permitted by section 39.
- (7) In relation to proceedings by virtue of subsection (6), the reference in section 41(3) to decisions of the [F211CMA] as included in its report by virtue of section 35(3) or 36(2) shall be construed as a reference to decisions which were included in the report of the [F211CMA] by virtue of section 47(8).
- (8) Where the [F212CMA] becomes under a duty to proceed as mentioned in subsection (3) or (6) [F213—
- (a)] references in this Part to references under sections 22 and 33 shall, so far as may be necessary, be construed accordingly; and, in particular, sections 77 to 81 shall apply as if a reference has been made F214... under section 22 or (as the case may be) 33 [F215; and
 - (b) for the purposes of section 34C, the group constituted in consequence of the reference under section 45 is to be treated as if it were constituted in consequence of a reference under section 22 or (as the case may be) 33.]

Textual Amendments

F203 Word in s. 56(1)(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 98\(2\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F204 Words in s. 56(2) substituted (26.10.2023) by [Energy Act 2023 \(c. 52\)](#), s. 334(2)(j), [Sch. 16 para. 8](#)

F205 Word in s. 56(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 98\(3\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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- F206** Words in s. 56(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 98(3)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F207** Words in s. 56(3) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 98(3)(c)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F208** Word in s. 56(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 98(4)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F209** Word in s. 56(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 98(5)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F210** Words in s. 56(6) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 98(5)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F211** Word in s. 56(7) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 98(6)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F212** Word in s. 56(8) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 98(7)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F213** Words in s. 56(8) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 98(7)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F214** Words in s. 56(8) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 98(7)(c)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F215** S. 56(8)(b) and word inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 98(7)(d)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

57 Duties of [F216CMA and OFCOM] to inform Secretary of State

- (1) The [F217CMA] shall, in considering whether to make a reference under [F218section 22, 33, 68B or 68C], bring to the attention of the Secretary of State any case which it believes raises any consideration specified in section 58 unless it believes that the Secretary of State would consider any such consideration immaterial in the context of the particular case.
- (2) The [F219CMA and OFCOM] shall bring to the attention of the Secretary of State any representations about exercising his powers under section 58(3) which have been made to the [F220CMA or (as the case may be) OFCOM].

Textual Amendments

- F216** Words in s. 57 heading substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 99(4)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F217** Word in s. 57(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 99(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F218** Words in s. 57(1) substituted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 9**
- F219** Words in s. 57(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 99(3)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F220** Words in s. 57(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 99(3)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

58 Specified considerations

[F221(1)

[F222(2)

[F223(2A) The need for—

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- (a) accurate presentation of news; and
 - (b) free expression of opinion;
- in newspapers is specified in this section.

(2B) The need for, to the extent that it is reasonable and practicable, a sufficient plurality of views in newspapers in each market for newspapers in the United Kingdom or a part of the United Kingdom is specified in this section.

(2C) The following are specified in this section—

- (a) the need, in relation to every different audience in the United Kingdom or in a particular area or locality of the United Kingdom, for there to be a sufficient plurality of persons with control of the media enterprises serving that audience;
- (b) the need for the availability throughout the United Kingdom of a wide range of broadcasting which (taken as a whole) is both of high quality and calculated to appeal to a wide variety of tastes and interests; and
- (c) the need for persons carrying on media enterprises, and for those with control of such enterprises, to have a genuine commitment to the attainment in relation to broadcasting of the standards objectives set out in section 319 of the Communications Act 2003.]

[^{F224}(2D) The interest of maintaining the stability of the UK financial system is specified in this section ^{F225}....]

[^{F226}(2E) The need to maintain in the United Kingdom the capability to combat, and to mitigate the effects of, public health emergencies is specified in this section.]

(3) The Secretary of State may by order modify this section for the purpose of specifying in this section a new consideration or removing or amending any consideration which is for the time being specified in this section.

(4) An order under this section may, in particular—

- (a) provide for a consideration to be specified in this section for a particular purpose or purposes or for all purposes;
- (b) apply in relation to cases under consideration by the [^{F227}CMA, OFCOM] or the Secretary of State before the making of the order as well as cases under consideration on or after the making of the order.

Textual Amendments

F221 S. 58(1) omitted (4.1.2022) by virtue of National Security and Investment Act 2021 (c. 25), s. 66(3), Sch. 2 para. 7 (with s. 62); S.I. 2021/1465, regs. 2, 3 (with regs. 4, 5)

F222 S. 58(2) omitted (4.1.2022) by virtue of National Security and Investment Act 2021 (c. 25), s. 66(3), Sch. 2 para. 7 (with s. 62); S.I. 2021/1465, regs. 2, 3 (with regs. 4, 5)

F223 S. 58(2A)-(2C) inserted (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 375(1), 411(2)(3) (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, art. 3(1), Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)

F224 S. 58(2D) inserted (24.10.2008) (with application in accordance with art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Specification of Additional Section 58 Consideration) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/2645), arts. 1(1), 2

F225 Words in s. 58(2D) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), 45(b) (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), 35-59); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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F226 S. 58(2E) inserted (23.6.2020) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Specification of Additional Section 58 Consideration\) Order 2020 \(S.I. 2020/627\)](#), arts. 1(1), 2

F227 Words in s. 58(4)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 100](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

[^{F228}58A Construction of consideration specified in section 58(2C)]

- (1) For the purposes of section 58 and this section an enterprise is a media enterprise if it consists in or involves broadcasting.
- (2) In the case of a merger situation in which at least one of the enterprises ceasing to be distinct consists in or involves broadcasting, the references in section 58(2C)(a) or this section to media enterprises include references to newspaper enterprises.
- (3) In this Part “newspaper enterprise” means an enterprise consisting in or involving the supply of newspapers.
- (4) Wherever in a merger situation two media enterprises serving the same audience cease to be distinct, the number of such enterprises serving that audience shall be assumed to be more immediately before they cease to be distinct than it is afterwards.
- (5) For the purposes of section 58, where two or more media enterprises—
 - (a) would fall to be treated as under common ownership or common control for the purposes of section 26, or
 - (b) are otherwise in the same ownership or under the same control,they shall be treated (subject to subsection (4)) as all under the control of only one person.
- (6) A reference in section 58 or this section to an audience shall be construed in relation to a media enterprise in whichever of the following ways the decision-making authority considers appropriate—
 - (a) as a reference to any one of the audiences served by that enterprise, taking them separately;
 - (b) as a reference to all the audiences served by that enterprise, taking them together;
 - (c) as a reference to a number of those audiences taken together in such group as the decision-making authority considers appropriate; or
 - (d) as a reference to a part of anything that could be taken to be an audience under any of paragraphs (a) to (c) above.
- (7) The criteria for deciding who can be treated for the purposes of this section as comprised in an audience, or as comprised in an audience served by a particular service—
 - (a) shall be such as the decision-making authority considers appropriate in the circumstances of the case; and
 - (b) may allow for persons to be treated as members of an audience if they are only potentially members of it.
- (8) In this section “audience” includes readership.
- (9) The power under subsection (3) of section 58 to modify that section includes power to modify this section.]

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F228 S. 58A inserted (29.12.2003) by **Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 375(2), 411(2)(3)** (with transitional provisions in **Sch. 18**); **S.I. 2003/3142, art. 3(1), Sch. 1** (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)

CHAPTER 3

OTHER SPECIAL CASES

Special public interest cases

59 Intervention by Secretary of State in special public interest cases

(1) Subsection (2) applies where the Secretary of State has reasonable grounds for suspecting that it is or may be the case that a special merger situation has been created or arrangements are in progress or in contemplation which, if carried into effect, will result in the creation of a special merger situation.

(2) The Secretary of State may give a notice to the [^{F229}CMA] (in this Part “a special intervention notice”) if he believes that it is or may be the case that one or more than one consideration specified in section 58 is relevant to a consideration of the special merger situation concerned.

[^{F230}(3) For the purposes of this Part a special merger situation has been created if—

- (a) the condition mentioned in subsection (3A) is satisfied; and
- (b) immediately before the enterprises concerned ceased to be distinct—
 - ^{F231}(i)
 - (ii) the condition mentioned in subsection (3C) was satisfied; or
 - (iii) the condition mentioned in subsection (3D) was satisfied.

(3A) The condition mentioned in this subsection is that—

- (a) no relevant merger situation has been created because of section 23(1)(b) and (2)(b); but
- (b) a relevant merger situation would have been created if those enactments were disregarded.

^{F232}(3B)

(3C) The condition mentioned in this subsection is that, in relation to the supply of newspapers of any description, at least one-quarter of all the newspapers of that description which were supplied in the United Kingdom, or in a substantial part of the United Kingdom, were supplied by the person or persons by whom one of the enterprises concerned was carried on.

(3D) The condition mentioned in this subsection is that, in relation to the provision of broadcasting of any description, at least one-quarter of all broadcasting of that description provided in the United Kingdom, or in a substantial part of the United Kingdom, was provided by the person or persons by whom one of the enterprises concerned was carried on.]

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- (5) For the purposes of deciding whether a relevant merger situation has been created or whether arrangements are in progress or in contemplation which, if carried into effect, will result in the creation of a relevant merger situation, sections 23 [F233 to 30] (read together with section 34) shall apply for the purposes of this Chapter as they do for the purposes of Chapter 1 but subject to subsection (6).
- (6) In their application by virtue of subsection (5) sections 23 [F234 to 30] shall have effect as if—
- (a) for paragraph (a) of section 23(9) there were substituted—
 - “(a) in relation to the giving of a special intervention notice, the time when the notice is given;
 - (aa) in relation to the making of a report by the [F235 CMA] under section 61, the time of the making of the report;
 - (ab) in the case of a reference which is treated as having been made under section 62(2) by virtue of section 64(2), such time as the [F236 CMA] may determine; and”;
 - (b) the references to the [F235 CMA] in section 24(2)(a) and (b) included references to the Secretary of State;
 - (c) the references to the [F235 CMA] in [F237 section 25(1) to (3) F238 ...] included references to the Secretary of State;
 - (d) the references to the [F235 CMA] in section 25(4) and (5) were references to the Secretary of State;
 - (e) the reference in section 25(4) to section 73 were a reference to paragraph 3 of Schedule 7;
 - (f) the reference in section 25(12) to one extension were a reference to one extension by the [F235 CMA] and one extension by the Secretary of State;
 - (g) the powers to extend time-limits under section 25 as applied by subsection (5) above F239 ... were not exercisable by the [F235 CMA] or the Secretary of State before the giving of a special intervention notice;
 - F240 (h)
 - (i) in the case of the giving of special intervention notices, the references in sections 23 [F241 to 30] to the making of a reference or a reference were, so far as necessary, references to the giving of a special intervention notice or a special intervention notice; F242 ...
 - F242 (j)
- [F243 (6A) The Secretary of State may by order amend the conditions mentioned in subsection (3) (b)(ii) and (iii).]
- (7) No more than one special intervention notice shall be given under subsection (2) in relation to the same special merger situation.
- F244 (8)
- F245 (9)

Textual Amendments

F229 Word in s. 59(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 101\(2\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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- F230** S. 59(3)-(3D) substituted (29.12.2003) for s. 59(3)(4) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), **ss. 378(1), 411(2)(3)** (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F231** S. 59(3)(b)(i) omitted (4.1.2022) by virtue of National Security and Investment Act 2021 (c. 25), s. 66(3), **Sch. 2 para. 8** (with s. 62); S.I. 2021/1465, regs. 2, 3 (with regs. 4, 5)
- F232** S. 59(3B) omitted (4.1.2022) by virtue of National Security and Investment Act 2021 (c. 25), s. 66(3), **Sch. 2 para. 8** (with s. 62); S.I. 2021/1465, regs. 2, 3 (with regs. 4, 5)
- F233** Words in s. 59(5) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 26(2)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F234** Words in s. 59(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 26(3)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F235** Word in s. 59(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 101(3)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F236** Word in s. 59(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 101(3)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F237** Words in s. 59(6)(c) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 26(4)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F238** Words in s. 59(6)(c) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **46** (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F239** Words in s. 59(6)(g) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 26(5)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F240** S. 59(6)(h) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 26(6)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F241** Words in s. 59(6)(i) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 26(7)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F242** S. 59(6)(j) and word omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 26(8)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F243** S. 59(6A) inserted (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), **ss. 378(2), 411(2)(3)** (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F244** S. 59(8) omitted (4.1.2022) by virtue of National Security and Investment Act 2021 (c. 25), s. 66(3), **Sch. 2 para. 8** (with s. 62); S.I. 2021/1465, regs. 2, 3 (with regs. 4, 5)
- F245** S. 59(9) omitted (4.1.2022) by virtue of National Security and Investment Act 2021 (c. 25), s. 66(3), **Sch. 2 para. 8** (with s. 62); S.I. 2021/1465, regs. 2, 3 (with regs. 4, 5)

^{F246}**59A Construction of conditions in section 59(3C) and (3D)**

- (1) For the purpose of deciding whether the proportion of one-quarter mentioned in section 59(3C) or (3D) is fulfilled with respect to—
- (a) newspapers of any description, or
 - (b) broadcasting of any description,
- the decision-making authority shall apply such criterion (whether value, cost, price, quantity, capacity, number of workers employed or some other criterion, of whatever nature), or such combination of criteria, as the decision-making authority considers appropriate.
- (2) References in section 59(3C) to the supply of newspapers shall, in relation to newspapers of any description which are the subject of different forms of supply, be construed in whichever of the following ways the decision-making authority considers appropriate—
- (a) as references to any of those forms of supply taken separately;
 - (b) as references to all those forms of supply taken together; or

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- (c) as references to any of those forms of supply taken in groups.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2) the decision-making authority may treat newspapers as being the subject of different forms of supply whenever—
 - (a) the transactions concerned differ as to their nature, their parties, their terms or their surrounding circumstances; and
 - (b) the difference is one which, in the opinion of the decision-making authority, ought for the purposes of that subsection to be treated as a material difference.
- (4) References in section 59(3D) to the provision of broadcasting shall, in relation to broadcasting of any description which is the subject of different forms of provision, be construed in whichever of the following ways the decision-making authority considers appropriate—
 - (a) as references to any of those forms of provision taken separately;
 - (b) as references to all those forms of provision taken together; or
 - (c) as references to any of those forms of provision taken in groups.
- (5) For the purposes of subsection (4) the decision-making authority may treat broadcasting as being the subject of different forms of provision whenever—
 - (a) the transactions concerned differ as to their nature, their parties, their terms or their surrounding circumstances; and
 - (b) the difference is one which, in the opinion of the decision-making authority, ought for the purposes of that subsection to be treated as a material difference.
- (6) The criteria for deciding when newspapers or broadcasting can be treated, for the purposes of section 59, as newspapers or broadcasting of a separate description shall be such as in any particular case the decision-making authority considers appropriate in the circumstances of that case.
- (7) In section 59 and this section “provision” and cognate expressions have the same meaning in relation to broadcasting as in Part 3 of the Communications Act 2003; but this subsection is subject to subsections (4) and (5) of this section.]

Textual Amendments

F246 S. 59A inserted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), [ss. 378\(3\), 411\(2\)\(3\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [Sch. 18](#)); [S.I. 2003/3142](#), [art. 3\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1](#) (subject to [arts. 3\(3\), 11](#))

60 Special intervention notices under section 59

- (1) A special intervention notice shall state—
 - (a) the special merger situation concerned; and
 - (b) the consideration specified in section 58 or considerations so specified which are, or may be, relevant to the special merger situation concerned.
- (2) Where the Secretary of State believes that it is or may be the case that two or more considerations specified in section 58 are relevant to a consideration of the special merger situation concerned, he may decide not to mention in the special intervention notice such of those considerations as he considers appropriate.
- (3) A special intervention notice shall come into force when it is given and shall cease to be in force when the matter to which it relates is finally determined under this Chapter.

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- (4) For the purposes of this Part, a matter to which a special intervention notice relates is finally determined under this Chapter if—
- (a) the time within which the [^{F247}CMA][^{F248}or (if relevant) OFCOM] is to report to the Secretary of State under section 61 [^{F249}or (as the case may be) 61A] has expired and no such report has been made;
 - (b) the Secretary of State decides to accept an undertaking or group of undertakings under paragraph 3 of Schedule 7 instead of making a reference under section 62;
 - (c) the Secretary of State otherwise decides not to make a reference under that section;
 - (d) the [^{F250}CMA] cancels such a reference under section 64(1);
 - (e) the time within which the [^{F250}CMA] is to prepare a report under section 65 and give it to the Secretary of State has expired and no such report has been prepared and given to the Secretary of State;
 - (f) the time within which the Secretary of State is to make and publish a decision under section 66(2) has expired and no such decision has been made and published;
 - (g) the Secretary of State decides under subsection (2) of section 66 otherwise than as mentioned in subsection (5) of that section;
 - (h) the Secretary of State decides under subsection (2) of section 66 as mentioned in subsection (5) of that section but decides neither to accept an undertaking under paragraph 9 of Schedule 7 nor to make an order under paragraph 11 of that Schedule; or
 - (i) the Secretary of State decides under subsection (2) of section 66 as mentioned in subsection (5) of that section and accepts an undertaking under paragraph 9 of Schedule 7 or makes an order under paragraph 11 of that Schedule.
- (5) For the purposes of this Part the time when a matter to which a special intervention notice relates is finally determined under this Chapter is—
- (a) in a case falling within subsection (4)(a), (e) or (f), the expiry of the time concerned;
 - (b) in a case falling within subsection (4)(b), the acceptance of the undertaking or group of undertakings concerned;
 - (c) in a case falling within subsection (4)(c), (d) or (g), the making of the decision concerned;
 - (d) in a case falling within subsection (4)(h), the making of the decision neither to accept an undertaking under paragraph 9 of Schedule 7 nor to make an order under paragraph 11 of that Schedule; and
 - (e) in a case falling within subsection (4)(i), the acceptance of the undertaking concerned or (as the case may be) the making of the order concerned.

Textual Amendments

F247 Word in s. 60(4)(a) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 102\(2\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 28); [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F248 Words in s. 60(4)(a) inserted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), ss. 389(1), 411(2)(3), [Sch. 16 para. 13\(a\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [Sch. 18](#)); [S.I. 2003/3142](#), [art. 3\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1](#) (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)

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- F249** Words in s. 60(4)(a) inserted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), ss. 389(1), 411(2)(3), [Sch. 16 para. 13\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [Sch. 18](#)); S.I. 2003/3142, [art. 3\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1](#) (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F250** Word in s. 60(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 102\(2\)\(b\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, [art. 2\(1\)\(d\)](#) (with [Sch.](#))

61 Initial investigation and report by ^{F251}CMA]

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where the Secretary of State has given a special intervention notice in relation to a special merger situation.
- (2) The ^{F252}CMA] shall, within such period as the Secretary of State may require, give a report to the Secretary of State in relation to the case.
- (3) The report shall contain—
 - (a) advice from the ^{F252}CMA] on the considerations relevant to the making of a reference under section 22 or 33 which are also relevant to the Secretary of State’s decision as to whether to make a reference under section 62; and
 - (b) a summary of any representations about the case which have been received by the ^{F252}CMA] and which relate to any consideration mentioned in the special intervention notice concerned ^{F253}(other than a consideration which, at the time of the giving of the notice, was specified in section 58(2A) to (2C))] and which is or may be relevant to the Secretary of State’s decision as to whether to make a reference under section 62.
- (4) The report shall include a decision as to whether the ^{F252}CMA] believes (disregarding section ^{F254}59(3B)(b))] that it is, or may be, the case that a special merger situation has been created or (as the case may be) arrangements are in progress or in contemplation which, if carried into effect, will result in the creation of a special merger situation.
- ^{F255}(4A) The report may, in particular, contain a summary of any representations about the case which have been received by the ^{F252}CMA] and which relate to any consideration which—
 - (a) is mentioned in the special intervention notice concerned and, at the time of the giving of that notice, was specified in section 58(2A) to (2C); and
 - (b) is or may be relevant to the Secretary of State’s decision as to whether to make a reference under section 62.]
- (5) The report may, in particular, include advice and recommendations on any consideration mentioned in the special intervention notice concerned and which is or may be relevant to the Secretary of State’s decision as to whether to make a reference under section 62.
- (6) The ^{F256}CMA] shall carry out such investigations as it considers appropriate for the purposes of producing a report under this section.

Textual Amendments

- F251** Word in s. 61 heading substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 103\(3\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, [art. 2\(1\)\(d\)](#) (with [Sch.](#))
- F252** Word in s. 61(2)-(4A) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 26(3), [Sch. 5 para. 103\(2\)](#) (with s. 28), S.I. 2014/416, [art. 2\(1\)\(d\)](#) (with [Sch.](#))

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- F253** Words in s. 61(3)(b) inserted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 379(2)**, 411(2)(3) (with transitional provisions in [Sch. 18](#)); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F254** Words in s. 61(4) substituted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 379(3)**, 411(2)(3) (with transitional provisions in [Sch. 18](#)); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F255** S. 61(4A) inserted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 379(4)**, 411(2)(3) (with transitional provisions in [Sch. 18](#)); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F256** Word in s. 61(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 103(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

[^{F257} 61A Additional investigation and report by OFCOM: certain media mergers

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where—
 - (a) the Secretary of State has given a special intervention notice in relation to a special merger situation; and
 - (b) the special intervention notice mentions any consideration which, at the time of the giving of the notice, was specified in section 58(2A) to (2C).
- (2) OFCOM shall, within such period as the Secretary of State may require, give a report to the Secretary of State on the effect of the consideration or considerations concerned on the case.
- (3) The report shall contain—
 - (a) advice and recommendations on any consideration which—
 - (i) is mentioned in the special intervention notice concerned and, at the time of the giving of that notice, was specified in section 58(2A) to (2C); and
 - (ii) is or may be relevant to the Secretary of State’s decision as to whether to make a reference under section 62; and
 - (b) a summary of any representations about the case which have been received by OFCOM and which relate to any such consideration.
- (4) OFCOM shall carry out such investigations as they consider appropriate for the purposes of producing a report under this section.]

Textual Amendments

- F257** S. 61A inserted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 380**, 411(2)(3) (with transitional provisions in [Sch. 18](#)); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)

62 Power of Secretary of State to refer the matter

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where the Secretary of State—
 - (a) has given a special intervention notice in relation to a special merger situation; and
 - (b) has received a report of the [^{F258}CMA] under section 61 [^{F259}, and any report of OFCOM which is required by virtue of section 61A,] in relation to the matter.
- (2) The Secretary of State may make a reference [^{F260} to the chair of the CMA for the constitution of a group under Schedule 4 to the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013] if he believes that it is or may be the case that—
 - (a) a special merger situation has been created;

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- (b) one or more than one consideration mentioned in the special intervention notice is relevant to a consideration of the special merger situation concerned; and
 - (c) taking account only of the relevant consideration or considerations concerned, the creation of that situation operates or may be expected to operate against the public interest.
- (3) The Secretary of State may make a reference [^{F260}to the chair of the CMA for the constitution of a group under Schedule 4 to the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013] if he believes that it is or may be the case that—
- (a) arrangements are in progress or in contemplation which, if carried into effect, will result in the creation of a special merger situation;
 - (b) one or more than one consideration mentioned in the special intervention notice is relevant to a consideration of the special merger situation concerned; and
 - (c) taking account only of the relevant consideration or considerations concerned, the creation of that situation may be expected to operate against the public interest.
- (4) No reference shall be made under this section if the making of the reference is prevented by ^{F261}. . . paragraph 4 of Schedule 7.
- (5) The Secretary of State, in deciding whether to make a reference under this section, shall accept the decision of the [^{F262}CMA] included in its report under section 61 by virtue of subsection (4) of that section.
- (6) A reference under this section shall, in particular, specify—
- (a) the subsection of this section under which it is made;
 - (b) the date on which it is made; and
 - (c) the consideration or considerations mentioned in the special intervention notice which the Secretary of State believes are, or may be, relevant to a consideration of the special merger situation concerned.

Textual Amendments

- F258** Word in s. 62(1)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 104(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F259** Words in s. 62(1)(b) inserted (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 389(1), 411(2)(3), **Sch. 16 para. 14** (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F260** Words in s. 62(2)(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 104(3)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F261** Words in s. 62(4) repealed (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 406(7), 411(2)(3), **Sch. 19(1)** (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18 and with Sch. 19 Note 1); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F262** Word in s. 62(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 104(4)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

[^{F263}62A Functions to be exercised by CMA groups

Where a reference is made to the chair of the CMA under section 62 for the constitution of a group under Schedule 4 to the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013, the

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functions of the CMA under or by virtue of the following provisions of this Part in relation to the matter concerned are to be carried out on behalf of the CMA by the group so constituted—

- (a) sections 63 to 65;
- (b) where a reference is treated by virtue of section 64(2) as having been made under section 62(2), section 23(9)(ab) (as it has effect by virtue of section 59(6));
- (c) sections 104, so far as relating to any decision mentioned in paragraph (a) (iii) of the definition of relevant decision in subsection (6) of that section, and 104A;
- (d) section 107, so far as relating to anything done on behalf of the CMA by the group;
- (e) section 109, where the permitted purpose relates to a function that (by virtue of this section) is being or is to be carried out on behalf of the CMA by the group;
- (f) sections 110 to 115, so far as relating to a notice given under section 109 on behalf of the CMA by the group;
- (g) section 118(4);
- (h) section 120(5)(b), so far as relating to a decision of the group.]

Textual Amendments

F263 S. 62A inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 105](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C45 S. 62A modified (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 4 para. 47\(2\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(c) (with Sch.)

63 Questions to be decided on references under section 62

- (1) The [^{F264}CMA] shall, on a reference under section 62(2), decide whether a special merger situation has been created.
- (2) The [^{F264}CMA] shall, on a reference under section 62(3), decide whether arrangements are in progress or in contemplation which, if carried into effect, will result in the creation of a special merger situation.
- (3) If the [^{F264}CMA] decides that a special merger situation has been created or that arrangements are in progress or in contemplation which, if carried into effect, will result in the creation of a special merger situation, it shall, on a reference under section 62, decide whether, taking account only of the consideration or considerations mentioned in the reference, the creation of that situation operates or may be expected to operate against the public interest.
- (4) The [^{F264}CMA] shall, if it has decided on a reference under section 62 that the creation of a special merger situation operates or may be expected to operate against the public interest, decide the following additional questions—
 - (a) whether action should be taken by the Secretary of State under section 66 for the purpose of remedying, mitigating or preventing any of the effects adverse

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- to the public interest which have resulted from, or may be expected to result from, the creation of the special merger situation concerned;
- (b) whether the [F264CMA] should recommend the taking of other action by the Secretary of State or action by persons other than itself and the Secretary of State for the purpose of remedying, mitigating or preventing any of the effects adverse to the public interest which have resulted from, or may be expected to result from, the creation of the special merger situation concerned; and
- (c) in either case, if action should be taken, what action should be taken and what is to be remedied, mitigated or prevented.

Textual Amendments

F264 Word in s. 63(1)-(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 26(3), Sch. 5 para. 106 (with s. 28), [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C46 Ss. 35, 36, 47, 63, 134 and 141 extended (20.6.2003) by [1977 c. 37, s. 50A\(6\)](#) (as inserted by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), ss. 278, 279, [Sch. 25 para. 8\(2\)](#)); [S.I. 2003/1397](#) {art. 2(1)}, Sch. (with art. 8)

64 Cancellation and variation of references under section 62

- (1) The [F265CMA] shall cancel a reference under section 62(3) if it considers that the proposal to make arrangements of the kind mentioned in that reference has been abandoned.
- (2) The [F265CMA] may, if it considers that doing so is justified by the facts (including events occurring on or after the making of the reference concerned), treat a reference made under subsection (2) or (3) of section 62 as if it had been made under subsection (3) or (as the case may be) (2) of that section; and, in such cases, references in this Part to references under those enactments shall, so far as may be necessary, be construed accordingly.
- (3) Where, by virtue of subsection (2), the [F265CMA] treats a reference made under subsection (2) or (3) of section 62 as if it had been made under subsection (3) or (as the case may be) (2) of that section, paragraphs F266 ... 2, 7 and 8 of Schedule 7 shall, in particular, apply as if the reference had been made under subsection (3) or (as the case may be) (2) of that section instead of under subsection (2) or (3) of that section.
- (4) Subsection (5) applies in relation to F267 ... any order made under paragraph 2 of [F268Schedule 7], which is in force immediately before the [F265CMA], by virtue of subsection (2), treats a reference made under subsection (2) or (3) of section 62 as if it had been made under subsection (3) or (as the case may be) (2) of that section.
- (5) The F269 ... order shall, so far as applicable, continue in force as if—
- (a) in the case of an F269 ... order which relates to a reference under subsection (2) of section 62 F270 ... made in relation to a reference made under subsection (3) of that section; and
- (b) in the case of an F269 ... order which relates to a reference made under subsection (3) of that section F270 ... made in relation to a reference made under subsection (2) of that section;
- and the F269 ... order concerned may be varied F271 ... or revoked accordingly.

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- (6) The Secretary of State may at any time vary a reference under section 62.
- (7) The Secretary of State shall consult the [F265CMA] before varying any such reference.
- (8) Subsection (7) shall not apply if the [F265CMA] has requested the variation concerned.
- (9) No variation by the Secretary of State under this section shall be capable of altering the consideration or considerations specified in the reference or the period permitted by virtue of section 65 within which the report of the [F265CMA] under that section is to be prepared and given to the Secretary of State.

Textual Amendments

- F265** Word in s. 64(1)-(4)(7)-(9) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), Sch. 5 para. 107 (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F266** Word in s. 64(3) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), Sch. 15 para. 27(2); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F267** Words in s. 64(4) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), Sch. 15 para. 27(3)(a); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F268** Words in s. 64(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), Sch. 15 para. 27(3)(b); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F269** Words in s. 64(5) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), Sch. 15 para. 27(4)(a); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F270** Words in s. 64(5) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), Sch. 15 para. 27(4)(b); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F271** Words in s. 64(5) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), Sch. 15 para. 27(4)(c); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)

65 Investigations and reports on references under section 62

- (1) The [F272CMA] shall prepare a report on a reference under section 62 and give it to the Secretary of State within the period permitted by virtue of this section.
- (2) The report shall, in particular, contain—
 - (a) the decisions of the [F272CMA] on the questions which it is required to answer by virtue of section 63;
 - (b) its reasons for its decisions; and
 - (c) such information as the [F272CMA] considers appropriate for facilitating a proper understanding of those questions and of its reasons for its decisions.
- [F273(2A) Where the report relates to a reference under section 62 which has been made after a report of OFCOM under section 61A, the [F272CMA] shall give a copy of its report (whether or not published) to OFCOM.]
- (3) Sections 51 and 52 (but not section 53) shall apply for the purposes of a report under this section as they apply for the purposes of a report under section 50.
- (4) The [F274CMA] shall carry out such investigations as it considers appropriate for the purpose of producing a report under this section.

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Textual Amendments

- F272** Word in s. 65(1)-(2A) (4) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 107](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, [art. 2\(1\)\(d\)](#) (with Sch.)
- F273** S. 65(2A) inserted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\), ss. 389\(1\), 411\(2\)\(3\), Sch. 16 para. 15](#) (with transitional provisions in [Sch. 18](#)); S.I. 2003/3142, [art. 3\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1](#) (subject to [arts. 3\(3\), 11](#))
- F274** Word in s. 65(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 108](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, [art. 2\(1\)\(d\)](#) (with Sch.)

66 Decision and enforcement action by Secretary of State

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where the Secretary of State has received a report of the [^{F275}CMA] under section 65 in relation to a special merger situation.
- (2) The Secretary of State shall, in connection with a reference under section 62(2) or (3), decide the questions which the [^{F275}CMA] is required to decide by virtue of section 63(1) to (3).
- (3) The Secretary of State shall make and publish his decision under subsection (2) within the period of 30 days beginning with the receipt of the report of the [^{F275}CMA] under section 65; and subsection (8) of section 54 shall apply for the purposes of this subsection as it applies for the purposes of subsection (5) of that section.
- (4) In making his decisions under subsection (2), the Secretary of State shall accept the decisions of the report of the [^{F275}CMA] under section 65 as to whether a special merger situation has been created or whether arrangements are in progress or in contemplation which, if carried into effect, will result in the creation of a special merger situation.
- (5) Subsection (6) applies where the Secretary of State has decided under subsection (2) that—
 - (a) a special merger situation has been created or arrangements are in progress or in contemplation which, if carried into effect, will result in the creation of a special merger situation;
 - (b) at least one consideration which is mentioned in the special intervention notice concerned is relevant to a consideration of the special merger situation concerned; and
 - (c) taking account only of the relevant consideration or considerations concerned, the creation of that situation operates or may be expected to operate against the public interest;and has so decided, and published his decision, within the period required by subsection (3).
- (6) The Secretary of State may take such action under paragraph 9 or 11 of Schedule 7 as he considers to be reasonable and practicable to remedy, mitigate or prevent any of the effects adverse to the public interest which have resulted from, or may be expected to result from, the creation of the special merger situation concerned.
- (7) In making a decision under subsection (6), the Secretary of State shall, in particular, have regard to the report of the [^{F276}CMA] under section 65.

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Textual Amendments
F275 Word in s. 66(1)-(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 109** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, **art. 2(1)(d)** (with Sch.)
F276 Word in s. 66(7) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 109** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, **art. 2(1)(d)** (with Sch.)

F277 ...

Textual Amendments
F277 S. 67 and cross-heading omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **47** (with Sch. 4 paras. 25-28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

F277 67 Intervention to protect legitimate interests

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F278 68 Scheme for protecting legitimate interests

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Textual Amendments
F278 S. 68 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **47** (with Sch. 4 paras. 25-28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

F279 Mergers of energy network enterprises in Great Britain

Textual Amendments
F279 Ss. 68A-68F and cross-heading inserted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 2**

68A Relevant merger situations involving energy network mergers

- (1) For the purposes of this Part, a relevant merger situation involves an energy network merger if two or more of the enterprises that cease to be distinct are energy network enterprises of the same type.
- (2) For the purposes of this Part, the types of “energy network enterprise” are—
 - (a) an enterprise holding a licence under section 7 of the Gas Act 1986 (gas transporter);
 - (b) an enterprise holding a licence under section 6(1)(b) of the Electricity Act 1989 (transmission of electricity), except as mentioned in subsection (3);

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- (c) an enterprise holding a licence under section 6(1)(c) of the Electricity Act 1989 (distribution of electricity), except as mentioned in subsection (3).
- (3) An enterprise holding a licence under section 6(1)(b) or (c) of the Electricity Act 1989 is not an energy network enterprise if—
 - (a) the licence was granted following a tender exercise, and
 - (b) either—
 - (i) the enterprise does not hold any other licence of a type mentioned in subsection (2), or
 - (ii) the enterprise holds one or more other licences under section 6(1)(b) or (c) of the Electricity Act 1989 and each of those other licences was granted following a tender exercise.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations amend this section by—
 - (a) adding to subsection (2) an enterprise holding a licence under the Gas Act 1986 or the Electricity Act 1989 of a type that is not specified in that subsection;
 - (b) creating an exception in relation to a type of enterprise specified in subsection (2);
 - (c) amending or removing an exception that applies in relation to a type of enterprise specified in subsection (2).
- (5) Before making regulations under subsection (4), the Secretary of State must consult—
 - (a) the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority, and
 - (b) the CMA.
- (6) In this section, “tender exercise” has the same meaning as in section 6CD of the Electricity Act 1989.

68B Further duty to make references in relation to completed mergers

- (1) The CMA must make a reference to its chair for the constitution of a group under Schedule 4 to the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 if the CMA believes that it is or may be the case that—
 - (a) a relevant merger situation involving an energy network merger has been created, and
 - (b) the creation of that situation has caused, or may be expected to cause, substantial prejudice to the ability of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority, in carrying out its functions under Part 1 of the Gas Act 1986 or Part 1 of the Electricity Act 1989, to make comparisons between energy network enterprises of the type involved in the energy network merger;but this is subject to subsections (2) and (3).
- (2) The CMA may decide not to make a reference under this section if it believes that any relevant customer benefits in relation to the creation of the relevant merger situation outweigh the prejudice mentioned in subsection (1)(b).
- (3) The CMA must not make a reference under this section in any circumstances described in section 22(3).
- (4) A reference under this section must, in particular, specify—
 - (a) the enactment under which it is made, and

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- (b) the date on which it is made.

68C Further duty to make references in relation to anticipated mergers

- (1) The CMA must make a reference to its chair for the constitution of a group under Schedule 4 to the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 if the CMA believes that it is or may be the case that—
 - (a) arrangements are in progress or in contemplation which, if carried into effect, will result in the creation of a relevant merger situation involving an energy network merger, and
 - (b) the creation of that situation may be expected to cause substantial prejudice to the ability of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority, in carrying out its functions under Part 1 of the Gas Act 1986 or Part 1 of the Electricity Act 1989, to make comparisons between energy network enterprises of the type involved in the energy network merger,
 but this is subject to subsections (2) and (3).
- (2) The CMA may decide not to make a reference under this section if it believes that—
 - (a) the arrangements concerned are not sufficiently far advanced, or are not sufficiently likely to proceed, to justify the making of a reference, or
 - (b) any relevant customer benefits in relation to the creation of the relevant merger situation concerned outweigh the prejudice mentioned in subsection (1)(b).
- (3) The CMA must not make a reference under this section in any circumstances described in section 33(3).
- (4) A reference under this section must, in particular, specify—
 - (a) the enactment under which it is made, and
 - (b) the date on which it is made.

68D Opinion of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

- (1) Before forming a view for the purposes of section 68B(1)(b) or (2) or 68C(1)(b) or (2)(b), the CMA must—
 - (a) ask the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority to give an opinion, and
 - (b) consider that opinion.
- (2) Where the CMA makes a request under this section, the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority must give its opinion on—
 - (a) whether and to what extent the creation of the relevant merger situation has prejudiced, or may be expected to prejudice, the Authority's ability, in carrying out its functions under Part 1 of the Gas Act 1986 or Part 1 of the Electricity Act 1989, to make comparisons between energy network enterprises of the type involved in the relevant merger situation, and
 - (b) whether any prejudice is outweighed by any relevant customer benefits in relation to the creation of the relevant merger situation.
- (3) The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority must prepare and publish a statement of the methods it considers should be applied in forming an opinion on the matters mentioned in subsection (2).
- (4) The statement must, in particular, set out—

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- (a) the criteria to be used for assessing the effect of any particular energy network enterprises ceasing to be distinct enterprises on the Gas and Electricity Market Authority's ability to make comparisons between such enterprises, and
 - (b) the relative weight to be given to the criteria.
- (5) Before preparing or altering the statement, the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority must consult—
- (a) the Secretary of State,
 - (b) the Scottish Ministers,
 - (c) the Welsh Ministers,
 - (d) the CMA, and
 - (e) each energy network enterprise.
- (6) The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority must from time to time—
- (a) review the statement, and
 - (b) where appropriate, change the statement and publish the new version.
- (7) In forming its opinion under this section, the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority must apply the methods set out in its latest statement.

68E Combined references

- (1) In respect of a relevant merger situation involving an energy network merger, the CMA may—
- (a) make a reference under both section 22 and section 68B, or
 - (b) make a reference under both section 33 and section 68C.
- (2) If the CMA does so—
- (a) the references may be decided by the same group constituted under Schedule 4 to the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013;
 - (b) the functions of the CMA referred to in section 34C(1) and (2) may be carried out on behalf of the CMA by the same group in relation to both references; and
 - (c) the group's duties under section 38 to prepare and publish a report on each reference may be satisfied by preparing and publishing a single report on both references.

68F Modification of this Part

- (1) In relation to—
- (a) a reference, or possible reference, under section 68B, and
 - (b) a reference, or possible reference, under section 68C,

Chapter 1 of this Part applies with the modifications set out in Schedule 5A.

- (2) In Chapters 2 to 5 of this Part, references to a provision of Chapter 1 include that provision as applied by subsection (1) and Schedule 5A.]

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Other

69 Newspaper mergers

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Textual Amendments

F280 S. 69 repealed (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), ss. 374, 406(7), 411(2)(3), [Sch. 19\(1\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [Sch. 18](#) and with [Sch. 19](#) Note 1); S.I. 2003/3142, [art. 3\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1](#) (subject to [arts. 3\(3\)](#), 11)

70 Water mergers

- (1) For sections 32 to 35 of the Water Industry Act 1991 (c. 56) (special provision for water merger references) there shall be substituted—

“32 Duty to refer merger of water or sewerage undertaking

Subject to section 33 below, it shall be the duty of the OFT to make a merger reference to the Competition Commission if the OFT believes that it is or may be the case—

- (a) that arrangements are in progress which, if carried into effect, will result in a merger of any two or more water enterprises; or
- (b) that such a merger has taken place otherwise than as a result of the carrying into effect of arrangements that have been the subject of a reference by virtue of paragraph (a) above.

33 Exclusion of small mergers from duty to make reference

- (1) The OFT shall not make a merger reference under section 32 above in respect of any actual or prospective merger of two or more water enterprises if it appears to the OFT—
 - (a) that the value of the turnover of the water enterprise being taken over does not exceed or, as the case may be, would not exceed £10 million; or
 - (b) that the only water enterprises already belonging to the person making the take over are enterprises each of which has a turnover the value of which does not exceed or, as the case may be, would not exceed £10 million.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(a) above, the value of the turnover of the water enterprise being taken over shall be determined by taking the total value of the turnover of the water enterprises ceasing to be distinct enterprises and deducting—
 - (a) the turnover of any water enterprise continuing to be carried on under the same ownership and control; or
 - (b) if there is no water enterprise continuing to be carried on under the same ownership and control, the turnover which, of all the turnovers concerned, is the turnover of the highest value.

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- (3) For the purposes of subsection (1)(b) above—
- (a) every water enterprise ceasing to be a distinct enterprise and whose turnover is to be deducted by virtue of subsection (2)(a) or (b) above shall be treated as a water enterprise belonging to the person making the take over; and
 - (b) water enterprises shall be treated as separate enterprises so far as they are carried on by different companies holding appointments under Chapter 1 of this Part.
- (4) For the purposes of this section the turnover of a water enterprise shall be determined in accordance with such provisions as may be specified in regulations made by the Secretary of State.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (4) above may, in particular, make provision as to—
- (a) the amounts which are, or which are not, to be treated as comprising an enterprise's turnover; and
 - (b) the date or dates by reference to which an enterprise's turnover is to be determined.
- (6) Regulations under subsection (4) above may, in particular, make provision enabling the Secretary of State or the OFT to determine matters of a description specified in the regulations (including any of the matters mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (5) above).
- (7) The Secretary of State may by regulations amend subsection (1) above so as—
- (a) to alter the sum for the time being mentioned in paragraph (a) of that subsection or otherwise to modify the condition set out in that paragraph; or
 - (b) to alter the sum for the time being mentioned in paragraph (b) of that subsection or otherwise to modify the condition set out in that paragraph.
- (8) Regulations under subsection (7) above—
- (a) shall not make any modifications in relation to mergers on or before the coming into force of the regulations; and
 - (b) may, in particular, include supplemental, consequential or transitional provision amending or repealing any provision of this section.
- (9) References in this section to enterprises being carried on under the same ownership and control shall be construed in accordance with Part 3 of the 2002 Act.

34 Application of provisions of Enterprise Act 2002

The provisions of Schedule 4ZA to this Act shall have effect with respect to mergers of water enterprises.

35 Construction of merger provisions

- (1) In this Chapter (including Schedule 4ZA)—
- “enterprise” has the same meaning as in Part 3 of the 2002 Act; and

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“water enterprise” means an enterprise carried on by a water undertaker.

- (2) References in this Chapter (including Schedule 4ZA), in relation to any two or more enterprises, to the merger of those enterprises are references to those enterprises ceasing, within the meaning of Part 3 of the 2002 Act, to be distinct enterprises; and sections 27 and 29 of that Act and any provision made under section 34 of that Act (time at which enterprises cease to be distinct) shall have effect for the purposes of this Chapter (including Schedule 4ZA) as they have effect for the purposes of that Part.
 - (3) Nothing in sections 32 to 34 above (including Schedule 4ZA) shall prejudice any power of the OFT or the Secretary of State, in a case in which, or to any extent to which, the OFT is not required to make a reference under section 32 above, to make a reference under Part 3 of the 2002 Act in respect of any actual or prospective merger of two or more water enterprises.
 - (4) Where two or more enterprises have merged or will merge as part of transactions or arrangements which also involve an actual or prospective merger of two or more water enterprises, Part 3 of the 2002 Act shall apply in relation to the actual or prospective merger of the enterprises concerned excluding the water enterprises; and references in that Part to the creation of a relevant merger situation shall be construed accordingly.
 - (5) Subject to subsections (3) and (4), Part 3 of the 2002 Act shall not apply in a case in which the OFT is required to make a reference under section 32 above except as applied by virtue of Schedule 4ZA.”
- (2) Before Schedule 4A to the Act of 1991 there shall be inserted, as Schedule 4ZA, the Schedule set out in Schedule 6 to this Act.

CHAPTER 4

ENFORCEMENT

Powers exercisable before references under ^{F281}section 22, 33, 68B or 68C]

Textual Amendments

F281 Words in Pt. 3 Ch. 4 heading substituted (26.10.2023) by [Energy Act 2023 \(c. 52\)](#), s. 334(2)(j), [Sch. 16 para. 10](#)

^{F282}71 Initial undertakings: completed mergers

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Textual Amendments

F282 S. 71 omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), [ss. 30\(1\), 103\(3\)](#); [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)

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72 Initial enforcement orders: [F283 completed or anticipated mergers]

[F284](1) Subsection (2) applies where—

- (a) the CMA is considering whether to make a reference under [F285] section 22, 33, 68B or 68C]; and
- (b) the CMA has reasonable grounds for suspecting that it is or may be the case that two or more enterprises have ceased to be distinct or that arrangements are in progress or in contemplation which, if carried into effect, will result in two or more enterprises ceasing to be distinct.]

(2) The [F286]CMA] may by order, for the purpose of preventing pre-emptive action—

- (a) prohibit or restrict the doing of things which the [F286]CMA] considers would constitute pre-emptive action;
- (b) impose on any person concerned obligations as to the carrying on of any activities or the safeguarding of any assets;
- (c) provide for the carrying on of any activities or the safeguarding of any assets either by the appointment of a person to conduct or supervise the conduct of any activities (on such terms and with such powers as may be specified or described in the order) or in any other manner;
- (d) do anything which may be done by virtue of paragraph 19 of Schedule 8.

[F287](3)

[F288](3A) Subsection (3B) applies where—

- (a) subsection (1)(a) and (b) applies; and
- (b) the CMA also has reasonable grounds for suspecting that pre-emptive action has or may have been taken.

(3B) The CMA may by order, for the purpose of restoring the position to what it would have been had the pre-emptive action not been taken or otherwise for the purpose of mitigating its effects—

- (a) do anything mentioned in subsection (2)(b) to (d);
- (b) impose such other obligations, prohibitions or restrictions as it considers appropriate for that purpose.]

[F289](3C) A person may, with the consent of the CMA, take action or action of a particular description where the action would otherwise constitute a contravention of an order under this section.]

(4) An order under this section—

- (a) shall come into force at such time as is determined by or under the order; and
- (b) may be varied or revoked by another order.

[F290](5)

(6) An order under this section shall, if it has not previously ceased to be in force and if it is not adopted under [F291] ... paragraph 2 of Schedule 7, cease to be in force—

- (a) where the [F286]CMA] has decided to make the reference concerned under [F292]section 22, 33, 68B or 68C][F293]—
 - (i) if the CMA accepts an undertaking under section 80 or makes an order under section 81, on the acceptance of the undertaking or the making of the order, and
 - (ii) otherwise on the final determination of the reference concerned;]

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- (b) where the [F286CMA] has decided to accept an undertaking under section 73 instead of making that reference, on the acceptance of that undertaking;
 - (c) where an intervention notice is in force, at the end of the period of 7 days beginning with the giving of that notice; and
 - (d) where the [F286CMA] has otherwise decided not to make the reference concerned under [F294section 22, 33, 68B or 68C], on the making of that decision.
- (7) The [F295CMA] shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, consider any representations received by it in relation to varying or revoking an order under this section.
- [F296(8) In this section “pre-emptive action” means action which might prejudice the reference concerned or impede the taking of any action under this Part which may be justified by the CMA's decisions on the reference.]

Textual Amendments

- F283** Words in s. 72 heading substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), ss. 30(9), 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)
- F284** S. 72(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), ss. 30(3), 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)
- F285** Words in s. 72(1)(a) substituted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), Sch. 16 para. 11(2)
- F286** Word in s. 72(2)(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), Sch. 5 para. 112 (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F287** S. 72(3) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), ss. 30(4), 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)
- F288** S. 72(3A)(3B) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), ss. 30(5), 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)
- F289** S. 72(3C) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), ss. 30(6), 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)
- F290** S. 72(5) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), Sch. 7 para. 5(2); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F291** Words in s. 72(6) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), Sch. 7 para. 5(3)(a); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F292** Words in s. 72(6)(a) substituted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), Sch. 16 para. 11(3)
- F293** Words in s. 72(6)(a) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), Sch. 7 para. 5(3)(b); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F294** Words in s. 72(6)(d) substituted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), Sch. 16 para. 11(3)
- F295** Word in s. 72(7) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), Sch. 5 para. 112 (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F296** Words in s. 72(8) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), ss. 30(8), 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)

73 Undertakings in lieu of references under section [F29722, 33, 68B or 68C]

- (1) Subsection (2) applies if the [F298CMA] considers that it is under a duty to make a reference under section 22 or 33 (disregarding the operation of section 22(3)(b) or (as the case may be) 33(3)(b) but taking account of the power of the [F298CMA] under section 22(2) or (as the case may be) 33(2) to decide not to make such a reference).

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- (2) The [F298CMA] may, instead of making such a reference and for the purpose of remedying, mitigating or preventing the substantial lessening of competition concerned or any adverse effect which has or may have resulted from it or may be expected to result from it, accept from such of the parties concerned as it considers appropriate undertakings to take such action as it considers appropriate.
- (3) In proceeding under subsection (2), the [F298CMA] shall, in particular, have regard to the need to achieve as comprehensive a solution as is reasonable and practicable to the substantial lessening of competition and any adverse effects resulting from it.
- [F299(3A) Subsection (3B) applies if the CMA considers that it is under a duty to make a reference under section 68B or 68C; and for the purposes of this subsection it must—
- (a) disregard the operation of section 22(3)(b) or 33(3)(b) (as applied by section 68B or 68C), but
 - (b) take account of its power under section 68B(2) or 68C(2) to decide not to make such a reference.
- (3B) The CMA may, instead of making such a reference and for the purpose of remedying, mitigating or preventing the prejudice to the ability of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority described in section 68B(1) or 68C(1), accept from such of the parties concerned as it considers appropriate undertakings to take such action as it considers appropriate.
- (3C) In proceeding under subsection (3B), the CMA must, in particular, have regard to the need to achieve as comprehensive a solution as is reasonable and practicable to the prejudice.
- (3D) Before proceeding under subsection (3B), the CMA must—
- (a) ask the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority to give its opinion on the effect of the undertakings offered, and
 - (b) consider the Authority's opinion.]
- (4) In proceeding under subsection (2) [F300or (3B)], the [F298CMA] may, in particular, have regard to the effect of any action on any relevant customer benefits in relation to the creation of the relevant merger situation concerned.
- (5) An undertaking under this section—
- (a) shall come into force when accepted;
 - (b) may be varied or superseded by another undertaking; and
 - (c) may be released by the [F301CMA].
- (6) An undertaking under this section which is in force in relation to a relevant merger situation shall cease to be in force if an order comes into force under section 75 or 76 in relation to that undertaking.
- (7) The [F302CMA] shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, consider any representations received by it in relation to varying or releasing an undertaking under this section.

Textual Amendments

F297 Words in s. 73 heading substituted (26.10.2023) by [Energy Act 2023 \(c. 52\), s. 334\(2\)\(j\)](#), [Sch. 16 para. 12\(2\)](#)

F298 Word in s. 73(1)-(4)(5)(7) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 113 \(with s. 28\)](#); [S.I. 2014/416, art. 2\(1\)\(d\) \(with Sch.\)](#)

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- F299** S. 73(3A)-(3D) inserted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), Sch. 16 para. 12(3)
F300 Words in s. 73(4) inserted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), Sch. 16 para. 12(4)
F301 Word in s. 73(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), Sch. 5 para. 113 (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
F302 Word in s. 73(7) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), Sch. 5 para. 113 (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

[^{F303}73A Time-limits for consideration of undertakings

- (1) A party concerned who wishes to offer an undertaking to the CMA for the purposes of section 73(2) [^{F304}or (3B)] must do so before the end of the period of 5 working days beginning with—
 - (a) the day after the CMA gives the person the notice required by section 34ZA(1) (b); ^{F305}...
 - ^{F305}(b)
- (2) If an undertaking is offered for [^{F306}the purposes of section 73(2) or (3B)], the CMA shall, before the end of the period of 10 working days beginning with the day mentioned in subsection (1)—
 - (a) decide whether there are reasonable grounds for believing that the undertaking or a modified version of it might be accepted by the CMA under section 73(2), and
 - (b) if it considers that it might be, give notice to the person who offered the undertaking that it is considering it.
- (3) If such a notice is given, the CMA shall decide whether to accept the undertaking before the end of the period of 50 working days beginning with the day mentioned in subsection (1).
- (4) The CMA may extend the period mentioned in subsection (3), by no more than 40 working days, if it considers that there are special reasons for doing so.
- (5) The CMA shall prepare and publish guidance in relation to the exercise of its power under subsection (4).
- (6) The CMA may revise any such guidance and, where it does so, shall publish the revised statement.
- (7) The CMA may extend the period mentioned in subsection (3) if it considers that a relevant person has failed (with or without reasonable excuse) to comply with any requirement of a notice given under section 109 in relation to the case in question.
- (8) In subsection (7), “relevant person” means—
 - (a) any person carrying on any of the enterprises concerned;
 - (b) any person who (whether alone or as a member of a group) owns or has control of any such person; or
 - (c) any officer, employee or agent of any person mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b).
- (9) For the purposes of subsection (8), a person or group of persons able, directly or indirectly, to control or materially influence the policy of a body of persons corporate or unincorporate, but without having a controlling interest in that body of persons, may be treated as having control of it.

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- (10) An extension under subsection (4) or (7) comes into force when published under section 107.
- (11) An extension under subsection (7) continues in force until—
- (a) the person concerned provides the information or documents to the satisfaction of the CMA or (as the case may be) appears as a witness in accordance with the requirements of the CMA; or
 - (b) the CMA publishes its decision to cancel the extension.
- (12) In this section and section 73B, “working day” means any day which is not—
- (a) a Saturday, a Sunday, Good Friday or Christmas Day, or
 - (b) a day which is a bank holiday in England and Wales.

Textual Amendments

- F303** Ss. 73A, 73B inserted (25.4.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(1)(i)(3), [Sch. 8 para. 7](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F304** Words in s. 73A(1) inserted (26.10.2023) by [Energy Act 2023 \(c. 52\)](#), s. 334(2)(j), [Sch. 16 para. 13\(2\)](#)
- F305** S. 73A(1)(b) and word omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), regs. 1(1), [48](#) (with Sch. 4 paras. 24, 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), [35-59](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- F306** Words in s. 73A(2) substituted (26.10.2023) by [Energy Act 2023 \(c. 52\)](#), s. 334(2)(j), [Sch. 16 para. 13\(3\)](#)

73B Section 73A: supplementary

- (1) A period extended under section 73A(4) may also be extended under section 73A(7), and a period extended under section 73A(7) may also be extended under section 73A(4).
- (2) No more than one extension is possible under section 73A(4).
- (3) Where a period is extended or further extended under section 73A(4) or (7), the period as extended or (as the case may be) further extended is, subject to subsections (4) and (5), to be calculated by taking the period being extended and adding to it the period of the extension (whether or not those periods overlap in time).
- (4) Subsection (5) applies where—
- (a) the period within which the CMA must discharge its duty under section 73A(3) is further extended,
 - (b) the further extension and at least one previous extension is made under section 73A(7), and
 - (c) the same days or fractions of days are included in or comprise the further extension and are included in or comprise at least one such previous extension.
- (5) In calculating the period of the further extension, any days or fractions of days of the kind mentioned in subsection (4)(c) are to be disregarded.
- (6) The Secretary of State may by order amend section 73A so as to alter one or more of the periods for the time being mentioned in the section.
- (7) But no alteration may be made by virtue of subsection (6) which results in—

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- (a) the period mentioned in section 73A(1) exceeding 5 working days;
 - (b) the period mentioned in section 73A(2) exceeding 10 working days;
 - (c) the period mentioned in section 73A(3) exceeding 50 working days;
 - (d) the period mentioned in section 73A(4) exceeding 40 working days.
- (8) Before making an order under subsection (6) the Secretary of State shall consult the CMA and such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.]

Textual Amendments

F303 Ss. 73A, 73B inserted (25.4.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(1)(i)(3), **Sch. 8 para. 7**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

74 Effect of undertakings under section 73

- (1) The relevant authority shall not make a reference under section 22, 33 [F307, 45, 68B or 68C] in relation to the creation of a relevant merger situation if—
- (a) the [F308CMA] has accepted an undertaking or group of undertakings under section 73; and
 - (b) the relevant merger situation is the situation by reference to which the undertaking or group of undertakings was accepted.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not prevent the making of a reference if material facts about relevant arrangements or transactions, or relevant proposed arrangements or transactions, were not notified (whether in writing or otherwise) to the [F308CMA] or made public before any undertaking concerned was accepted.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2) arrangements or transactions, or proposed arrangements or transactions, are relevant if they are the ones in consequence of which the enterprises concerned ceased or may have ceased, or may cease, to be distinct enterprises.
- (4) In subsection (2) “made public” means so publicised as to be generally known or readily ascertainable.
- (5) In this section “relevant authority” means—
- (a) in relation to a possible reference under section 22 [F309, 33, 68B or 68C], the [F310CMA]; and
 - (b) in relation to a possible reference under section 45, the Secretary of State.

Textual Amendments

F307 Words in s. 74(1) substituted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 14(2)**

F308 Word in s. 74(1)(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 114** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F309 Words in s. 74(5)(a) substituted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 14(3)**

F310 Word in s. 74(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 114** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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75 Order-making power where undertakings under section 73 not fulfilled etc.

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where the [F311CMA] considers that—
 - (a) an undertaking accepted by it under section 73 has not been, is not being or will not be fulfilled; or
 - (b) in relation to an undertaking accepted by it under that section, information which was false or misleading in a material respect was given to the [F311CMA] by the person giving the undertaking before the [F311CMA] decided to accept the undertaking.
- (2) The [F311CMA] may, for any of the purposes mentioned in section 73(2), make an order under this section.
- (3) Subsections (3) and (4) of section 73 shall apply for the purposes of subsection (2) above as they apply for the purposes of subsection (2) of that section.
- (4) An order under this section may contain—
 - (a) anything permitted by Schedule 8; and
 - (b) such supplementary, consequential or incidental provision as the [F312CMA] considers appropriate.
- (5) An order under this section—
 - (a) shall come into force at such time as is determined by or under the order;
 - (b) may contain provision which is different from the provision contained in the undertaking concerned; and
 - (c) may be varied or revoked by another order.
- (6) The [F312CMA] shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, consider any representations received by it in relation to varying or revoking an order under this section.

Textual Amendments

- F311** Word in s. 75(1)(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 115](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F312** Word in s. 75(4)(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 115](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C47** Ss. 75(4)(a), 83(4)(a), 84(2)(a), 89(1), 160(4)(a), 161(3)(a), 164(1) and Sch. 7 paras. 5, 10, 11 modified (20.6.2003) by [1988 c. 48](#), s. 144(2) (as substituted by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), ss. 278, 279, [Sch. 25 para. 18\(2\)](#)); S.I. 2003/1397, [art. 2\(1\)](#), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C48** Ss. 75(4)(a), 83(4)(a), 84(2)(a), 89(1), 160(4)(a), 161(3)(a), 164(1) and Sch. 7 paras. 5, 10, 11 modified (20.6.2003) by [1988 c. 48](#), s. 238(2) (as substituted by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#) ss. 278, 279, {Sch. 25 para. 18(4)}); S.I. 2003/1397, [art. 2\(1\)](#), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C49** Ss. 75(4)(a), 83(4)(a), 84(2)(a), 89(1), 160(4)(a), 161(3)(a), 164(1) and Sch. 7 paras. 5, 10, 11 modified (20.6.2003) by [1988 c. 48](#), [Sch. 2A para. 17\(2\)](#) (as substituted by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), ss. 278, 279, [Sch. 25 para. 18\(5\)\(a\)](#)); S.I. 2003/1397, [art. 2\(1\)](#), Sch. (with art. 8)

76 Supplementary interim order-making power

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where—

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- (a) the [F313CMA] has the power to make an order under section 75 in relation to a particular undertaking and intends to make such an order; or
 - (b) the [F314CMA] has the power to make an order under section 83 in relation to a particular undertaking and intends to make such an order.
- (2) The [F315CMA] may, for the purpose of preventing any action which might prejudice the making of that order, make an order under this section.
- (3) No order shall be made under subsection (2) unless the [F315CMA] has reasonable grounds for suspecting that it is or may be the case that action which might prejudice the making of the order under section 75 or (as the case may be) 83 is in progress or in contemplation.
- (4) An order under subsection (2) may—
- (a) prohibit or restrict the doing of things which the [F316CMA] considers would prejudice the making of the order under section 75 or (as the case may be) 83;
 - (b) impose on any person concerned obligations as to the carrying on of any activities or the safeguarding of any assets;
 - (c) provide for the carrying on of any activities or the safeguarding of any assets either by the appointment of a person to conduct or supervise the conduct of any activities (on such terms and with such powers as may be specified or described in the order) or in any other manner;
 - (d) do anything which may be done by virtue of paragraph 19 of Schedule 8.
- (5) An order under this section—
- (a) shall come into force at such time as is determined by or under the order; and
 - (b) may be varied or revoked by another order.
- (6) An order under this section shall, if it has not previously ceased to be in force, cease to be in force on—
- (a) the coming into force of an order under section 75 or (as the case may be) 83 in relation to the undertaking concerned; or
 - (b) the making of the decision not to proceed with such an order.
- (7) The [F317CMA] shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, consider any representations received by it in relation to varying or revoking an order under this section.

Textual Amendments

- F313** Word in s. 76(1)(a) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 116\(2\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F314** Word in s. 76(1)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 116\(2\)\(b\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F315** Word in s. 76(2)(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 116\(3\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F316** Word in s. 76(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 116\(3\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F317** Word in s. 76(7) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 116\(3\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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Interim restrictions and powers

77 Restrictions on certain dealings: completed mergers

- (1) Subsections (2) and (3) apply where—
 - (a) a reference has been made under section 22 [^{F318}or 68B] but not finally determined; and
 - (b) no undertakings under section ^{F319}... 80 are in force in relation to the relevant merger situation concerned and no orders under section 72 or 81 are in force in relation to that situation.
- (2) No relevant person shall, without the consent of the [^{F320}CMA] —
 - (a) complete any outstanding matters in connection with any arrangements which have resulted in the enterprises concerned ceasing to be distinct enterprises;
 - (b) make any further arrangements in consequence of that result (other than arrangements which reverse that result); or
 - (c) transfer the ownership or control of any enterprises to which the reference relates.
- (3) No relevant person shall, without the consent of the [^{F320}CMA], assist in any of the activities mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (2).
- (4) The prohibitions in subsections (2) and (3) do not apply in relation to anything which the person concerned is required to do by virtue of any enactment.
- (5) The consent of the [^{F321}CMA] under subsection (2) or (3)—
 - (a) may be general or special;
 - (b) may be revoked by the [^{F321}CMA]; and
 - (c) shall be published in such manner as the [^{F321}CMA] considers appropriate for the purpose of bringing it to the attention of any person entitled to the benefit of it.
- (6) Paragraph (c) of subsection (5) shall not apply if the [^{F321}CMA] considers that publication is not necessary for the purpose mentioned in that paragraph.
- (7) Subsections (2) and (3) shall apply to a person’s conduct outside the United Kingdom if (and only if) he is—
 - (a) a United Kingdom national;
 - (b) a body incorporated under the law of the United Kingdom or of any part of the United Kingdom; or
 - (c) a person carrying on business in the United Kingdom.
- (8) In this section “relevant person” means—
 - (a) any person who carries on any enterprise to which the reference relates or who has control of any such enterprise;
 - (b) any subsidiary of any person falling within paragraph (a); or
 - (c) any person associated with any person falling within paragraph (a) or any subsidiary of any person so associated.

Textual Amendments

F318 Words in s. 77(1)(a) inserted (26.10.2023) by [Energy Act 2023 \(c. 52\), s. 334\(2\)\(j\)](#), [Sch. 16 para. 15](#)

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- F319** Words in s. 77(1)(b) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 30**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F320** Word in s. 77(2)(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 117** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F321** Word in s. 77(5)(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 117** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

78 Restrictions on certain share dealings: anticipated mergers

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where—
- a reference has been made under section 33 [^{F322}or 68C]; and
 - no undertakings under section 80 are in force in relation to the relevant merger situation concerned and no orders under [^{F323}section 72 or 81] are in force in relation to that situation.
- (2) No relevant person shall, without the consent of the [^{F324}CMA], directly or indirectly acquire during the relevant period an interest in shares in a company if any enterprise to which the reference relates is carried on by or under the control of that company.
- (3) The consent of the [^{F324}CMA] under subsection (2)—
- may be general or special;
 - may be revoked by the [^{F324}CMA]; and
 - shall be published in such manner as the [^{F324}CMA] considers appropriate for bringing it to the attention of any person entitled to the benefit of it.
- (4) Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) shall not apply if the [^{F324}CMA] considers that publication is not necessary for the purpose mentioned in that paragraph.
- (5) Subsection (2) shall apply to a person’s conduct outside the United Kingdom if (and only if) he is—
- a United Kingdom national;
 - a body incorporated under the law of the United Kingdom or of any part of the United Kingdom; or
 - a person carrying on business in the United Kingdom.
- (6) In this section and section 79—
- “company” includes any body corporate;
- “relevant period” means the period beginning with the making of the reference concerned and ending when the reference is finally determined;
- “relevant person” means—
- any person who carries on any enterprise to which the reference relates or who has control of any such enterprise;
 - any subsidiary of any person falling within paragraph (a); or
 - any person associated with any person falling within paragraph (a) or any subsidiary of any person so associated; and
- “share” means share in the capital of a company, and includes stock.

Textual Amendments

- F322** Words in s. 78(1)(a) inserted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 16**

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- F323** Words in s. 78(1)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), Sch. 15 para. 31; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F324** Word in s.78(2)-(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), Sch. 5 para. 118 (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

79 Sections 77 and 78: further interpretation provisions

- (1) For the purposes of this Part a reference under section 22 [F325, 33, 68B or 68C] is finally determined if—
- the reference is cancelled under section 37(1);
 - the time within which the [F326CMA] is to prepare and publish a report under section 38 in relation to the reference has expired and no such report has been prepared and published;
 - the report of the [F326CMA] under section 38 contains the decision that there is not an anti-competitive outcome;
 - the report of the [F326CMA] under section 38 contains the decision that there is an anti-competitive outcome and the [F326CMA] has decided under section 41(2) neither to accept an undertaking under section 82 nor to make an order under section 84; or
 - the report of the [F326CMA] under section 38 contains the decision that there is an anti-competitive outcome and the [F326CMA] has decided under section 41(2) to accept an undertaking under section 82 or to make an order under section 84.
- (2) For the purposes of this Part the time when a reference under section 22 [F327, 33, 68B or 68C] is finally determined is—
- in a case falling within subsection (1)(a), the making of the decision concerned;
 - in a case falling within subsection (1)(b), the expiry of the time concerned;
 - in a case falling within subsection (1)(c), the publication of the report;
 - in a case falling within subsection (1)(d), the making of the decision under section 41(2); and
 - in a case falling within subsection (1)(e), the acceptance of the undertaking concerned or (as the case may be) the making of the order concerned.
- (3) For the purposes of section 78 and subject to subsection (4) below, the circumstances in which a person acquires an interest in shares include those where—
- he enters into a contract to acquire the shares (whether or not for cash);
 - he is not the registered holder but acquires the right to exercise, or to control the exercise of, any right conferred by the holding of the shares; or
 - he—
 - acquires a right to call for delivery of the shares to himself or to his order or to acquire an interest in the shares; or
 - assumes an obligation to acquire such an interest.
- (4) The circumstances in which a person acquires an interest in shares for the purposes of section 78 do not include those where he acquires an interest in pursuance of an obligation assumed before the publication by the [F328CMA] of the reference concerned.
- (5) The circumstances in which a person acquires a right mentioned in subsection (3)—

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- (a) include those where he acquires a right, or assumes an obligation, whose exercise or fulfilment would give him that right; but
 - (b) do not include those where he is appointed as proxy to vote at a specified meeting of a company or of any class of its members or at any adjournment of the meeting or he is appointed by a corporation to act as its representative at any meeting of the company or of any class of its members.
- (6) References to rights and obligations in subsections (3) to (5) include conditional rights and conditional obligations.
- (7) References in sections 77 and 78 to a person carrying on or having control of any enterprise includes a group of persons carrying on or having control of an enterprise and any member of such a group.
- (8) Sections 26(2) to (4) and 127(1), (2) and (4) to (6) shall apply for the purposes of sections 77 and 78 to determine whether any person or group of persons has control of any enterprise and whether persons are associated as they apply for the purposes of section 26 to determine whether enterprises are brought under common control.
- (9) [^{F329}Section 1159 of, and Schedule 6 to, the Companies Act 2006] shall apply for the purposes of sections 77 and 78 to determine whether a company is a subsidiary of an individual or of a group of persons as they apply to determine whether it is a subsidiary of a company; and references to a subsidiary in [^{F330}paragraph 8 of Schedule 6] as so applied shall be construed accordingly.

Textual Amendments

- F325** Words in s. 79(1) substituted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 17**
- F326** Word in s. 79(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 119(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F327** Words in s. 79(2) substituted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 17**
- F328** Word in s. 79(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 119(3)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F329** Words in s. 79(9) substituted (1.10.2009) by The Companies Act 2006 (Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/1941), art. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 199(2)(a)** (with art. 10)
- F330** Words in s. 79(9) substituted (1.10.2009) by The Companies Act 2006 (Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/1941), art. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 199(2)(b)** (with art. 10)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C50** S. 79 applied (with modifications) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1592), art. 13, **Sch. 2 para. 8(9)(10)**
- C51** S. 79: amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I. 2003/1592, Sch. 2 para. 8(9)(10) (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), arts. 1, **17(9)(10)** (with arts. 20-23)

80 Interim undertakings

- (1) [^{F331}Subsections (2) and (2A)] apply where a reference under section 22 [^{F332}, 33, 68B or 68C] has been made but is not finally determined.

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- (2) The [F333CMA] may, for the purpose of preventing pre-emptive action, accept from such of the parties concerned as it considers appropriate undertakings to take such action as it considers appropriate.
- [F334(2A) Where the CMA has reasonable grounds for suspecting that pre-emptive action has or may have been taken, it may, for the purpose of restoring the position to what it would have been had the action not been taken or otherwise for the purpose of mitigating its effects, accept from such of the parties concerned as it considers appropriate undertakings to take such action as it considers appropriate.]
- [F335(2B) A person may, with the consent of the CMA, take action or action of a particular description where the action would otherwise constitute a contravention of an undertaking under this section.]
- F336(3)
- F336(4)
- (5) [F337An undertaking] under this section—
(a) shall come into force when accepted;
(b) may be varied or superseded by another undertaking; and
(c) may be released by the [F338CMA].
- F339(6)
- (7) An undertaking which is in force under this section in relation to a reference under section 22 [F340, 33, 68B or 68C] shall cease to be in force if an order under section 81 comes into force in relation to that reference.
- (8) An undertaking under this section shall, if it has not previously ceased to be in force, cease to be in force when the reference under section 22 [F341, 33, 68B or 68C] is finally determined.
- (9) The [F342CMA] shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, consider any representations received by it in relation to varying or releasing an undertaking under this section.
- (10) In this section and section 81 “pre-emptive action” means action which might prejudice the reference concerned or impede the taking of any action under this Part which may be justified by the [F343CMA’s] decisions on the reference.

Textual Amendments

- F331** Words in s. 80(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 7 para. 2\(2\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F332** Words in s. 80(1) substituted (26.10.2023) by [Energy Act 2023 \(c. 52\)](#), s. 334(2)(j), [Sch. 16 para. 18](#)
- F333** Word in s. 80(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 120\(2\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F334** S. 80(2A) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 7 para. 2\(3\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F335** S. 80(2B) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 7 para. 2\(4\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F336** S. 80(3)(4) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 7 para. 2\(5\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F337** Words in s. 80(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 7 para. 2\(6\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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- F338** Word in s. 80(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 120(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F339** S. 80(6) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 7 para. 2(7)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F340** Words in s. 80(7) substituted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 18**
- F341** Words in s. 80(8) substituted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 18**
- F342** Word in s. 80(9) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 120(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F343** Word in s. 80(10) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 120(3)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

81 Interim orders

- (1) [^{F344}Subsections (2) and (2A)] apply where a reference has been made under section 22 [^{F345}, 33, 68B or 68C] but is not finally determined.
- (2) The [^{F346}CMA] may by order, for the purpose of preventing pre-emptive action—
 - (a) prohibit or restrict the doing of things which the [^{F346}CMA] considers would constitute pre-emptive action;
 - (b) impose on any person concerned obligations as to the carrying on of any activities or the safeguarding of any assets;
 - (c) provide for the carrying on of any activities or the safeguarding of any assets either by the appointment of a person to conduct or supervise the conduct of any activities (on such terms and with such powers as may be specified or described in the order) or in any other manner;
 - (d) do anything which may be done by virtue of paragraph 19 of Schedule 8.
- [^{F347}(2A) Where the CMA has reasonable grounds for suspecting that pre-emptive action has or may have been taken, it may by order, for the purpose of restoring the position to what it would have been had the action not been taken or otherwise for the purpose of mitigating its effects—
 - (a) do anything mentioned in subsection (2)(b) to (d);
 - (b) impose such other obligations, prohibitions or restrictions as it considers appropriate for that purpose.]
- [^{F348}(2B) A person may, with the consent of the CMA, take action or action of a particular description where the action would otherwise constitute a contravention of an order under this section.]
- ^{F349}(3)
- ^{F349}(4)
- (5) [^{F350}An order] under this section—
 - (a) shall come into force at such time as is determined by or under the order; and
 - (b) may be varied or revoked by another order.
- ^{F351}(6)
- (7) An order which is in force under this section in relation to a reference under section 22 [^{F352}, 33, 68B or 68C] shall cease to be in force if an undertaking under section 80 comes into force in relation to that reference.

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- (8) An order under this section shall, if it has not previously ceased to be in force, cease to be in force when the reference under section 22 [F353, 33, 68B or 68C] is finally determined.
- (9) The [F354CMA] shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, consider any representations received by it in relation to varying or revoking an order under this section.

Textual Amendments

- F344** Words in s. 81(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 7 para. 3(2)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F345** Words in s. 81(1) substituted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 19**
- F346** Word in s. 81(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 121(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F347** S. 81(2A) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 7 para. 3(3)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F348** S. 81(2B) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 7 para. 3(4)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F349** S. 81(3)(4) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 7 para. 3(5)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F350** Words in s. 81(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 7 para. 3(6)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F351** S. 81(6) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 7 para. 3(7)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F352** Words in s. 81(7) substituted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 19**
- F353** Words in s. 81(8) substituted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 19**
- F354** Word in s. 81(9) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 121(3)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Final powers

82 Final undertakings

- (1) The [F355CMA] may, in accordance with section 41, accept, from such persons as it considers appropriate, undertakings to take action specified or described in the undertakings.
- (2) An undertaking under this section—
 - (a) shall come into force when accepted;
 - (b) may be varied or superseded by another undertaking; and
 - (c) may be released by the [F355CMA].
- (3) An undertaking which is in force under this section in relation to a reference under section 22 [F356, 33, 68B or 68C] shall cease to be in force if an order under section 76(1)(b) or 83 comes into force in relation to the subject-matter of the undertaking.
- (4) No undertaking shall be accepted under this section in relation to a reference under section 22 [F357, 33, 68B or 68C] if an order has been made under—
 - (a) section 76(1)(b) or 83 in relation to the subject-matter of the undertaking; or
 - (b) section 84 in relation to that reference.

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(5) The [F358CMA] shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, consider any representations received by it in relation to varying or releasing an undertaking under this section.

Textual Amendments

F355 Word in s. 82(1)(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 122** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F356 Words in s. 82(3) substituted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 20**

F357 Words in s. 82(4) substituted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 20**

F358 Word in s. 82(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 122** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

83 Order-making power where final undertakings not fulfilled

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where the [F359CMA] considers that—
- (a) an undertaking accepted by it under section 82 has not been, is not being or will not be fulfilled; or
 - (b) in relation to an undertaking accepted by it under that section, information which was false or misleading in a material respect was given to the [F360CMA] by the person giving the undertaking before the [F361CMA decided] to accept the undertaking.
- (2) The [F362CMA] may, for any of the purposes mentioned in section 41(2), make an order under this section.
- (3) Subsections (3) to (5) of section 41 shall apply for the purposes of subsection (2) above as they apply for the purposes of subsection (2) of that section.
- (4) An order under this section may contain—
- (a) anything permitted by Schedule 8; and
 - (b) such supplementary, consequential or incidental provision as the [F363CMA] considers appropriate.
- (5) An order under this section—
- (a) shall come into force at such time as is determined by or under the order;
 - (b) may contain provision which is different from the provision contained in the undertaking concerned; and
 - (c) may be varied or revoked by another order.

F364(6)

Textual Amendments

F359 Word in s. 83(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 123(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F360 Word in s. 83(1)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 123(3)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F361 Words in s. 83(1)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 123(3)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F362 Word in s. 83(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 123(4)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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- F363** Word in s. 83(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 123(4)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F364** S. 83(6) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 123(5)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C52** Ss. 75(4)(a), 83(4)(a), 84(2)(a), 89(1), 160(4)(a), 161(3)(a), Ss. 75(4)(a), 83(4)(a), 84(2)(a), 89(1), 160(4)(a), 161(3)(a), 164(1), Sch. 7 paras. 5, 10, 11 modified (20.6.2003) by 1988 c. 48, s. 144(2) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 18(2)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1), Sch.** (with art. 8)
- C53** Ss. 75(4)(a), 83(4)(a), 84(2)(a), 89(1), 160(4)(a), 161(3)(a), 164(1), Sch. 7 paras. 5, 10, 11 modified (20.6.2003) by 1988 c. 48, s. 238(2) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 18(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1), Sch.** (with art. 8)
- C54** Ss. 75(4)(a), 83(4)(a), 84(2)(a), 89(1), 160(4)(a), 161(3)(a), 164(1) and Sch. 7 paras. 5, 10, 11 modified (20.6.2003) by 1988 c. 48, **Sch. 2A para. 17(2)** (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 18(5)(a)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1), Sch.** (with art. 8)

84 Final orders

- (1) The [^{F365}CMA] may, in accordance with section 41, make an order under this section.
- (2) An order under this section may contain—
- (a) anything permitted by Schedule 8; and
 - (b) such supplementary, consequential or incidental provision as the [^{F365}CMA] considers appropriate.
- (3) An order under this section—
- (a) shall come into force at such time as is determined by or under the order; and
 - (b) may be varied or revoked by another order.
- ^{F366}(4)
- (5) No order shall be made under this section in relation to a reference under section 22 [^{F367}, 33, 68B or 68C] if an undertaking has been accepted under section 82 in relation to that reference.

Textual Amendments

- F365** Word in s. 84(1)(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 124(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F366** S. 84(4) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 124(3)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F367** Words in s. 84(5) substituted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 21**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C55** Ss. 75(4)(a), 83(4)(a), 84(2)(a), 89(1), 160(4)(a), 161(3)(a), 164(1) and Sch. 7 para. 5 modified (20.6.2003) by 1988 c. 48, s. 144(2) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), s. 279, **Sch. 25 para. 18(2)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1), Sch.** (with art. 8)
- C56** Ss. 75(4)(a), 83(4)(a), 84(2)(a), 89(1), 160(4)(a), 161(3)(a), 164(1) and Sch. 7 para. 5 modified (20.6.2003) by 1988 c. 48, s. 238(2) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40) ss. 278, 279, {Sch. 25 para. 18(4)}); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1), Sch.** (with art. 8)

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C57 Ss. 75(4)(a), 83(4)(a), 84(2)(a), 89(1), 160(4)(a), 161(3)(a), 164(1) and Sch. 7 paras. 5, 10, 11 modified (20.6.2003) by 1988 c. 48, Sch. 2A(2) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 18(5)(a)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)

Public interest and special public interest cases

85 Enforcement regime for public interest and special public interest cases

- (1) Schedule 7 (which provides for the enforcement regime in public interest and special public interest cases) shall have effect.
- (2) The [^{F368}CMA] may advise the Secretary of State [^{F369}or the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster] in relation to the taking by [^{F370}either of them] of enforcement action under Schedule 7.

Textual Amendments

F368 Word in s. 85(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 125** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F369 Words in s. 85(2) inserted (3.5.2023) by The Secretaries of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, for Science, Innovation and Technology, for Business and Trade, and for Culture, Media and Sport and the Transfer of Functions (National Security and Investment Act 2021 etc) Order 2023 (S.I. 2023/424), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 10(3)(a)** (with art. 17)

F370 Words in s. 85(2) substituted (3.5.2023) by The Secretaries of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, for Science, Innovation and Technology, for Business and Trade, and for Culture, Media and Sport and the Transfer of Functions (National Security and Investment Act 2021 etc) Order 2023 (S.I. 2023/424), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 10(3)(b)** (with art. 17)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C58 Ss. 85-95: functions made exercisable concurrently (3.5.2023) by The Secretaries of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, for Science, Innovation and Technology, for Business and Trade, and for Culture, Media and Sport and the Transfer of Functions (National Security and Investment Act 2021 etc) Order 2023 (S.I. 2023/424), arts. 1(2), **15(2)** (with arts. 16(5)(6), 17)

Undertakings and orders: general provisions

86 Enforcement orders: general provisions

- (1) An enforcement order may extend to a person's conduct outside the United Kingdom if (and only if) he is—
 - (a) a United Kingdom national;
 - (b) a body incorporated under the law of the United Kingdom or of any part of the United Kingdom; or
 - (c) a person carrying on business in the United Kingdom.
- (2) Nothing in an enforcement order shall have effect so as to—
 - (a) cancel or modify conditions in licences granted—
 - (i) under a patent granted under the Patents Act 1977 (c. 37) or a European patent (UK) (within the meaning of the Act of 1977); or

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- (ii) in respect of a design registered under the Registered Designs Act 1949 (c. 88);
- by the proprietor of the patent or design; or
- (b) require an entry to be made in the register of patents or the register of designs to the effect that licences under such a patent or such a design are to be available as of right.
- (3) An enforcement order may prohibit the performance of an agreement already in existence when the order is made.
- (4) Schedule 8 (which provides for the contents of certain enforcement orders) shall have effect.
- (5) Part 1 of Schedule 9 (which enables certain enforcement orders to modify licence conditions etc. in regulated markets) shall have effect.
- (6) In this Part “enforcement order” means an order made under section 72, 75, 76, 81, 83 or 84 or under paragraph 2, 5, 6, 10 or 11 of Schedule 7.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C58** Ss. 85-95: functions made exercisable concurrently (3.5.2023) by [The Secretaries of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, for Science, Innovation and Technology, for Business and Trade, and for Culture, Media and Sport and the Transfer of Functions \(National Security and Investment Act 2021 etc\) Order 2023 \(S.I. 2023/424\)](#), arts. 1(2), **15(2)** (with arts. 16(5)(6), 17)
- C59** S. 86 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1592\)](#), art. 15, **Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(b)(3)** (as amended (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/891\)](#), arts. 1, **18(1)-(17)** (with arts. 20-23))
- C60** S. 86(2) applied (20.6.2003) by 1980 c. 21, s. 11D(7) (as inserted by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- S. 86(2) applied (20.6.2003) by 1980 c. 21, s. 12(6) (as substituted by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C61** S. 86(3) applied (20.6.2003) by 1980 c. 21, s. 11D(7) (as inserted by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- S. 86(3) applied (20.6.2003) by 1980 c. 21, s. 12(6) (as substituted by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)

87 Delegated power of directions

- (1) An enforcement order may authorise the person making the order to give directions falling within subsection (2) to—
- (a) a person specified in the directions; or
- (b) the holder for the time being of an office so specified in any body of persons corporate or unincorporate.
- (2) Directions fall within this subsection if they are directions—
- (a) to take such action as may be specified or described in the directions for the purpose of carrying out, or ensuring compliance with, the enforcement order concerned; or
- (b) to do, or refrain from doing, anything so specified or described which the person might be required by that order to do or refrain from doing.

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- (3) An enforcement order may authorise the person making the order to vary or revoke any directions so given.
- (4) The court may by order require any person who has failed to comply with directions given by virtue of this section to comply with them, or otherwise remedy his failure, within such time as may be specified in the order.
- (5) Where the directions related to anything done in the management or administration of a body of persons corporate or unincorporate, the court may by order require the body of persons concerned or any officer of it to comply with the directions, or otherwise remedy the failure to comply with them, within such time as may be specified in the order.
- (6) An order under subsection (4) or (5) shall be made on the application of the person authorised by virtue of this section to give the directions concerned.
- (7) An order under subsection (4) or (5) may provide for all the costs or expenses of, or incidental to, the application for the order to be met by any person in default or by any officers of a body of persons corporate or unincorporate who are responsible for its default.
- (8) In this section “the court” means—
 - (a) in relation to England and Wales or Northern Ireland, the High Court; and
 - (b) in relation to Scotland, the Court of Session.

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- C58** Ss. 85-95: functions made exercisable concurrently (3.5.2023) by The Secretaries of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, for Science, Innovation and Technology, for Business and Trade, and for Culture, Media and Sport and the Transfer of Functions (National Security and Investment Act 2021 etc) Order 2023 (S.I. 2023/424), arts. 1(2), **15(2)** (with arts. 16(5)(6), 17)
- C62** S. 87 applied (20.6.2003) by 1980 c. 21, s. 11D(7) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C63** S. 87 applied (20.6.2003) by 1980 c. 21, s. 12(6) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C64** S. 87 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1592), art. 15, **Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(c)** (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), arts. 1, **18(1)-(17)** (with arts. 20-23))

88 Contents of certain enforcement orders

- (1) This section applies in relation to any order under section 75, 83 or 84 or under paragraph 5, 10 or 11 of Schedule 7.
- (2) The order or any explanatory material accompanying the order shall state—
 - (a) the actions that the persons or description of persons to whom the order is addressed must do or (as the case may be) refrain from doing;
 - (b) the date on which the order comes into force;
 - (c) the possible consequences of not complying with the order; and
 - (d) the section of this Part under which a review can be sought in relation to the order.

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- C58** Ss. 85-95: functions made exercisable concurrently (3.5.2023) by The Secretaries of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, for Science, Innovation and Technology, for Business and Trade, and for Culture, Media and Sport and the Transfer of Functions (National Security and Investment Act 2021 etc) Order 2023 (S.I. 2023/424), arts. 1(2), **15(2)** (with arts. 16(5)(6), 17)
- C65** S. 88 applied (20.6.2003) by 1980 c. 21, s. 12(6) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C66** S. 88 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1592), art. 15, **Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(d)(4)** (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), arts. 1, **18(1)-(17)** (with arts. 20-23))

89 Subject-matter of undertakings

- (1) The provision which may be contained in an enforcement undertaking is not limited to the provision which is permitted by Schedule 8.
- (2) In this Part “enforcement undertaking” means an undertaking under section ^{F371}... 73, 80 or 82 or under paragraph ^{F372}... 3 or 9 of Schedule 7.

Textual Amendments

- F371** Word in s. 89(2) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 32(a)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F372** Word in s. 89(2) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 32(b)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)

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- C58** Ss. 85-95: functions made exercisable concurrently (3.5.2023) by The Secretaries of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, for Science, Innovation and Technology, for Business and Trade, and for Culture, Media and Sport and the Transfer of Functions (National Security and Investment Act 2021 etc) Order 2023 (S.I. 2023/424), arts. 1(2), **15(2)** (with arts. 16(5)(6), 17)
- C67** S. 89 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1592), art. 15, **Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(e)(5)** (as amended by (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), arts. 1, **18(1)-(17)** (with arts. 20-23))
- C68** Ss. 75(4)(a), 83(4)(a), 84(2)(a), 89(1), 160(4)(a), 161(3)(a), 164(1) and Sch. 7 paras. 5, 10, 11 modified (20.6.2003) by 1988 c. 48, s. 144(2) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 18(2)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C69** Ss. 75(4)(a), 83(4)(a), 84(2)(a), 89(1), 160(4)(a), 161(3)(a), 164(1) and Sch. 7 paras. 5, 10, 11 modified (20.6.2003) by 1988 c. 48, s. 238(2) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40) ss. 278, 279, {Sch. 25 para. 18(4)}); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C70** Ss. 75(4)(a), 83(4)(a), 84(2)(a), 89(1), 160(4)(a), 161(3)(a), 164(1) and Sch. 7 paras. 5, 10, 11 modified (20.6.2003) by 1988 c. 48, **Sch. 2A para. 17(2)** (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), s. 278, **Sch. 25 para. 18(5)(a)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)

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90 Procedural requirements for certain undertakings and orders

Schedule 10 (which provides for the procedure for accepting certain enforcement undertakings and making certain enforcement orders and for their termination) shall have effect.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C58** Ss. 85-95: functions made exercisable concurrently (3.5.2023) by The Secretaries of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, for Science, Innovation and Technology, for Business and Trade, and for Culture, Media and Sport and the Transfer of Functions (National Security and Investment Act 2021 etc) Order 2023 (S.I. 2023/424), arts. 1(2), **15(2)** (with arts. 16(5)(6), 17)
- C71** S. 90 applied (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 406(6), 411(2)(3), **Sch. 18 para. 62(7)(a)** (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)

91 Register of undertakings and orders

- (1) The [^{F373}CMA] shall compile and maintain a register for the purposes of this Part.
- (2) The register shall be kept in such form as the [^{F373}CMA] considers appropriate.
- (3) The [^{F374}CMA] shall ensure that the following matters are entered in the register—
 - (a) the provisions of any enforcement undertaking accepted under this Part;
 - (b) the provisions of any enforcement order made under this Part;
 - (c) the details of any variation, release or revocation of such an undertaking or order; and
 - (d) the details of any consent given by the [^{F375}CMA] under section 77(2) or (3) or 78(2) or by the Secretary of State under paragraph 7(2) or (3) or 8(2) of Schedule 7.
- (4) The duty in subsection (3) does not extend to anything of which the [^{F376}CMA] is unaware.
- (5) The [^{F377}Secretary of State] shall inform the [^{F378}CMA] of any matters which are to be included in the register by virtue of subsection (3) and which relate to enforcement undertakings accepted [^{F379}by the Secretary of State], enforcement orders made by them or consents given [^{F379}by the Secretary of State].
- (6) The [^{F380}CMA] shall ensure that the contents of the register are available to the public—
 - (a) during (as a minimum) such hours as may be specified in an order made by the Secretary of State; and
 - (b) subject to such reasonable fees (if any) as the [^{F380}CMA] may determine.
- (7) If requested by any person to do so and subject to such reasonable fees (if any) as the [^{F380}CMA] may determine, the [^{F380}CMA] shall supply the person concerned with a copy (certified to be true) of the register or of an extract from it.
- [^{F381}(8) In subsection (5), “Secretary of State” includes the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.]

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Textual Amendments

- F373** Word in s. 91(1)(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 126(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F374** Word in s. 91(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 126(3)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F375** Word in s. 91(3)(d) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 126(3)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F376** Word in s. 91(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 126(4)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F377** Words in s. 91(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 126(5)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F378** Word in s. 91(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 126(5)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F379** Words in s. 91(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 126(5)(c)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F380** Word in s. 91(6)(7) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 126(6)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F381** S. 91(8) inserted (3.5.2023) by The Secretaries of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, for Science, Innovation and Technology, for Business and Trade, and for Culture, Media and Sport and the Transfer of Functions (National Security and Investment Act 2021 etc) Order 2023 (S.I. 2023/424), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 10(4)** (with art. 17)

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- C58** Ss. 85-95: functions made exercisable concurrently (3.5.2023) by The Secretaries of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, for Science, Innovation and Technology, for Business and Trade, and for Culture, Media and Sport and the Transfer of Functions (National Security and Investment Act 2021 etc) Order 2023 (S.I. 2023/424), arts. 1(2), **15(2)** (with arts. 16(5)(6), 17)
- C72** S. 91 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1592), art. 15, **Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(f)(6)**
- C73** S. 91 applied (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 406(6), 411(2)(3), **Sch. 18 para. 62(7)(b)** (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3(3), 11) (as amended by (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), arts. 1, **18(1)-(17)** (with arts. 20-23))
- C74** Ss. 91(3), 92(1)(a), 162(1), 166(3) modified (20.6.2003) by 1977 c. 37, s. 50A(7) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), s. 279, **Sch. 25 para. 8(2)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)

Enforcement functions of ^{F382}CMA]

Textual Amendments

- F382** Word in s. 92 cross-heading substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 127** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

92 Duty of ^{F383}CMA] to monitor undertakings and orders

- (1) The ^{F384}CMA] shall keep under review—
- (a) the carrying out of any enforcement undertaking or any enforcement order; and

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- (b) compliance with the prohibitions in sections 77(2) and (3) and 78(2) and in paragraphs 7(2) and (3) and 8(2) of Schedule 7.
- (2) The [^{F384}CMA] shall, in particular, from time to time consider—
- (a) whether an enforcement undertaking or enforcement order has been or is being complied with;
 - (b) whether, by reason of any change of circumstances, an enforcement undertaking is no longer appropriate and—
 - (i) one or more of the parties to it can be released from it; or
 - (ii) it needs to be varied or to be superseded by a new enforcement undertaking; and
 - (c) whether, by reason of any change of circumstances, an enforcement order is no longer appropriate and needs to be varied or revoked.
- (3) The [^{F385}CMA] shall give ^{F386}... the Secretary of State such advice as it considers appropriate in relation to—
- (a) any possible variation or release by ^{F387}... the Secretary of State of an enforcement undertaking accepted by ^{F388}... him;
 - (b) any possible new enforcement undertaking to be accepted by ^{F389}... the Secretary of State so as to supersede another enforcement undertaking given to ^{F389}... the Secretary of State;
 - (c) any possible variation or revocation by ^{F389}... the Secretary of State of an enforcement order made by ^{F389}... the Secretary of State;
 - (d) any possible enforcement undertaking to be accepted by ^{F389}... the Secretary of State instead of an enforcement order or any possible enforcement order to be made by ^{F389}... the Secretary of State instead of an enforcement undertaking;
 - (e) the enforcement by virtue of section 94(6) to (8) of any enforcement undertaking or enforcement order; or
 - (f) the enforcement by virtue of section 95(4) and (5) of the prohibitions in sections 77(2) and (3) and 78(2) and in paragraphs 7(2) and (3) and 8(2) of Schedule 7.
- (4) The [^{F390}CMA] shall take such action as it considers appropriate in relation to—
- (a) any possible variation or release by it of an enforcement undertaking accepted by it;
 - (b) any possible new enforcement undertaking to be accepted by it so as to supersede another enforcement undertaking given to it;
 - (c) any possible variation or revocation by it of an enforcement order made by it;
 - (d) any possible enforcement undertaking to be accepted by it instead of an enforcement order or any possible enforcement order to be made by it instead of an enforcement undertaking;
 - (e) the enforcement by it by virtue of section 94(6) of any enforcement undertaking or enforcement order; or
 - (f) the enforcement by it by virtue of section 95(4) and (5) of the prohibitions in sections 77(2) and (3) and 78(2) and in paragraphs 7(2) and (3) and 8(2) of Schedule 7.
- (5) The [^{F390}CMA] shall keep under review the effectiveness of enforcement undertakings accepted under this Part and enforcement orders made under this Part.

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(6) The [^{F390}CMA] shall, whenever requested to do so by the Secretary of State and otherwise from time to time, prepare a report of its findings under subsection (5).

(7) The [^{F391}CMA] shall—

^{F392}(a)

(b) give a copy of [^{F393} any report prepared by it under subsection (6)] to the Secretary of State; and

(c) publish the report.

[^{F394}(8) In this section, “Secretary of State” includes the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.]

Textual Amendments

F383 Word in s. 92 heading substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 128(6)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F384 Word in s. 92(1)(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 128(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F385 Word in s. 92(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 128(3)(a)(i)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F386 Words in s. 92(3) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 128(3)(a)(ii)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F387 Words in s. 92(3)(a) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 128(3)(b)(i)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F388 Words in s. 92(3)(a) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 128(3)(b)(ii)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F389 Words in s. 92(3)(b)-(d) omitted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 128(3)(c)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F390 Word in s. 92(4)-(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 128(4)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, **art. 2(1)(d)** (with Sch.)

F391 Word in s. 92(7) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 128(5)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F392 S. 92(7)(a) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 128(5)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F393 Word in s. 92(7)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 128(5)(c)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F394 S. 92(8) inserted (3.5.2023) by The Secretaries of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, for Science, Innovation and Technology, for Business and Trade, and for Culture, Media and Sport and the Transfer of Functions (National Security and Investment Act 2021 etc) Order 2023 (S.I. 2023/424), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 10(5)** (with art. 17)

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C75 S. 92 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1592), art. 15, **Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(g)(7)** (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), arts. 1, **18(1)-(17)** (with arts. 20-23))

C76 S. 92 applied (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 406(6), 411(2)(3), **Sch. 18 para. 62(7)(c)** (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)

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C77 Ss. 91(3), 92(1)(a), 162(1) and 166(3) modified (20.6.2003) by 1977 c. 37, s. 50A(7) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 8(2)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)

93 Further role of [^{F395}CMA] in relation to undertakings and orders

- (1) Subsections (2) and (3) apply where—
- ^{F396}(a)
- (b) the Secretary of State is considering whether to accept undertakings under paragraph ^{F397}...3 or 9 of Schedule 7.
- (2) [^{F398}The Secretary of State] may require the [^{F399}CMA] to consult with such persons as the [^{F400}Secretary of State] considers appropriate with a view to discovering whether they will offer undertakings which the [^{F400}Secretary of State] would be prepared to accept under ^{F401}... paragraph ^{F402}... 3 or 9 of Schedule 7.
- (3) The [^{F403}Secretary of State] may require the [^{F404}CMA] to report to the relevant authority on the outcome of the [^{F405}CMA's] consultations within such period as the relevant authority may require.
- (4) A report under subsection (3) shall, in particular, contain advice from the [^{F406}CMA] as to whether any undertakings offered should be accepted by the [^{F407}Secretary of State] under ^{F408}... paragraph ^{F409}... 3 or 9 of Schedule 7.
- (5) The powers conferred on the relevant authority by subsections (1) to (4) are without prejudice to the power of the relevant authority to consult the persons concerned itself.
- (6) If asked by the [^{F410}Secretary of State] for advice in relation to the taking of enforcement action (whether or not by way of undertaking) in a particular case, the [^{F411}CMA] shall give such advice as it considers appropriate.

Textual Amendments

- F395** Word in s. 93 heading substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 129(7)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F396** S. 93(1)(a) and word omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 129(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F397** Word in s. 93(1)(b) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 33(2)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F398** Words in s. 93(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 129(3)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F399** Word in s. 93(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 129(3)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F400** Words in s. 93(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 129(3)(c)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F401** Words in s. 93(2) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 129(3)(d)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F402** Word in s. 93(2) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 33(3)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F403** Words in s. 93(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 129(4)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F404** Word in s. 93(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 129(4)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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- F405** Word in s. 93(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 129(4)(c)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F406** Word in s. 93(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 129(5)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F407** Words in s. 93(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 129(5)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F408** Words in s. 93(4) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 129(5)(c)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F409** Word in s. 93(4) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 33(4)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F410** Words in s. 93(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 129(6)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F411** Word in s. 93(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 129(6)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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- C78** S. 93 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1592), art. 15, **Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(h)(8)** (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), arts. 1, **18(1)-(17)** (with arts. 20-23))
- C79** S. 93 applied (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 406(6), 411(2)(3), **Sch. 18 para. 62(7)(d)** (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)

Other

94 Rights to enforce undertakings and orders

- (1) This section applies to any enforcement undertaking or enforcement order.
- (2) Any person to whom such an undertaking or order relates shall have a duty to comply with it.
- (3) The duty shall be owed to any person who may be affected by a contravention of the undertaking or (as the case may be) order.
- (4) Any breach of the duty which causes such a person to sustain loss or damage shall be actionable by him.
- (5) In any proceedings brought under subsection (4) against a person to whom an enforcement undertaking or an enforcement order relates it shall be a defence for that person to show that he took all reasonable steps and exercised all due diligence to avoid contravening the undertaking or (as the case may be) order.
- (6) Compliance with an enforcement undertaking or an enforcement order shall also be enforceable by civil proceedings brought by the [^{F412}CMA] for an injunction or for interdict or for any other appropriate relief or remedy.

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- (8) Compliance with an undertaking under paragraph ^{F414}... 3 or 9 of Schedule 7, an order made by the Secretary of State under paragraph 2 of that Schedule or an order under paragraph 5, 6, 10 or 11 of that Schedule, shall also be enforceable by civil proceedings brought by the Secretary of State for an injunction or for interdict or for any other appropriate relief or remedy.
- (9) Subsections (6) to (8) shall not prejudice any right that a person may have by virtue of subsection (4) to bring civil proceedings for contravention or apprehended contravention of an enforcement undertaking or an enforcement order.
- [^{F415}(10) In subsection (8), “Secretary of State” includes the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.]

Textual Amendments

- F412** Word in s. 94(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 130(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F413** S. 94(7) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 130(3)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F414** Word in s. 94(8) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 34**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F415** S. 94(10) inserted (3.5.2023) by The Secretaries of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, for Science, Innovation and Technology, for Business and Trade, and for Culture, Media and Sport and the Transfer of Functions (National Security and Investment Act 2021 etc) Order 2023 (S.I. 2023/424), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 10(6)** (with art. 17)

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- C80** S. 94 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1592), art. 15, **Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(i)(9)** (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), arts. 1, **18(1)-(17)** (with arts. 20-23))
- C81** S. 94 applied (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 406(6), 411(2)(3), **Sch. 18 para. 62(7)(e)** (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- C82** S. 94(1) applied (20.6.2003) by 1980 c. 21, s. 11D(7) (as inserted by the Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
S. 94(1) applied (20.6.2003) by 1980 c. 21 s. 12(6) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C83** S. 94(2) applied (20.6.2003) by 1980 c.21, s. 11D(7) (as inserted by the Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
S. 94(2) applied (20.6.2003) by 1980 c. 21 s. 12(6) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C84** S. 94(3) applied (20.6.2003) by 1980 c.21, s. 11D(7) (as inserted by the Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
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- C85** S. 94(4) applied (20.6.2003) by 1980 c.21, s. 11D(7) (as inserted by the Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)

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- C86** S. 94(5) applied (20.6.2003) by 1980 c.21, s. 11D(7) (as inserted by the Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- S. 94(5) applied (20.6.2003) by 1980 c. 21 s. 12(6) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C87** S. 94(8) applied (20.6.2003) by 1980 c.21 s. 11D(7) (as inserted by the Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- S. 94(8) applied (20.6.2003) by 1980 c. 21 s. 12(6) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C88** S. 94(9) applied (20.6.2003) by 1980 c. 21, s. 11D(7) (as inserted by the Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- S. 94(9) applied (20.6.2003) by 1980 c. 21 s. 12(6) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)

[^{F416}94A Interim undertakings and orders under this Part: penalties

- (1) Where the appropriate authority considers that a person has, without reasonable excuse, failed to comply with an interim measure, it may impose a penalty of such fixed amount as it considers appropriate.
- (2) A penalty imposed under subsection (1) shall not exceed 5% of the total value of the turnover (both in and outside the United Kingdom) of the enterprises owned or controlled by the person on whom it is imposed.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2), the Secretary of State may by order make provision for determining—
 - (a) when an enterprise is to be treated as controlled by a person; and
 - (b) the turnover (both in and outside the United Kingdom) of an enterprise.
- (4) An order under subsection (3)(b) may, in particular, make provision as to—
 - (a) the amounts which are, or which are not, to be treated as comprising an enterprise's turnover;
 - (b) the date or dates by reference to which an enterprise's turnover is to be determined.
- (5) An order under subsection (3) may, in particular, make provision enabling the appropriate authority to determine matters of a description specified in the order (including any of the matters mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (4)).
- (6) The Secretary of State may by order amend subsection (2) so as to alter the percentage for the time being mentioned there to any percentage not exceeding 5%.
- (7) Sections 112 to 115 apply in relation to a penalty imposed under subsection (1) as they apply in relation to a penalty of a fixed amount imposed under section 110(1), with the modification that any reference in those provisions to the CMA is to be read as a reference to the person who imposed the penalty under this section.
- (8) In this section—
 - “interim measure” means—
 - (a) an undertaking under section 80; or
 - (b) an order under section 72 or 81 or paragraph 2 of Schedule 7;
 - “appropriate authority” means—

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- (a) in relation to an interim measure which is an order made by the Secretary of State under paragraph 2 of Schedule 7, the Secretary of State;
- (b) in relation to any other interim measure, the CMA.

Textual Amendments

F416 Ss. 94A, 94B inserted (25.4.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), ss. **31(1)**, 103(1)(i)(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)

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C58 Ss. 85-95: functions made exercisable concurrently (3.5.2023) by The Secretaries of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, for Science, Innovation and Technology, for Business and Trade, and for Culture, Media and Sport and the Transfer of Functions (National Security and Investment Act 2021 etc) Order 2023 (S.I. 2023/424), arts. 1(2), **15(2)** (with arts. 16(5)(6), 17)

94B Statement of policy in relation to powers under sections 94 and 94A

- (1) The CMA shall prepare and publish a statement of policy in relation to the use of its powers under—
 - (a) section 94, insofar as they relate to interim measures; and
 - (b) section 94A.
- (2) The CMA shall, in particular, include a statement about the considerations relevant to the determination of the amount of any penalty imposed under section 94A.
- (3) The CMA may revise its statement of policy and, where it does so, it shall publish the revised statement.
- (4) The CMA shall consult the Secretary of State and such other persons as it considers appropriate when preparing or revising its statement of policy.
- (5) A statement or revised statement of policy may not be published under this section unless the Secretary of State approves the statement.
- (6) In this section, “interim measure” has the same meaning as in section 94A.]

Textual Amendments

F416 Ss. 94A, 94B inserted (25.4.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), ss. **31(1)**, 103(1)(i)(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)

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95 Rights to enforce statutory restrictions

- (1) The obligation to comply with section 77(2) or (3) or 78(2) or paragraph 7(2) or (3) or 8(2) of Schedule 7 shall be a duty owed to any person who may be affected by a contravention of the enactment concerned.
- (2) Any breach of the duty which causes such a person to sustain loss or damage shall be actionable by him.
- (3) In any proceedings brought under subsection (2) against a person who has an obligation to comply with section 77(2) or (3) or 78(2) or paragraph 7(2) or (3) or 8(2) of Schedule 7 it shall be a defence for that person to show that he took all reasonable steps and exercised all due diligence to avoid contravening the enactment concerned.
- (4) Compliance with section 77(2) or (3) or 78(2) shall also be enforceable by civil proceedings brought by the [^{F417}CMA] or the Commission for an injunction or for interdict or for any other appropriate relief or remedy.
- (5) Compliance with paragraph 7(2) or (3) or 8(2) of Schedule 7 shall also be enforceable by civil proceedings brought by the [^{F418}CMA] or the Secretary of State for an injunction or for interdict or for any other appropriate relief or remedy.
- (6) Subsections (4) and (5) shall not prejudice any right that a person may have by virtue of subsection (2) to bring civil proceedings for contravention or apprehended contravention of section 77(2) or (3) or 78(2) or paragraph 7(2) or (3) or 8(2) of Schedule 7.

Textual Amendments

F417 Word in s. 95(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 131\(2\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F418 Word in s. 95(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 131\(3\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C58 Ss. 85-95: functions made exercisable concurrently (3.5.2023) by [The Secretaries of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, for Science, Innovation and Technology, for Business and Trade, and for Culture, Media and Sport and the Transfer of Functions \(National Security and Investment Act 2021 etc\) Order 2023 \(S.I. 2023/424\)](#), arts. 1(2), [15\(2\)](#) (with arts. 16(5)(6), 17)

C89 S. 95 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1592\)](#), art. 15, [Sch. 3 para. 1\(1\)\(j\)\(10\)](#) (as amended (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/891\)](#), arts. 1, [18\(1\)-\(17\)](#) (with arts. 20-23))

^{F419}Transferred EU merger commitments

Textual Amendments

F419 Ss. 95A, 95B and cross-heading inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), regs. 1(1), [48A](#) (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), [8](#), 35-59)

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95A Transferred EU merger commitments

- (1) The CMA must—
 - (a) monitor compliance with transferred EU merger commitments; and
 - (b) take such action (if any) under subsection (3) or section 95B as it considers appropriate.
- (2) Any person to whom transferred EU merger commitments relate has a duty to comply with those commitments.
- (3) Compliance with transferred EU merger commitments is enforceable by civil proceedings brought by the CMA for an injunction or for interdict or for any other appropriate relief or remedy.
- (4) The rights of the CMA under subsection (3) are not affected by any provisions of transferred EU merger commitments which provide for disputes relating to compliance with the commitments to be resolved by arbitration.
- (5) The CMA must ensure that the provisions of transferred EU merger commitments are entered and kept up to date in the register referred to in section 91.
- (6) In this Part “transferred EU merger commitments” means EU merger commitments—
 - (a) which are the subject of an Article 95(2) transfer decision (and, where those commitments are modified by, or as contemplated by, that decision or by a later Article 95(2) transfer decision, means those commitments as so modified); and
 - (b) which have not been waived or substituted by the European Commission.
- (7) In this section—

“Article 95(2) transfer decision” means an instrument issued by the European Commission in accordance with Article 95(2) of the EU withdrawal agreement transferring responsibility for the monitoring and enforcement of EU merger commitments to the CMA;

“EU merger commitments” means commitments attached to a decision adopted by the European Commission under Article 6(1)(b) and (2) or 8(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 of 20 January 2004 on the control of concentrations between undertakings.
- (8) So far as the context permits or requires, transferred EU merger commitments are to be treated for the purposes of this Part as if—
 - (a) any reference to the area of the European Union or of the European Economic Area included the United Kingdom;
 - (b) any reference to the internal market included the United Kingdom;
 - (c) any reference to a member State included the United Kingdom;
 - (d) any reference to a party to the EEA agreement included the United Kingdom.
- (9) Subsection (8) is subject to any different provision made by the Article 95(2) transfer decision in question.

95B Power of directions in connection with transferred EU merger commitments

- (1) The CMA may give directions falling within subsection (2) to—
 - (a) a person specified in the directions; or

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- (b) the holder for the time being of an office so specified in any body of persons corporate or unincorporate.
- (2) Directions fall within this subsection if they are directions—
- (a) to take such action as may be specified or described in the directions for the purpose of carrying out, or ensuring compliance with, transferred EU merger commitments; or
 - (b) to do, or refrain from doing, anything so specified or described which the person is required by transferred EU merger commitments to do or refrain from doing.
- (3) The CMA may vary or revoke any directions so given.
- (4) Directions under this section may extend to a person’s conduct outside the United Kingdom if (and only if) the person is—
- (a) a person bound by the transferred EU merger commitments concerned;
 - (b) a United Kingdom national;
 - (c) a body incorporated under the law of the United Kingdom or of any part of the United Kingdom; or
 - (d) a person carrying on business in the United Kingdom.
- (5) The court may by order require any person who has failed to comply with directions given under this section to comply with them, or otherwise remedy the failure, within such time as may be specified in the order.
- (6) Where the directions related to anything done in the management or administration of a body of persons corporate or unincorporate, the court may by order require the body of persons concerned or any officer of it to comply with the directions, or otherwise remedy the failure to comply with them, within such time as may be specified in the order.
- (7) An order under subsection (5) or (6) may only be made on the application of the CMA.
- (8) An order under subsection (5) or (6) may provide for all the costs or expenses of, or incidental to, the application for the order to be met by any person in default or by any officers of a body of persons corporate or unincorporate who are responsible for its default.
- (9) In this section “the court” means—
- (a) in relation to England and Wales or Northern Ireland, the High Court; and
 - (b) in relation to Scotland, the Court of Session.]

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CHAPTER 5

SUPPLEMENTARY

Merger notices

96 Merger notices

- (1) A person authorised to do so by regulations under section 101 may give notice to the [^{F420}CMA][^{F421} of arrangements or proposed arrangements which might have resulted or might result in the creation of a relevant merger situation].
- (2) Any such notice (in this Part a “merger notice”)—
- (a) shall be in the prescribed form;
 - [^{F422}(aa) shall contain the prescribed information;] and
 - (b) shall state that the existence of the proposal has been made public.
- [^{F423}(2A) Where the CMA is satisfied that a merger notice meets the requirements of subsection (2), it shall give notice to that effect to the person who gave the merger notice.]
- ^{F424}(3)
- ^{F424}(4)
- (5) In this section and sections 99(5)(c) and 100(1)(c) “prescribed” means prescribed by the [^{F425}CMA] by notice having effect for the time being and published in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes.
- (6) In this Part “notified arrangements” means arrangements of which notice is given under subsection (1) above or arrangements not differing from them in any material respect.

Textual Amendments

- F420** Word in s. 96(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 132(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F421** Words in s. 96(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 8 para. 8(2)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F422** S. 96(2)(aa) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 8 para. 8(3)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F423** S. 96(2A) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 8 para. 8(4)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F424** S. 96(3)(4) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 8 para. 8(5)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F425** Word in s. 96(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 132(3)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

^{F426}97 Period for considering merger notices

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Textual Amendments

F426 S. 97 omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 8 para. 9](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

^{F427}98 Section 97: supplementary

Textual Amendments

F427 S. 98 omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 8 para. 9](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

99 Certain functions of [^{F428}CMA] in relation to merger notices

- (1) The [^{F429}CMA] shall, so far as practicable and when [^{F430}the initial period (within the meaning of section 34ZA) begins in relation to the merger notice], take such action as the [^{F429}CMA] considers appropriate to bring—
- (a) the existence of the proposal;
 - (b) the fact that the merger notice has been given; and
 - (c) the date on which the period for considering the notice may expire;
- to the attention of those whom the [^{F429}CMA] considers would be affected if the arrangements were carried into effect.

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^{F431}(4)

- (5) The [^{F432}CMA] may, at any time before the end of [^{F433}the initial period (within the meaning of section 34ZA) in relation to a merger notice], reject the notice if—
- (a) the [^{F432}CMA] suspects that any information given in respect of the notified arrangements (whether in the merger notice or otherwise) by the person who gave the notice or any connected person is in any material respect false or misleading;
 - (b) the [^{F432}CMA] suspects that it is not proposed to carry the notified arrangements into effect; [^{F434}or]
 - (c) any prescribed information is not given in the merger notice [^{F435}or the person who gave the merger notice has failed (with or without a reasonable excuse) to comply with any requirement of a notice under section 109 in relation to the case concerned]; ^{F436} ...

^{F436}(d)

- (6) In this section and section 100 “connected person”, in relation to the person who gave a merger notice, means—

- (a) any person who, for the purposes of section 127, is associated with him; or
- (b) any subsidiary of the person who gave the merger notice or of any person so associated with him.

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Textual Amendments

- F428** Word in s. 99 heading substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 133(4)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F429** Word in s. 99(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 133(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F430** Words in s. 99(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 8 para. 10(2)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F431** S. 99(2)-(4) omitted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 57, **Sch. 15 para. 35(2)**, S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F432** Word in s. 99(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 133(3)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F433** Words in s. 99(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 8 para. 10(3)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F434** Word in s. 99(5)(b) inserted (31.12.2020) by The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **49(a)** (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F435** Words in s. 99(5)(c) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 35(3)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F436** S. 99(5)(d) and word omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **49(b)** (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

100 Exceptions to protection given by merger notices

- (1) [^{F437}Sections 22(3)(za) and 33(3)(za) do not] prevent any reference being made [^{F438}under section 22 [^{F439}, 33, 68B or 68C]] if—
- (a) before the end of [^{F440}the initial period (within the meaning of section 34ZA) in relation to the merger notice], the [^{F441}CMA] rejects the notice under section 99(5);
 - ^{F442}(b)
 - (c) any information (whether prescribed information or not) that—
 - (i) is, or ought to be, known to the person who gave the merger notice or any connected person; and
 - (ii) is material to the notified arrangements;
 is not disclosed to the [^{F441}CMA]^{F443} ...;
 - (d) at any time after the merger notice is given but before the enterprises to which the notified arrangements relate cease to be distinct from each other, any of those enterprises ceases to be distinct from any enterprise other than an enterprise to which those arrangements relate;
 - (e) the six months beginning with the end of [^{F444}the initial period (within the meaning of section 34ZA) in relation to the merger notice] expires without the enterprises to which the notified arrangements relate ceasing to be distinct from each other;
 - (f) the merger notice is withdrawn; or
 - (g) any information given in respect of the notified arrangements (whether in the merger notice or otherwise) by the person who gave the notice or any connected person is in any material respect false or misleading.
- (2) Subsection (3) applies where—

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- (a) two or more transactions which have occurred, or, if any arrangements are carried into effect, will occur, may be treated for the purposes of a reference under ^{F445}section 22 ^{F446}[33, 68B or 68C] as having occurred simultaneously on a particular date; and
 - (b) ^{F447}sections 22(3)(za) and 33(3)(za) do not] prevent such a reference in relation to the last of those transactions.
- (3) ^{F448}Sections 22(3)(za) and 33(3)(za) do not] not prevent such a reference in relation to any of those transactions which actually occurred less than six months before—
- (a) that date; or
 - (b) the actual occurrence of another of those transactions in relation to which such a reference may be made (whether or not by virtue of this subsection).
- (4) In determining for the purposes of subsections (2) and (3) the time at which any transaction actually occurred, no account shall be taken of any option or other conditional right until the option is exercised or the condition is satisfied.
- (5) In this section references to the enterprises to which the notified arrangements relate are references to those enterprises that would have ceased to be distinct from one another if the arrangements mentioned in the merger notice concerned had been carried into effect at the time when the notice was given.

Textual Amendments

- F437** Words in s. 100(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 8 para. 11\(2\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F438** Words in s. 100(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 8 para. 11\(2\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F439** Words in s. 100(1) substituted (26.10.2023) by [Energy Act 2023 \(c. 52\)](#), s. 334(2)(j), [Sch. 16 para. 22\(2\)](#)
- F440** Words in s. 100(1)(a) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 8 para. 11\(2\)\(c\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F441** Word in s. 100(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 134](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F442** S. 100(1)(b) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 8 para. 11\(2\)\(d\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F443** Words in s. 100(1)(c) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 8 para. 11\(2\)\(e\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F444** Words in s. 100(1)(e) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 8 para. 11\(2\)\(f\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F445** Words in s. 100(2)(a) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 8 para. 11\(3\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F446** Words in s. 100(2)(a) substituted (26.10.2023) by [Energy Act 2023 \(c. 52\)](#), s. 334(2)(j), [Sch. 16 para. 22\(3\)](#)
- F447** Words in s. 100(2)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 8 para. 11\(3\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F448** Words in s. 100(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 8 para. 11\(4\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

101 Merger notices: regulations

- (1) The Secretary of State may make regulations for the purposes of sections 96 to 100.

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- (2) The regulations may, in particular—
- (a) provide for ^{F449} ... section 100(1)(e) to apply as if any reference to a period of days or months were a reference to a period specified in the regulations for the purposes of the enactment concerned;
 - (b) provide for the manner in which any merger notice is authorised or required to be rejected or withdrawn, and the time at which any merger notice is to be treated as received or rejected;
 - ^{F450}(c)
 - ^{F450}(d)
 - ^{F450}(e)
 - ^{F450}(f)

Textual Amendments

F449 Words in s. 101(2)(a) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 8 para. 12\(2\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F450 S. 101(2)(c)-(f) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 32\(2\), Sch. 8 para. 12\(3\)](#), S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d)

102 Power to modify sections 97 to 101

The Secretary of State may, for the purposes of determining the effect of giving a merger notice and the action which may be or is to be taken by any person in connection with such a notice, by order modify sections 97 to 101.

General duties in relation to references

103 Duty of expedition in relation to references

- (1) [^{F451}In making any decision for the purposes of its functions of making and determining references under this Part, the CMA] shall have regard, with a view to the prevention or removal of uncertainty, to the need for making a decision as soon as reasonably practicable.
- (2) In deciding whether to make a reference under section 45 or 62 the Secretary of State shall have regard, with a view to the prevention or removal of uncertainty, to the need for making a decision as soon as reasonably practicable.

Textual Amendments

F451 Words in s. 103(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), ss. 32\(1\), 103\(3\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)

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C90 S. 103 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1592\), art. 15, Sch. 3 para. 1\(1\)\(k\)\(11\)](#) (as amended (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/891\), arts. 1, 18\(1\)-\(17\)](#) (with arts. 20-23))

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104 Certain duties of relevant authorities to consult

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where the relevant authority is proposing to make a relevant decision in a way which the relevant authority considers is likely to be adverse to the interests of a relevant party.
- (2) The relevant authority shall, so far as practicable, consult that party about what is proposed before making that decision.
- (3) In consulting the party concerned, the relevant authority shall, so far as practicable, give the reasons of the relevant authority for the proposed decision.
- (4) In considering what is practicable for the purposes of this section the relevant authority shall, in particular, have regard to—
 - (a) any restrictions imposed by any timetable for making the decision; and
 - (b) any need to keep what is proposed, or the reasons for it, confidential.
- (5) The duty under this section shall not apply in relation to the making of any decision so far as particular provision is made elsewhere by virtue of this Part for consultation before the making of that decision.

- (6) In this section—

“the relevant authority” means the [^{F452}CMA], the Commission or the Secretary of State;

“relevant decision” means—

- (a) in the case of the [^{F453}CMA], any decision by the [^{F453}CMA]—
 - (i) as to whether to make a reference under section 22 [^{F454}, 33, 68B or 68C] or accept undertakings under section 73 instead of making such a reference; or
 - (ii) to vary under section 37 such a reference^{F455}; or
 - (iii) on the questions mentioned in section 35(1) or (3), 36(1) or (2), 47 or 63;]
- (b) ^{F456} ...
- (c) in the case of the Secretary of State, any decision by the Secretary of State—
 - (i) as to whether to make a reference under section 45 or 62; or
 - (ii) to vary under section 49 or (as the case may be) 64 such a reference; and

“relevant party” means any person who appears to the relevant authority to control enterprises which are the subject of the reference or possible reference concerned.

Textual Amendments

F452 Word in s. 104(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 135\(2\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F453 Word in s. 104(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 135\(3\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F454 Words in s. 104(6) substituted (26.10.2023) by [Energy Act 2023 \(c. 52\)](#), s. 334(2)(j), [Sch. 16 para. 23](#)

F455 Words in s. 104(6) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 135\(3\)\(b\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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F456 Words in s. 104(6) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 135\(3\)\(c\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C91 S. 104 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1592\)](#), art. 15, [Sch. 3 para. 1\(1\)\(1\)\(12\)](#) (as amended (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/891\)](#), arts. 1, [18\(1\)-\(17\)](#) (with arts. 20-23))

C92 S. 104 modified by S.I. 2003/1592, art. 5A(d) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/891\)](#), arts. 1, [7](#) (with arts. 20-23))

[^{F457}104A] **Public consultation in relation to media mergers**

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where the [^{F458}CMA]—
 - (a) is preparing—
 - (i) a report under section 50 on a reference which specifies a media public interest consideration; or
 - (ii) a report under section 65 on a reference which specifies a consideration specified in section 58(2A) to (2C); and
 - (b) is not under a duty to disregard the consideration concerned.
- (2) The [^{F458}CMA] shall have regard (among other things) to the need to consult the public so far as they might be affected by the creation of the relevant merger situation or special merger situation concerned and so far as such consultation is practicable.
- (3) Any consultation of the kind mentioned in subsection (2) may be undertaken by the [^{F458}CMA] by consulting such representative sample of the public or section of the public concerned as the [^{F458}CMA] considers appropriate.]

Textual Amendments

F457 S. 104A inserted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), [ss. 381](#), 411(2)(3) (with transitional provisions in [Sch. 18](#)); S.I. 2003/3142, [art. 3\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1](#) (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)

F458 Word in s. 104A(1)-(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 26(3), [Sch. 5 para. 136](#), (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, [art. 2\(1\)\(d\)](#) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C93 S. 104A modified by S.I. 2003/1592, art. 5A(d) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/891\)](#), arts. 1, [7](#) (with arts. 20-23))

C94 S. 104A applied (with modifications) (29.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/1592, art. 15, [Sch. 3 para. 1\(1\)\(1a\)](#) (as inserted by [The Enterprise Act 2002 and Media Mergers \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/3180\)](#), art. 2, [Sch. para. 10\(9\)](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in art. 3)
S. 104A applied (with modifications) (29.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/1592, art. 15, [Sch. 3 para. 1\(12A\)](#) (as inserted by [The Enterprise Act 2002 and Media Mergers \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/3180\)](#), art. 2, [Sch. para. 10\(12\)](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in art. 3) (as amended (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/891\)](#), arts. 1, [18\(1\)-\(17\)](#) (with arts. 20-23))

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Information and publicity requirements

105 General information duties of [F459 CMA]

- (1) Where the [F460 CMA] decides to investigate a matter so as to enable it to decide whether to make a reference under section 22 [F461, 33, 68B or 68C], or so as to make a report under section 44 or 61, it shall, so far as practicable, take such action as it considers appropriate to bring information about the investigation to the attention of those whom it considers might be affected by the creation of the relevant merger situation concerned or (as the case may be) the special merger situation concerned.
- [F462(1A) Where OFCOM decide to investigate a matter so as to make a report under section 44A or 61A, they shall, so far as practicable, take such action as they consider appropriate to bring information about the investigation to the attention of those who they consider might be affected by the creation of the relevant merger situation concerned or (as the case may be) the special merger situation concerned.]
- (2) [F463 Subsections (1) and (1A) do] not apply in relation to arrangements which might result in the creation of a relevant merger situation if a merger notice has been given in relation to those arrangements under section 96.
- (3) The [F464 CMA] shall give the [F465 ... [F466 OFCOM]—
 - (a) such information in its possession as [F467 ... [F468 OFCOM] may reasonably require to enable the [F467 ... [F468 OFCOM] to carry out its functions under this Part; and
 - (b) any other assistance which the [F469 ... [F468 OFCOM] may reasonably require for the purpose of assisting it in carrying out its functions under this Part and which it is within the power of the [F470 CMA] to give.
- [F471(3A) OFCOM shall give the [F472 CMA] —
 - (a) such information in their possession as the [F473 CMA] may reasonably require to enable the [F473 CMA] to carry out its functions under this Part; and
 - (b) any other assistance which the [F473 CMA] may reasonably require for the purpose of assisting it in carrying out its functions under this Part and which it is within the power of OFCOM to give.]
- (4) The [F474 CMA] shall give the [F475 OFCOM] any information in its possession which has not been requested by the [F476 ... [F477 OFCOM] but which, in the opinion of the [F474 CMA], would be appropriate to give to the [F476 ... [F477 OFCOM] for the purpose of assisting it in carrying out its functions under this Part.
- [F478(4A) OFCOM shall give the [F479 CMA] any information in their possession which has not been requested by the [F480 CMA] but which, in the opinion of OFCOM, would be appropriate to give to the [F480 CMA] for the purpose of assisting it in carrying out its functions under this Part.]
- (5) The [F481 CMA and OFCOM] shall give the Secretary of State—
 - (a) such information in their possession as the Secretary of State may by direction reasonably require to enable him to carry out his functions under this Part; and
 - (b) any other assistance which the Secretary of State may by direction reasonably require for the purpose of assisting him in carrying out his functions under this Part and which it is within the power of the [F482 CMA or (as the case may be) OFCOM] to give.

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- (6) The [^{F483}CMA][^{F484}and OFCOM] shall give the Secretary of State any information in [^{F485}their] possession which has not been requested by the Secretary of State but which, in the opinion of the [^{F483}CMA][^{F486}or (as the case may be) OFCOM], would be appropriate to give to the Secretary of State for the purpose of assisting him in carrying out his functions under this Part.
- (7) The [^{F487}CMA] shall have regard to any information given to it under subsection [^{F488}(3A) or (4A)]; and the Secretary of State shall have regard to any information given to him under subsection (5) or (6).
- ^{F489}(7A) OFCOM shall have regard to any information given to them under subsection (3) or (4);^{F490} ...
- (8) Any direction given under subsection (5)—
- (a) shall be in writing; and
 - (b) may be varied or revoked by a subsequent direction.

Textual Amendments

- F459** Word in s. 105 heading substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 137(11)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F460** Word in s. 105(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 137(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F461** Words in s. 105(1) substituted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 24**
- F462** S. 105(1A) inserted (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), **ss. 382(2)**, 411(2)(3) (with transitional provisions in **Sch. 18**); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, **Sch. 1** (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F463** Words in s. 105(2) substituted (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), **ss. 382(3)**, 411(2)(3) (with transitional provisions in **Sch. 18**); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, **Sch. 1** (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F464** Word in s. 105(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 137(3)(a)(i)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F465** Words in s. 105(3) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 137(3)(a)(ii)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F466** Words in s. 105(3) inserted (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), **ss. 382(4)(a)**, 411(2)(3) (with transitional provisions in **Sch. 18**); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, **Sch. 1** (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F467** Words in s. 105(3)(a) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 137(3)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F468** Words in s. 105(3) inserted (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), **ss. 382(4)(b)**, 411(2)(3) (with transitional provisions in **Sch. 18**); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, **Sch. 1** (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F469** Words in s. 105(3)(b) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 137(3)(c)(i)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F470** Word in s. 105(3)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 137(3)(c)(ii)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F471** S. 105(3A) inserted (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), **ss. 382(5)**, 411(2)(3) (with transitional provisions in **Sch. 18**); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, **Sch. 1** (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F472** Word in s. 105(3A) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 137(4)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F473** Word in s. 105(3A) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 137(4)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F474** Word in s. 105(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 137(5)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F475** Word in s. 105(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 137(5)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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- F476** Words in s. 105(4) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 137(5)(c)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F477** Words in s. 105(4) inserted (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), **ss. 382(6)(b)**, 411(2)(3) (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F478** S. 105(4A) inserted (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), **ss. 382(7)**, 411(2)(3) (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F479** Word in s. 105(4A) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 137(6)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F480** Word in s. 105(4A) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 137(6)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F481** Words in s. 105(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 137(7)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F482** Words in s. 105(5)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 137(7)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F483** Word in s. 105(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 137(8)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F484** Words in s. 105(6) inserted (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), **ss. 382(9)(a)**, 411(2)(3) (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F485** Word in s. 105(6) substituted (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), **ss. 382(9)(b)**, 411(2)(3) (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F486** Words in s. 105(6) inserted (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), **ss. 382(9)(c)**, 411(2)(3) (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, Sch. 1
- F487** Word in s. 105(7) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 137(9)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F488** Words in s. 105(7) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 137(9)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F489** S. 105(7A) inserted (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), **ss. 382(11)**, 411(2)(3) (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F490** Words in s. 105(7A) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 137(10)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C95** S. 105 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1592), art. 15, **Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(m)(13)** (as amended by S.I. 2003/3180, art. 2, **Sch. para. 10(13)** (with transitional provisions and savings in art. 3) and (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), arts. 1, **18(1)-(17)** (with arts. 20-23))

106 Advice and information about references under [F491]section 22, 33, 68B or 68C]

- (1) ^{F492}... [F493]The CMA] shall prepare and publish general advice and information about [F494]—
 - (a) the making and consideration by it of references under section 22 [F495], 33, 68B or 68C], and
 - (b) the way in which relevant customer benefits may affect the taking of enforcement action in relation to such references.]

(2) The [F496]CMA] may at any time publish revised, or new, advice or information.

^{F497}(3)

^{F497}(4)

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- (5) Advice and information published under this section shall be prepared with a view to—
- (a) explaining relevant provisions of this Part to persons who are likely to be affected by them; and
 - (b) indicating how the [^{F498}CMA] or (as the case may be) the Commission expects such provisions to operate.
- (6) Advice (or information) published by virtue of subsection (1) ^{F499}... may include advice (or information) about the factors which the [^{F500}CMA] may take into account in considering whether, and if so how, to exercise a function conferred by this Part.
- (7) Any advice or information published by the [^{F501}CMA] under this section shall be published in such manner as the [^{F502}CMA] considers appropriate.
- (8) In preparing any advice or information under this section, the [^{F503}CMA shall consult such persons] as it considers appropriate.
- ^{F504}(9)

Textual Amendments

- F491** Words in s. 106 heading substituted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 25(2)**
- F492** Words in s. 106(1) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 138(2)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F493** Words in s. 106(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 138(2)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F494** Words in s. 106(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 138(2)(c)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F495** Words in s. 106(1)(a) substituted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 25(3)**
- F496** Word in s. 106(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 138(3)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F497** S. 106(3)(4) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 138(4)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F498** Word in s. 106(5)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 138(5)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F499** Word in s. 106(6) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 138(6)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F500** Word in s. 106(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 138(6)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F501** Word in s. 106(7) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 138(7)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F502** Word in s. 106(7) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 138(7)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F503** Words in s. 106(8) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 138(8)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F504** S. 106(9) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 138(9)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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[^{F505}106A] **Advice and information in relation to media mergers**

- (1) The Secretary of State may prepare and publish general advice and information about the considerations specified in section 58(2A) to (2C).
- (2) The Secretary of State may at any time publish revised, or new, advice or information.
- (3) Advice or information published under this section shall be prepared with a view to—
 - (a) explaining the considerations specified in section 58(2A) to (2C) to persons who are likely to be affected by them; and
 - (b) indicating how the Secretary of State expects this Part to operate in relation to such considerations.
- (4) Any advice or information published by the Secretary of State under this section shall be published in such manner as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (5) In preparing any advice or information under this section, the Secretary of State shall consult the [^{F506}CMA, OFCOM] and such other persons as he considers appropriate.]

Textual Amendments

F505 S. 106A inserted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 383**, 411(2)(3) (with transitional provisions in [Sch. 18](#)); [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 3(1), [Sch. 1](#) (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)

F506 Words in s. 106A(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 139** (with s. 28); [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(d) (with [Sch.](#))

[^{F507}106B] **General advisory functions of OFCOM**

- (1) OFCOM may, in connection with any case on which they are required to give a report by virtue of section 44A or 61A, give such advice as they consider appropriate to the Secretary of State in relation to—
 - (a) any report made in such a case by the [^{F508}CMA] under section 50 or 65; and
 - (b) the taking by the Secretary of State of enforcement action under Schedule 7.
- (2) OFCOM may, if requested to do so by the Secretary of State, give such other advice as they consider appropriate to the Secretary of State in connection with any case on which they are required to give a report by virtue of section 44A or 61A.
- (3) OFCOM shall publish any advice given by them under this section but advice given by them in relation to a report of the [^{F509}CMA] under section 50 or 65 or related enforcement action shall not be published before the report itself is published.]

Textual Amendments

F507 S. 106B inserted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 384**, 411(2)(3) (with transitional provisions in [Sch. 18](#)); [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 3(1), [Sch. 1](#) (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)

F508 Word in s. 106B(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 140** (with s. 28); [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(d) (with [Sch.](#))

F509 Word in s. 106B(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 140** (with s. 28); [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(d) (with [Sch.](#))

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- C96** S. 106B applied (with modifications) (29.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/1592, art. 15, Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(ma) (as inserted by [The Enterprise Act 2002 and Media Mergers \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/3180\), art. 2, Sch. para. 10\(10\)](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in art. 3) (as amended (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/891\), arts. 1, 18\(1\)-\(17\)](#) (with arts. 20-23))
- S. 106B applied (with modifications) (29.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/1592, art. 15, Sch. 3 para. 1(13A) (as inserted by [The Enterprise Act 2002 and Media Mergers \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/3180\), art. 2, Sch. para. 10\(14\)](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in art. 3))

107 Further publicity requirements

- (1) The ^{F510}CMA shall publish—
- ^{F511}(a) any decision made by it that the duty to make a reference under section 22 ^{F512}, 33, 68B or 68C] applies and any such reference made by it;
 - (aa) any decision made by it that the duty to make such a reference does not apply (other than a decision made by virtue of ^{F513}section 33(2)(b) or 68C(2)(a));]
 - ^{F514}(ab) any notice given by it as mentioned in paragraph (b) of the definition of “initial period” in section 34ZA(3);
 - (ac) any extension by it under section 34ZB of the initial period;
 - (ad) any decision made by it to cancel an extension as mentioned in section 34ZB(7)(b);
 - ^{F515}(ae)
 - ^{F516}(af)
 - ^{F517}(ag)
 - ^{F518}(ah)]
 - (b) any variation made by it under section 37 of a reference under section 22 ^{F519}, 33, 68B or 68C];
 - (c) such information as it considers appropriate about any decision made by it under section 57(1) to bring a case to the attention of the Secretary of State;
 - ^{F520}(d)
 - (e) any enforcement order made by it under section 72 ^{F521}... or paragraph 2 of Schedule 7;
 - ^{F522}(ea) any notice given by it under section 73A(2)(b);
 - (eb) any extension by it under section 73A of the period for considering whether to accept an undertaking under section 73;
 - (ec) any decision made by it to cancel an extension as mentioned in section 73A(11)(b);]
 - (f) any variation, release or revocation of ^{F523}an order mentioned in paragraph (e)]
 - ^{F524}(g)
 - ^{F524}(h)^{F525}, and
 - (i) any notice given by it under section 96(2A).]
- (2) The ^{F526}CMA shall also] publish—
- (a) any cancellation by it under section 37(1) of a reference under section 33 ^{F527}or 68C];

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- (b) any decision made by it under section 37(2) to treat [^{F528}a reference under section 22 or 68B as if it had been made under section 33 or 68C or to treat a reference under section 33 or 68C as if it had been made under section 22 or 68B];
 - (c) any extension by it under section 39 of the period within which a report under section 38 is to be prepared and published;
 - (d) any decision made by it to cancel an extension as mentioned in section 39(8)(b);
 - (e) any decision made by it under section 41(2) neither to accept an undertaking under section 82 nor to make an order under section 84;
 - [^{F529}(ea) any extension by it under section 41A of the period within which its duty under section 41(2) is to be discharged;
 - (eb) any decision made by it to cancel an extension as mentioned in section 41A(7)(b);]
 - (f) any decision made by it that there has been a material change of circumstances as mentioned in subsection (3) of section 41 or there is another special reason as mentioned in that subsection of that section;
 - (g) any cancellation by it under section 48(1) or 53(1) of a reference under section 45 or any cancellation by it under section 64(1) of a reference under section 62;
 - (h) any decision made by it under section 49(1) to treat—
 - (i) a reference made under subsection (2) or (3) of section 45 as if it had been made under subsection (4) or (as the case may be) (5) of that section; or
 - (ii) a reference made under subsection (4) or (5) of section 45 as if it had been made under subsection (2) or (as the case may be) (3) of that section;
 - (i) any extension by it under section 51 of the period within which a report under section 50 is to be prepared and published;
 - (j) any decision made by it under section 51(8)(b) to cancel such an extension;
 - (k) any extension by it under section 51 as applied by section 65(3) of the period within which a report under section 65 is to be prepared and published;
 - (l) any decision made by it under section 51(8)(b) as applied by section 65(3) to cancel such an extension;
 - (m) any decision made by it under section 64(2) to treat a reference made under subsection (2) or (3) of section 62 as if it had been made under subsection (3) or (as the case may be) (2) of that section;
 - (n) any decision made by it as mentioned in section 76(6)(b);
 - (o) any enforcement order made by it under section 76 or 81;
 - (p) any enforcement undertaking accepted by it under section 80;
 - (q) any variation, release or revocation of such an order or undertaking; and
 - (r) any decision made by it to dispense with the requirements of Schedule 10.
- (3) The Secretary of State shall publish—
- (a) any intervention notice or special intervention notice given by him;
 - (b) any report of the [^{F530}CMA] under section 44 or 61 which has been received by him;
 - [^{F531}(ba) any report of OFCOM under section 44A or 61A which has been received by him;]

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- (c) any reference made by him under section 45 or 62 or any decision made by him not to make such a reference;
 - (d) any variation made by him under section 49 of a reference under section 45 or under section 64 of a reference under section 62;
 - (e) any report of the [^{F532}CMA] under section 50 or 65 which has been received by him;
 - (f) any decision made by him neither to accept an undertaking under paragraph 9 of Schedule 7 nor to make an order under paragraph 11 of that Schedule;
 - (g) any notice given by him under section 56(1);
 - ^{F533}(h)
 - ^{F533}(i)
 - (j) any decision made by him as mentioned in paragraph 6(6)(b) of Schedule 7; and
 - (k) any decision made by him to dispense with the requirements of Schedule 10.
- (4) Where any person is under a duty by virtue of subsection (1), (2) or (3) to publish the result of any action taken by that person or any decision made by that person, the person concerned shall, subject to subsections (5) and (6), also publish that person's reasons for the action concerned or (as the case may be) the decision concerned.
- (5) Such reasons need not, if it is not reasonably practicable to do so, be published at the same time as the result of the action concerned or (as the case may be) as the decision concerned.
- (6) Subsections (4) and (5) shall not apply in relation to any information published under subsection (1)(c).
- (7) The Secretary of State shall publish his reasons for—
- (a) any decision made by him under section 54(2) or 66(2); or
 - (b) any decision to make an order under section 58(3) or vary or revoke such an order.
- (8) Such reasons may be published after—
- (a) in the case of subsection (7)(a), the publication of the decision concerned; and
 - (b) in the case of subsection (7)(b), the making of the order or of the variation or revocation;
- if it is not reasonably practicable to publish them at the same time as the publication of the decision or (as the case may be) the making of the order or variation or revocation.
- (9) The Secretary of State shall publish—
- (a) the report of the [^{F534}CMA] under section 44 [^{F535}and any report of OFCOM under section 44A,] in relation to a matter no later than publication of his decision as to whether to make a reference under section 45 in relation to that matter; and
 - (b) the report of the [^{F536}CMA] under section 50 in relation to a matter no later than publication of his decision under section 54(2) in relation to that matter.
- (10) The Secretary of State shall publish—
- (a) the report of the [^{F537}CMA] under section 61 [^{F538}, and any report of OFCOM under section 61A,] in relation to a matter no later than publication of his decision as to whether to make a reference under section 62 in relation to that matter; and

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- (b) the report of the [^{F539}CMA] under section 65 in relation to a matter no later than publication of his decision under section 66(2) in relation to that matter.
- (11) Where the Secretary of State has decided under section 55(2) or 66(6) to accept an undertaking under paragraph 9 of Schedule 7 or to make an order under paragraph 11 of that Schedule, he shall (after the acceptance of the undertaking or (as the case may be) the making of the order) lay details of his decision and his reasons for it, and the [^{F540}CMA's] report under section 50 or (as the case may be) 65, before each House of Parliament

Textual Amendments

- F510** Word in s. 107(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 141(2)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F511** S. 107(1)(a)(aa) substituted for s. 107(1)(a) (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 36(2)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F512** Words in s. 107(1)(a) substituted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 26(2)**
- F513** Words in s. 107(1)(aa) substituted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 26(3)**
- F514** S. 107(1)(ab)-(ah) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 26(3), s. 57, Sch. 15 para. 36(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F515** S. 107(1)(ae) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **50** (with Sch. 4 paras. 24, 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F516** S. 107(1)(af) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **50** (with Sch. 4 paras. 24, 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F517** S. 107(1)(ag) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **50** (with Sch. 4 paras. 24, 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F518** S. 107(1)(ah) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **50** (with Sch. 4 paras. 24, 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F519** Words in s. 107(1)(b) substituted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 26(4)**
- F520** S. 107(1)(d) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 36(4)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F521** Words in s. 107(1)(e) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 141(2)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F522** S. 107(1)(ea)-(ec) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 26(3), s. 57, **Sch. 15 para. 36(5)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F523** Words in s. 107(1)(f) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 36(6)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F524** S. 107(1)(g)(h) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 141(2)(c)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F525** S. 107(1)(i) and word inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 36(7)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F526** Words in s. 107(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 141(3)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F527** Words in s. 107(2)(a) inserted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 26(5)**

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- F528** Words in s. 107(2)(b) substituted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 26(6)**
- F529** S. 107(2)(ea)(eb) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 36(8)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F530** Word in s. 107(3)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 141(4)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F531** S. 107(3)(ba) inserted (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 389(1), 411(2)(3), **Sch. 16 para. 18(2)** (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F532** Word in s. 107(3)(e) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 141(4)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F533** S. 107(3)(h)(i) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 36(9)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)
- F534** Word in s. 107(9)(a) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 141(5)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F535** Words in s. 107(9)(a) inserted (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 389(1), 411(2)(3), Sch. 16 para. 18(3) (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, art. 3(1), **Sch. 1** (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F536** Word in s. 107(9)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 141(5)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F537** Word in s. 107(10)(a) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 141(6)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F538** Words in s. 107(10)(a) inserted (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 389(1), 411(2)(3), **Sch. 16 para. 18(4)** (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, art. 3(1), **Sch. 1** (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F539** Word in s. 107(10)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 141(6)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F540** Word in s. 107(11) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 141(7)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

108 Defamation

For the purposes of the law relating to defamation, absolute privilege attaches to any advice, guidance, notice or direction given, or decision or report made, by the [F541CMA, OFCOM] or the Secretary of State in the exercise of any of their functions under this Part.

Textual Amendments

- F541** Words in s. 108 substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 142** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C97** S. 108 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1592), art. 15, **Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(n)(14)** (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), arts. 1, **18(1)-(17)** (with arts. 20-23))

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Investigation powers

109 Attendance of witnesses and production of documents etc.

- [^{F542}(A1) For the purposes of this section, the permitted purposes are the following—
- (a) assisting the CMA in carrying out any functions, including enforcement functions, exercisable by it under or by virtue of this Part in connection with a matter that is or has been the subject of a reference or possible reference under section 22 [^{F543}, 33, 68B or 68C];
 - (b) assisting the CMA or the Secretary of State in carrying out any functions, including enforcement functions, of the CMA or (as the case may be) the Secretary of State under or by virtue of this Part in connection with a matter that is or has been the subject of a reference or possible reference under section 45 or 62.]
- (1) [^{F544}The CMA may, for a permitted purpose,] give notice to any person requiring him—
- (a) to attend at a time and place specified in the notice; and
 - (b) to give evidence to the [^{F545}CMA] or a person nominated by the [^{F545}CMA] for the purpose.
- (2) [^{F546}The CMA may, for a permitted purpose,] give notice to any person requiring him—
- (a) to produce any documents which—
 - (i) are specified or described in the notice, or fall within a category of document which is specified or described in the notice; and
 - (ii) are in that person’s custody or under his control; and
 - (b) to produce them at a time and place so specified and to a person so specified.
- (3) [^{F547}The CMA may, for a permitted purpose,] give notice to any person who carries on any business requiring him—
- (a) to supply to [^{F548}the CMA] such estimates, forecasts, returns or other information as may be specified or described in the notice; and
 - (b) to supply it at a time and place, and in a form and manner, so specified and to a person so specified.
- (4) A notice under this section shall [^{F549}—
- (a) specify the permitted purpose for which the notice is given, including the function or functions in question; and
 - (b)] include information about the possible consequences of not complying with the notice.
- (5) [^{F550}The CMA, or any person nominated by it for the purpose, may for a permitted purpose] take evidence on oath, and for that purpose may administer oaths.
- (6) The person to whom any document is produced in accordance with a notice under this section may, [^{F551}for a permitted purpose], copy the document so produced.
- (7) No person shall be required under this section—
- (a) to give any evidence or produce any documents which he could not be compelled to give or produce in civil proceedings before the court; or
 - (b) to supply any information which he could not be compelled to supply in evidence in such proceedings.

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(8) No person shall be required, in compliance with a notice under this section, to go more than 10 miles from his place of residence unless his necessary travelling expenses are paid or offered to him.

[^{F552}(8A) In subsection (A1), “enforcement functions” means—

- (a) in relation to the CMA—
 - (i) functions conferred by virtue of section 87 on the CMA by enforcement orders;
 - (ii) functions of the CMA in relation to the variation, supersession or release of enforcement undertakings or the variation or revocation of enforcement orders;
 - (iii) functions of the CMA under or by virtue of section 75, 76, 83 or 92 in relation to enforcement undertakings or enforcement orders;
- (b) in relation to the Secretary of State—
 - (i) functions conferred by virtue of section 87 on the Secretary of State by enforcement orders;
 - (ii) functions of the Secretary of State in relation to the variation, supersession or release of enforcement undertakings or the variation or revocation of enforcement orders;
 - (iii) functions of the Secretary of State under or by virtue of paragraph 5, 6 or 10 of Schedule 7 in relation to enforcement undertakings or enforcement orders.]

(9) Any reference in this section to the production of a document includes a reference to the production of a legible and intelligible copy of information recorded otherwise than in legible form.

(10) In this section “the court” means—

- (a) in relation to England and Wales or Northern Ireland, the High Court; and
- (b) in relation to Scotland, the Court of Session.

Textual Amendments

- F542** S. 109(A1) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), **ss. 29(2)**, 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.) (with a saving in S.I. 2014/549, Sch. 2 para. 6)
- F543** Words in s. 109(A1)(a) substituted (26.10.2023) by [Energy Act 2023 \(c. 52\)](#), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 27**
- F544** Words in s. 109(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), **ss. 29(3)**, 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.) (with a saving in S.I. 2014/549, Sch. 2 para. 6)
- F545** Word in s. 109(1)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/892\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 3** (with art. 3)
- F546** Words in s. 109(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), **ss. 29(4)**, 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.) (with a saving in S.I. 2014/549, Sch. 2 para. 6)
- F547** Words in s. 109(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), **ss. 29(5)**, 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.) (with a saving in S.I. 2014/549, Sch. 2 para. 6)
- F548** Words in s. 109(3)(a) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 143** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F549** Words in s. 109(4) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), **ss. 29(6)**, 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.) (with a saving in S.I. 2014/549, Sch. 2 para. 6)

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- F550** Words in s. 109(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), **ss. 29(7)**, 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.) (with a saving in S.I. 2014/549, Sch. 2 para. 6)
- F551** Words in s. 109(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), **ss. 29(8)**, 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.) (with a saving in S.I. 2014/549, Sch. 2 para. 6)
- F552** S. 109(8A) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), **ss. 29(9)**, 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.) (with a saving in S.I. 2014/549, Sch. 2 para. 6)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C98** S. 109 applied (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 38, s. 18(6)(10)(11) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 44(5)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C99** S. 109 applied (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 38, s. 12(B)(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 44(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C100** S. 109 applied (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 26, s. 19A(6)(10)(11) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 42(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C101** S. 109 applied (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 26, s. 15B(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 42(2)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C102** S. 109 applied (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2), s. 15B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 36(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C103** S. 109 applied (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1994/426 (N.I. 1), s. 35(B)(1)(4)(5) as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 33(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C104** S. 109 applied (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, Sch. 4A para. 15(2D)(2H)(2I) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 30(15)(c)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C105** S. 109 applied (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, Sch. 4A para. 10A(1)(5)(6) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 30(15)(a)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C106** S. 109 applied (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, s. 15C(2D)(2H)(2I) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 30(6)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C107** S. 109 applied (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, s. 13B(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 30(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C108** S. 109 applied (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 8, Sch. 14 para. 2A(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 40(20)(b)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C109** S. 109 applied (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1), art. 15B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 28(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C110** S. 109 applied (20.6.2003) by 1991 c. 56, s. 14B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 25(5)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C111** S. 109 applied (20.6.2003) by 1990 c. 42, Sch. 4 para. 4A(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 24(9)(e)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C112** S. 109 applied (20.6.2003) by 1989 c. 29, s. 56CB(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 20(12)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C113** S. 109 applied (20.6.2003) by 1989 c. 29, s. 14A(11F)(11I)(11J) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 20(6)(a)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C114** S. 109 applied (20.6.2003) by 1989 c. 29, s. 12B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 20(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C115** S. 109 applied (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 44, s. 41EB(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 15(12)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C116** S. 109 applied (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 44, s. 26A(11F)(11I)(11J) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 15(6)(a)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C117** S. 109 applied (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 44, s. 24B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 15(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C118** S. 109 applied (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 31, s. 44B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 14(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C119** S. 109 applied (20.6.2003) by 1984 c. 12, s. 13B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 13(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)

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- C120** S. 109 applied (20.6.2003) by 1980 c. 21, s. 11B(1) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
S. 109 applied (1.10.2005) by 1991 c. 56, s. 17M(1) (as inserted by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), ss. 56, 105(3), Sch. 4 para. 2); S.I. 2005/2714, art. 2(h) (with Sch. para. 5)
S. 109 applied (1.10.2005) by 1991 c. 56, s. 17Q(6) (as inserted by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), ss. 56, 105(3), Sch. 4 para. 2); S.I. 2005/2714, art. 2(h) (with Sch. para. 5)
S. 109 applied (S.) (11.11.2005) by The Water Services etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3172), arts. 5, 10(3)-(7)
S. 109 applied (N.I.) (1.4.2007) by The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21)), arts. 1(2)(3), 23(1)(a), 27(6)(a) (with arts. 8(9), 121, 307); S.R. 2007/194, art. 2(2), Sch. 1 Pt. 2 (with Sch. 2)
- C121** S. 109 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1592), art. 15, **Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(o)(15)** (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), arts. 1, 18(1)-(17) (with arts. 20-23))
S. 109 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1999/3088, reg. 8 (as substituted by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Consequential and Supplemental Provisions) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1398), art. 2, Sch. para. 36(3))
S. 109 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (2.3.2004) by S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1), art. 17A(14)(a)(17)(18) (as inserted by The Energy (Northern Ireland) Order (S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6)), {art. 36(2)}; S.R. 2004/71, art. 2, Sch.)
S. 109 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (2.3.2004) by S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2), art. 17A(17)(a)(20)(21) (as inserted by The Energy (Northern Ireland) Order (S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6)), {art. 37(2)}; S.R. 2004/71, art. 2, Sch.)
S. 109 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (2.3.2004) by The Energy (Northern Ireland) Order (S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6)), arts. 39(2), 40(2), {Sch. 2 para. 5(1)(a)(5)(6)}; S.R. 2004/71, art. 2, Sch.
S. 109 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2004) by 1991 c. 56, s. 16B(6)(a)-(10) (as inserted by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), ss. 55(4), 105(3); S.I. 2004/2528, art. 2(h) (with art. 4, Sch.))
- C122** Ss. 109-115 applied (with modifications) (1.1.2010) by Legal Services Act 2007 (c. 29), ss. **60(9)**, 211(2) (with ss. 29, 192, 193); S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2(c)(i) (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), Sch. 1 para. 177 (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C123** S. 109 applied (with modifications) (15.1.2012) by The Postal Services (Appeals to the Competition Commission) (Investigations and Extension of Time Limits) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/2749), arts. 1, **3(a)**, 4 (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/549), art. 1(1), Sch. 1 para. 45(3)(4) (with art. 3))
- C124** S. 109 applied (with modifications) (1.11.2012) by Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), s. 306(4), Sch. 10 para. 10(1)(a)(**12**); S.I. 2012/2657, art. 2(2)
- C125** S. 109 applied (with modifications) by 1993 c. 43, s. 15C(2DA) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 102(3)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C126** S. 109 applied (with modifications) by 2000 c. 38, s. 18(6A) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 151(3)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C127** S. 109 applied (with modifications) by 2000 c. 38, s. 12B(1A) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 150(3)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C128** S. 109 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2005/3172, art. 10(3A) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 246(3)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C129** S. 109 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2), art. 17A(17A) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and

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- Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 219(3)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C130** S. 109 applied (with modifications) by 1991 c. 56, s. 14B(1A) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 75(3)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C131** S. 109 applied (with modifications) by 1991 c. 56, s. 17M(1A) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 78(3)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C132** S. 109 applied (with modifications) by 1993 c. 43, s. 13B(1A) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 101(3)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C133** S. 109 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1), art. 15B(1A) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 213(3)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C134** S. 109 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1), art. 17A(14A) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 214(3)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C135** S. 109 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6), Sch. 2 para. 5(1A) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 243(3)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C136** S. 109 applied (with modifications) by 1986 c. 44, s. 41EB(1A) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 51(3)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C137** S. 109 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2005/3172, art. 5(1A) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 245(3)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C138** S. 109 applied (with modifications) by 1980 c. 21, s. 11B(1A) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 36(3)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C139** S. 109 applied (with modifications) by 1993 c. 43, Sch. 4A para. 10A(1A) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 111(3)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C140** S. 109 applied (with modifications) by 1989 c. 29, s. 56CB(1A) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 68(3)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C141** S. 109 modified by S.I. 2003/1592, art. 5A(e) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), arts. 1, 7 (with arts. 20-23))
- C142** S. 109 applied (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/549), art. 1(1), **Sch. 2 para. 3** (with art. 3)
- C143** S. 109 applied (with modifications) by 1991 c. 56, s. 16B(6A) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 76(3)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C144** S. 109 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2), art. 15B(1A) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 218(3)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))

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- C145** S. 109 applied (with modifications) by 1991 c. 56, s. 17Q(6A) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 79(3)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C146** S. 109 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21), art. 27(6A) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 251(3)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C147** S. 109 applied (with modifications) by 1993 c. 43, Sch. 4A para. 15(2DA) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 112(3)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C148** S. 109 applied (with modifications) by 2012 c. 7, Sch. 10 para. 10(2A) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 195(4)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C149** S. 109 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21), art. 23(1A) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 250(3)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))

[^{F553}109A] Transferred EU merger commitments: witnesses, documents etc

Any power exercisable by the CMA under section 109 for “permitted purposes” (as mentioned in subsection (A1) of that section) is also exercisable by the CMA under that section for the purposes of assisting the CMA in carrying out any of its functions under or by virtue of section 95A(1) or 95B.]

Textual Amendments

- F553** S. 109A inserted (31.12.2020) by The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **50A** (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **9**, 35-59); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

110 Enforcement of powers under section 109: general

- (1) Where the [^{F554}CMA] considers that a person has, without reasonable excuse, failed to comply with any requirement of a notice under section 109, it may impose a penalty in accordance with section 111.
- (2) The [^{F554}CMA] may proceed (whether at the same time or at different times) under subsection (1) and section 39(4) or (as the case may be) 51(4) (including that enactment as applied by section 65(3)) in relation to the same failure.
- (3) Where the [^{F554}CMA] considers that a person has intentionally obstructed or delayed another person in the exercise of his powers under section 109(6), it may impose a penalty in accordance with section 111.
- ^{F555}(4)
- (5) A person, subject to subsection (6), commits an offence if he intentionally alters, suppresses or destroys any document which he has been required to produce by a notice under section 109.

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- (6) A person does not commit an offence under subsection (5) in relation to any act which constitutes a failure to comply with a notice under section 109 if the [F556CMA] has proceeded against that person under subsection (1) above in relation to that failure.
- (7) A person who commits an offence under subsection (5) shall be liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum;
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine or to both.
- (8) The [F557CMA] shall not proceed against a person under subsection (1) in relation to an act which constitutes an offence under subsection (5) if that person has been found guilty of that offence.
- (9) In deciding whether and, if so, how to proceed under subsection (1) or (3) or section 39(4) or 51(4) (including that enactment as applied by section 65(3)), the [F558CMA] shall have regard to the statement of policy which was most recently published under section 116 at the time when the failure concerned or (as the case may be) the obstruction or delay concerned occurred.
- (10) The reference in this section to the production of a document includes a reference to the production of a legible and intelligible copy of information recorded otherwise than in legible form; and the reference to suppressing a document includes a reference to destroying the means of reproducing information recorded otherwise than in legible form.

Textual Amendments

- F554** Word in s. 110(1)-(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 144](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F555** S. 110(4) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), [ss. 29\(10\)](#), 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)
- F556** Word in s. 110(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 144](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F557** Word in s. 110(8) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 144](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F558** Word in s. 110(9) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 144](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C122** Ss. 109-115 applied (with modifications) (1.1.2010) by [Legal Services Act 2007 \(c. 29\)](#), [ss. 60\(9\)](#), 211(2) (with [ss. 29](#), 192, 193); S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2(c)(i) (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), Sch. 1 para. 177 (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C150** S. 110 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1), art. 15B(1)(2)(4)(5) (as inserted by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), [ss. 278](#), 279, [Sch. 25 para. 28\(3\)](#)); S.I. 2003/1397, [art. 2\(1\)](#), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C151** S. 110 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1991 c. 56, s. 14B(1)(2)(4)(5) (as inserted by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), [ss. 278](#), 279, [Sch. 25 para. 25\(5\)](#)); S.I. 2003/1397, [art. 2\(1\)](#), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C152** S. 110 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1990 c. 42, Sch. 4 para. 4A(1)(2)(4)(5) (as inserted by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), [ss. 278](#), 279, [Sch. 25 para. 24\(9\)\(e\)](#)); S.I. 2003/1397, [art. 2\(1\)](#), Sch. (with art. 8)

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- C154** S. 110 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003.) by 1989 c. 29, s. 14A(11F)(11G)(11I)(11J) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 20(6)(a)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C155** S. 110 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1989 c. 29, s. 12B(1)(2)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 20(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C156** S. 110 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 44, s. 41EB(1)(2)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 15(12)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C157** S. 110 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 44, s. 26A(11F)(11G)(11I)(11J) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 15(6)(a)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C158** S. 110 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 44, s. 24B(1)(2)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 15(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C159** S. 110 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 31, s. 44B(1)(2)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 14(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C160** S. 110 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1984 c. 12, s. 13B(1)(2)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 13(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C161** S. 110 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 38, s. 18(6)(7)(10)(11) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 44(5)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C162** S. 110 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 38, s. 12B(1)(2)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 44(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C163** S. 110 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 26, s. 19A(6)(7)(10)(11) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 42(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C164** S. 110 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 26, s. 15B(1)(2)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 42(2)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C165** S. 110 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2), art. 15B(1)(2)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 36(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C166** S. 110 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1994/426 (N.I. 1), s. 35B(1)(2)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 33(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C167** S. 110 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, Sch. 4A para. 15(2D)(2E)(2H)(2I) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 30(15)(e)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C168** S. 110 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, Sch. 4A para. 10A(1)(2)(5)(6) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 30(15)(a)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C169** S. 110 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, s. 15C(2D)(2E)(2H)(2I) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 30(6)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)

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- C170** S. 110 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, s. 13B(1)(2)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 30(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C171** S. 110 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 8, Sch. 14 para. 2A(1)(2)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 40(20)(b)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C172** S. 110 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1980 c. 21, s. 11B(1)(2) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
S. 110 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1592), art. 15, **Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(p)(16)** (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), arts. 1, **18(1)-(17)** (with arts. 20-23))
S. 110 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1999/3088, reg. 8 (as substituted by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Consequential and Supplemental Provisions) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1398), art. 2, **Sch. para. 36(3)**)
S. 110 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (2.3.2004) by The Energy (Northern Ireland) Order (S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6)), arts. 39(2), 40(2), {Sch. 2 para. 5(1)(b)(2)(3)(5)(6)}; S.R. 2004/71, **art. 2**, Sch.
S. 110 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (2.3.2004) by S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2), art. 17A(17)(b)(18)(19)(20)(21) (as inserted by The Energy (Northern Ireland) Order (S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6)), {art. 37(2)}; S.R. 2004/71, **art. 2**, Sch.)
S. 110 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (2.3.2004) by S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1), art. 17A(14)(b)(15)(16)(17)(18) (as inserted by The Energy (Northern Ireland) Order (S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6)), {art. 36(2)}; S.R. 2004/71, **art. 2**, Sch.)
S. 110 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2004) by 1991 c. 56, s. 16B(6)(b)-(10) (as inserted by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), ss. 55(4), 105(3); S.I. 2004/2528, **art. 2(h)** (with art. 4, Sch.))
S. 110 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2005) by 1991 c. 56, s. 17M(1)(2) (as inserted by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), ss. 56, 105(3), **Sch. 4 para. 2**; S.I. 2005/2714, **art. 2(h)** (with Sch. para. 5))
S. 110 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2005) by 1991 c. 56, s. 17Q(6)(7) (as inserted by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), ss. 56, 105(3), **Sch. 4 para. 2**; S.I. 2005/2714, **art. 2(h)** (with Sch. para. 5))
S. 110 applied (with modifications) (S.) (11.11.2005) by The Water Services etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3172), **arts. 5, 10(3)-(7)**
S. 110 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (1.4.2007) by The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21)), arts. 1(2)(3), **23(1)(b)(2)**, **27(6)(b)(7)** (with arts. 8(9), 121, 307); S.R. 2007/194, **art. 2(2)**, Sch. 1 Pt. 2 (with Sch. 2)
- C173** S. 110 applied (with modifications) (15.1.2012) by The Postal Services (Appeals to the Competition Commission) (Investigations and Extension of Time Limits) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/2749), arts. 1, **3(b)**, 4 (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/549), art. 1(1), Sch. 1 para. 45(3)(4) (with art. 3))
- C174** S. 110 applied (with modifications) (1.11.2012) by Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), s. 306(4), Sch. 10 para. 10(1)(b)(2)-(4)(12); S.I. 2012/2657, art. 2(2)
- C175** Ss. 110-115 modified by S.I. 2003/1592, art. 5A(f) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), arts. 1, 7 (with arts. 20-23))
- C176** Ss. 109-111 savings for effect of 2013 c. 24, s. 29 (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 2 para. 1** (with art. 3)
- C177** S. 110(4) saving for the effect of 2013 c. 24, s. 29(10) (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/549), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 6** (with art. 3)

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[^{F559} 110A Restriction on powers to impose penalties under section 110

- (1) No penalty shall be imposed by virtue of section 110(1) or (3) if more than 4 weeks have passed since the day which is the relevant day in the case in question; but this subsection shall not apply in relation to any variation or substitution of the penalty which is permitted by virtue of this Part.
- (2) In the following provisions of this section, “the section 109 power” means the power under section 109 to which the failure or (as the case may be) the obstruction or delay in question relates.
- (3) Where the section 109 power is exercised in connection with an enforcement function (within the meaning of that section), the relevant day is the day when the enforcement undertaking concerned is superseded or released or (as the case may be) the enforcement order concerned is revoked.
- (4) Except where subsection (3) applies, the relevant day is the day determined in accordance with the following provisions of this section.
- (5) Where the section 109 power is exercised for the purpose mentioned in section 109(A1)(a) in connection with a matter that is the subject of a possible reference under section 22 [^{F560}, 33, 68B or 68C], the relevant day is the day when the CMA finally decides whether to make the reference.
- (6) Where the section 109 power is exercised for the purpose mentioned in section 109(A1)(a) in connection with a matter that is the subject of a reference under section 22 [^{F561}, 33, 68B or 68C], the relevant day is the day when the reference is finally determined (see section 79).
- (7) Where the section 109 power is exercised for the purpose mentioned in section 109(A1)(b) in connection with a matter that is the subject of a possible reference under section 45 or 62, the relevant day is the day when the Secretary of State finally decides whether to make the reference.
- (8) Where the section 109 power is exercised for the purpose mentioned in section 109(A1)(b) in connection with a matter that is the subject of a reference under section 45 or 62, the relevant day is the day when the reference is finally determined.]
- [^{F562}(9) Where the section 109 power is exercised for the purposes of assisting the CMA in carrying out any of its functions under or by virtue of section 95A(1) or 95B (see section 109A), the relevant day is the day when the transferred EU merger commitments concerned are waived or substituted by the European Commission.]

Textual Amendments

- F559** Ss. 110A, 110B inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), **ss. 29(11)**, 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.) (with savings in [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) \(No. 2\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/549\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 6** (with art. 3))
- F560** Words in s. 110A(5) substituted (26.10.2023) by [Energy Act 2023 \(c. 52\)](#), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 28**
- F561** Words in s. 110A(6) substituted (26.10.2023) by [Energy Act 2023 \(c. 52\)](#), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 28**
- F562** S. 110A(9) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), regs. 1(1), **50B** (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **9**, 35-59); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

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- C178** S. 110A applied (with modifications) by 1980 c. 21, s. 11B(2A) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/892\)](#), art. 1(1), [Sch. 1 para. 36\(5\)](#) (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C179** S. 110A applied (with modifications) by 1980 c. 21, s. 11B(1)(ba) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/892\)](#), art. 1(1), [Sch. 1 para. 36\(2\)\(b\)](#) (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))

[^{F559}**110B**Section 110A: supplementary provision

- (1) For the purpose of section 110A(5), the CMA finally decides whether to make a reference under section 22 [^{F563}, 33, 68B or 68C] if—
- (a) the CMA decides that the duty to make such a reference applies;
 - (b) the CMA accepts an undertaking under section 73;
 - (c) the CMA decides not to make such a reference (otherwise than because it has accepted an undertaking under section 73);
 - (d) the initial period for the purposes of section 34ZA expires without the CMA having complied with the duty under subsection (1) of that section;
 - ^{F564}(e)
 - (f) the period permitted by section 73A for the CMA to make a decision required by subsection (2)(a) or (3) of that section expires without the CMA having made the decision.
- (2) For the purpose of section 110A(5), the time when the CMA finally decides whether to make a reference under section 22 [^{F565}, 33, 68B or 68C] is—
- (a) in a case falling within subsection (1)(a), the making of the decision that the duty to make such a reference applies;
 - (b) in a case falling within subsection (1)(b), the acceptance of the undertaking;
 - (c) in a case falling within subsection (1)(c), the making of the decision not to make the reference;
 - (d) in a case falling within subsection (1)(d), the expiry of the initial period;
 - ^{F566}(e)
 - (f) in a case falling within subsection (1)(f), the expiry of the period in question.
- (3) For the purpose of section 110A(7), the Secretary of State finally decides whether to make a reference under section 45 or 62 if—
- (a) the Secretary of State makes such a reference;
 - (b) the Secretary of State accepts an undertaking under paragraph 3 of Schedule 7;
 - (c) the Secretary of State decides not to make such a reference (otherwise than because of the acceptance of an undertaking under paragraph 3 of Schedule 7);
 - ^{F567}(d)
- (4) For the purpose of section 110A(7), the time when the Secretary of State finally decides whether to make a reference under section 45 or 62 is—
- (a) in a case falling within subsection (3)(a), the making of the reference;
 - (b) in a case falling within subsection (3)(b), the acceptance of the undertaking;
 - (c) in a case falling within subsection (3)(c), the making of the decision not to make the reference;
 - ^{F568}(d)

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- (5) Paragraph 7(8) to (10) of Schedule 7 applies for deciding if and when a reference under section 45(2) or (3) or 62(2) is finally determined for the purpose of section 110A(8) as it applies for deciding those questions for the purpose of paragraph 7 of Schedule 7.
- (6) Paragraph 8(7) to (9) of Schedule 7 applies for deciding if and when a reference under section 45(4) or (5) or 62(3) is finally determined for the purpose of section 110A(8) as it applies for deciding those questions for the purpose of the definition of “relevant period” in paragraph 8(6) of that Schedule.

Textual Amendments

- F559** Ss. 110A, 110B inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), ss. 29(11), 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.) (with savings in The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/549), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 6** (with art. 3))
- F563** Words in s. 110B(1) substituted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 29**
- F564** S. 110B(1)(e) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **51(2)** (with Sch. 4 paras. 24, 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F565** Words in s. 110B(2) substituted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 29**
- F566** S. 110B(2)(e) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **51(3)** (with Sch. 4 paras. 24, 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F567** S. 110B(3)(d) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **51(4)** (with Sch. 4 paras. 24, 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F568** S. 110B(4)(d) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **51(5)** (with Sch. 4 paras. 24, 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C180** S. 110B saving for the effect of 2013 c. 24, s. 29(11) (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/549), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 6** (with art. 3)

111 Penalties

- (1) A penalty imposed under section 110(1) or (3) shall be of such amount as the [F569CMA] considers appropriate.
- (2) The amount may, in the case of a penalty imposed under section 110(1), be a fixed amount, an amount calculated by reference to a daily rate or a combination of a fixed amount and an amount calculated by reference to a daily rate.
- (3) The amount shall, in the case of a penalty imposed under section 110(3), be a fixed amount.
- (4) No penalty imposed under section 110(1) shall—
- (a) in the case of a fixed amount, exceed such amount as the Secretary of State may by order specify;

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- (b) in the case of an amount calculated by reference to a daily rate, exceed such amount per day as the Secretary of State may so specify; and
 - (c) in the case of a fixed amount and an amount calculated by reference to a daily rate, exceed such fixed amount and such amount per day as the Secretary of State may so specify.
- (5) In imposing a penalty by reference to a daily rate—
- (a) no account shall be taken of any days before the service of the notice under section 112 on the person concerned; and
 - (b) unless the ^{F570}CMA determines an earlier date (whether before or after the penalty is imposed), the amount payable shall cease to accumulate at the beginning of—
 - (i) the day on which the requirement of the notice concerned under section 109 is satisfied ^{F571}...; or
 - (ii) if earlier, ^{F572} the day which is the relevant day in the case in question for the purposes of section 110A].
- (6) No penalty imposed under section 110(3) shall exceed such amount as the Secretary of State may by order specify.
- (7) An order under subsection (4) or (6) shall not specify—
- (a) in the case of a fixed amount, an amount exceeding £30,000;
 - (b) in the case of an amount calculated by reference to a daily rate, an amount per day exceeding £15,000; and
 - (c) in the case of a fixed amount and an amount calculated by reference to a daily rate, a fixed amount exceeding £30,000 and an amount per day exceeding £15,000.
- (8) Before making an order under subsection (4) or (6) the Secretary of State shall consult the ^{F573}CMA and such other persons as he considers appropriate.

Textual Amendments

- F559** Ss. 110A, 110B inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), **ss. 29(11)**, 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.) (with savings in [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) \(No. 2\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/549\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 6** (with art. 3))
- F569** Word in s. 111(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 145** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F570** Word in s. 111(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 145** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F571** Words in s. 111(5)(b)(i) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), **ss. 29(12)(a)**, 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)
- F572** Words in s. 111(5)(b)(ii) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), **ss. 29(12)(b)**, 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)
- F573** Word in s. 111(8) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 145** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C122** Ss. 109-115 applied (with modifications) (1.1.2010) by [Legal Services Act 2007 \(c. 29\)](#), **ss. 60(9)**, 211(2) (with **ss. 29, 192, 193**); S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2(c)(i) (as amended (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise](#)

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- and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), Sch. 1 para. 177 (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C175** Ss. 110-115 modified by S.I. 2003/1592, art. 5A(f) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), arts. 1, 7 (with arts. 20-23))
- C176** Ss. 109-111 savings for effect of 2013 c. 24, s. 29 (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 2 para. 1** (with art. 3)
- C181** S. 111 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1), art. 15B(1)(3)-(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 28(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8) (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 213(5)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C182** S. 111 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1991 c. 56, s. 14B(1)(3)-(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 25(5)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8) (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 75(5)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C183** S. 111 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1990 c. 42, Sch. 4 para. 4A(1)(3)-(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 24(9)(e)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C184** S. 111 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1989 c. 29, s. 56CB(1)(3)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 20(12)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8) (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 68(5)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C185** S. 111 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1989 c. 29, s. 14A(11F)(11H)-(11J) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), s. 279, **Sch. 25 para. 20(6)(a)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
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- C187** S. 111 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 44, s. 41EB(1)(3)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 15(12)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8) (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 51(5)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C188** S. 111 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 44, s. 26A(11F)(11H)-(11J) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 15(6)(a)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C189** S. 111 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 44, s. 24B(1)(3)-(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 15(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
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- C194** S. 111 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 26, s. 19A(6)(8)(10)(11) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 42(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C195** S. 111 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 26, s. 15B(1)(3)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 42(2)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C196** S. 111 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2), art. 15B(1)(3)-(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 36(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8) (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 218(5)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C197** S. 111 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1994/426 (N.I. 1), s. 35B(1)(3)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 33(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C198** S. 111 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, Sch. 4A para 15(2D)(2F)(2H)(2I) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 30(15)(c)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C199** S. 111 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, Sch. 4A para. 10A(1)(3)(5)(6) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 30(15)(a)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8) (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 111(5)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C200** S. 111 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, s. 15C(2D)(2F)(2H)(2I) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 30(6)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C201** S.111 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 8, Sch. 14 para. 2A(1)(3)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 40(20)(b)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C202** S. 111 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1980 c. 21, s. 11B(1)(3) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8) (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 36(6)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C203** S. 111 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, s. 13B(1)(3)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 30(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)) (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 101(5)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- S. 111 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1592), art. 15, **Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(q)(17)** (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), arts. 1, **18(1)-(17)** (with arts. 20-23))
- S. 111 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1999/3088, reg. 8 (as substituted by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Consequential and Supplemental Provisions) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1398), art. 2, **Sch. para. 36(3)**)
- S. 111 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (2.3.2004) by The Energy (Northern Ireland) Order (S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6)), arts. 39(2), 40(2), {Sch. 2 para. 5(1)(c)(2)(3)(5)(6)}; S.R. 2004/71, **art. 2**, Sch. (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition)

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- (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 243(5)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- S. 111 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (2.3.2004) by S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2), art. 17A(17)(c)(18)(19)(20)(21) (as inserted by The Energy (Northern Ireland) Order (S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6)), {art. 37(2)}; S.R. 2004/71, **art. 2, Sch.**)
- S. 111 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (2.3.2004) by S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1), art. 17A(14)(c)(15)(16)(17)(18) (as inserted by The Energy (Northern Ireland) Order (S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6)), {art. 36(2)}; S.R. 2004/71, **art. 2, Sch.**)
- S. 111 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2004) by 1991 c. 56, s. 16B(6)(c)-(10) (as inserted by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), **ss. 55(4), 105(3)**; S.I. 2004/2528, **art. 2(h)** (with art. 4, Sch.))
- S. 111 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2005) by 1991 c. 56, s. 17M(1)(3) (as inserted by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), **ss. 56, 105(3), Sch. 4 para. 2**; S.I. 2005/2714, **art. 2(h)** (with Sch. para. 5)) (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 78(5)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- S. 111 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2005) by 1991 c. 56, s. 17Q(6)(8) (as inserted by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), **ss. 56, 105(3), Sch. 4 para. 2**; S.I. 2005/2714, **art. 2(h)** (with Sch. para. 5))
- S. 111 applied (with modifications) (S.) (11.11.2005) by The Water Services etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3172), **arts. 5, 10(3)-(7)**
- S. 111 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (1.4.2007) by The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21)), **arts. 1(2)(3), 23(1)(c)(3), 27(6)(c)(8)** (with arts. 8(9), 121, 307); S.R. 2007/194, **art. 2(2), Sch. 1 Pt. 2** (with Sch. 2) (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 250(5)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C204** S. 111 applied (with modifications) (15.1.2012) by The Postal Services (Appeals to the Competition Commission) (Investigations and Extension of Time Limits) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/2749), **arts. 1, 3(c), 4** (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/549), art. 1(1), Sch. 1 para. 45(3)(4) (with art. 3))
- C205** S. 111 applied (with modifications) (1.11.2012) by Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), s. 306(4), **Sch. 10 para. 10(1)(c)(2)(5)-(7)(12)**; S.I. 2012/2657, art. 2(2) (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 195(8)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C206** Ss. 111-115 applied (with modifications) by 2007 c. 29, s. 60(9) (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 177** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C207** S. 111(5)(6)(i) saving for the effect of 2013 c. 24, s. 29(12)(a) (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/549), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 6** (with art. 3)
- C208** S. 111(5)(6)(ii) saving for the effect of 2013 c. 24, s. 29(12)(b) (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/549), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 6** (with art. 3)

112 Penalties: main procedural requirements

- (1) As soon as practicable after imposing a penalty under section 110(1) or (3), the [F574CMA] shall give notice of the penalty.
- (2) The notice shall state—
 - (a) that the [F574CMA] has imposed a penalty on the person concerned;

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- (b) whether the penalty is of a fixed amount, of an amount calculated by reference to a daily rate or of both a fixed amount and an amount calculated by reference to a daily rate;
 - (c) the amount or amounts concerned and, in the case of an amount calculated by reference to a daily rate, the day on which the amount first starts to accumulate and the day or days on which it might cease to accumulate;
 - (d) the failure or (as the case may be) the obstruction or delay which the [F574CMA] considers gave it the power to impose the penalty;
 - (e) any other facts which the [F574CMA] considers justify the imposition of a penalty and the amount or amounts of the penalty;
 - (f) the manner in which, and place at which, the penalty is required to be paid to the [F574CMA];
 - (g) the date or dates, no earlier than the end of the relevant period beginning with the date of service of the notice on the person concerned, by which the penalty or (as the case may be) different portions of it are required to be paid;
 - (h) that the penalty or (as the case may be) different portions of it may be paid earlier than the date or dates by which it or they are required to be paid; and
 - (i) that the person concerned has the right to apply under subsection (3) below or to appeal under section 114 and the main details of those rights.
- (3) The person against whom the penalty was imposed may, within 14 days of the date of service on him of a notice under subsection (1), apply to the [F574CMA] for it to specify a different date or (as the case may be) different dates by which the penalty or (as the case may be) different portions of it are to be paid.
- (4) A notice under this section shall be given by—
- (a) serving a copy of the notice on the person on whom the penalty was imposed; and
 - (b) publishing the notice.
- (5) In this section “relevant period” means the period of 28 days mentioned in subsection (3) of section 114 or, if another period is specified by the Secretary of State under that subsection, that period.

Textual Amendments

F559 Ss. 110A, 110B inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), **ss. 29(11)**, 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.) (with savings in [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) \(No. 2\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/549\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 6** (with art. 3))

F574 Word in s. 112(1)-(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(2013 c. 24\)](#), s. 26(3), Sch. 5 para. 146 (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) Sch.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C122 Ss. 109-115 applied (with modifications) (1.1.2010) by [Legal Services Act 2007 \(c. 29\)](#), **ss. 60(9)**, 211(2) (with **ss. 29, 192, 193**); S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2(c)(i) (as amended (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/892\)](#), art. 1(1), Sch. 1 para. 177 (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))

C175 Ss. 110-115 modified by S.I. 2003/1592, art. 5A(f) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/891\)](#), arts. 1, 7 (with arts. 20-23))

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- C209** S. 112 applied (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1), art. 15B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 28(3)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C210** S. 112 applied (20.6.2003) by 1991 c. 56, s. 14B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 25(5)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C211** S. 112 applied (20.6.2003) by 1990 c. 42, Sch. 4 para. 4A(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 24(9)(e)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C212** S. 112 applied (20.6.2003) by 1989 c. 29, s. 56CB(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 20(12)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C213** S. 112 applied (20.6.2003) by 1989 c. 29, s. 14A(11F)(11I)(11J) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 20(6)(a)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C214** S. 112 applied (20.6.2003) by 1989 c. 29, s. 12B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 20(4)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C215** S. 112 applied (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 44, s. 41EB(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 15(12)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C216** S. 112 applied (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 44, s. 26A(11F)(11I)(11J) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 15(6)(a)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C217** S. 112 applied (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 44, s. 24B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 15(4)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C218** S. 112 applied (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 31, s. 44B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 14(3)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C219** S. 112 applied (20.6.2003) by 1984 c. 12, s. 13B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 13(4)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C220** S. 112 applied (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 38, s. 18(6)(10)(11) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 44(5)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C221** S. 112 applied (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 38, s. 12B(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 44(3)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C222** S. 112 applied (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 26, s. 19A(6)(10)(11) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 42(4)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C223** S. 112 applied (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 26, s. 15B(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 42(2)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C224** S. 112 applied (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2), art. 15B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 36(3)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C225** S. 112 applied (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1994/426 (N.I. 1), s. 35B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 33(3)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C226** S. 112 applied (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, Sch. 4A para. 15(2D)(2H)(2I) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 30(15)(c)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C227** S. 112 applied (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, Sch. 4A para. 10A(1)(5)(6) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 30(15)(a)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C228** S. 112 applied (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 8, Sch. 14 para. 2A(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 40(20)(b)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
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- C231** S. 112 applied (20.6.2003) by 1980 c. 21, s. 11B(1) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(3)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
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- S. 112 applied (N.I.) (1.4.2007) by The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21)), arts. 1(2)(3), **23(1)(d), 27(6)(d)** (with arts. 8(9), 121, 307); S.R. 2007/194, **art. 2(2)**, Sch. 1 Pt. 2 (with Sch. 2)
- C232** S. 112 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1592), art. 15, **Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(r)** (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), arts. 1, **18(1)-(17)** (with arts. 20-23))
- S. 112 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1999/3088, reg. 8 (as substituted by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Consequential and Supplemental Provisions) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1398), art. 2, **Sch. para. 36(3)**)
- S. 112 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (2.3.2004) by The Energy (Northern Ireland) Order (S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6)), arts. 39(2), 40(2), Sch. 2 para. 5(1)(d)(5)(6); S.R. 2004/71, **art. 2**, Sch.
- S. 112 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (2.3.2004) by S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1), art. 17A(14)(d)(17)(18) (as inserted by The Energy (Northern Ireland) Order (S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6)), art. 36(2); S.R. 2004/71, **art. 2**, Sch.))
- S. 112 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (2.3.2004) by S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2), art. 17A(17)(d)(20)(21) (as inserted by The Energy (Northern Ireland) Order (S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6)), art. 37(2); S.I. 2004/71, **art. 2**, Sch.))
- S. 112 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2004) by 1991 c. 56, s. 16B(6)(d)-(10) (as inserted by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), **ss. 55(4), 105(3)**; S.I. 2004/2528, **art. 2(h)** (with art. 4, Sch.))
- C233** S. 112 applied (15.1.2012) by The Postal Services (Appeals to the Competition Commission) (Investigations and Extension of Time Limits) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/2749), arts. 1, **3(d)** (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/549), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 45(3)** (with art. 3))
- C234** S. 112 applied (with modifications) (1.11.2012) by Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), s. 306(4), **Sch. 10 para. 10(1)(d)(2)(8)(12)**; S.I. 2012/2657, art. 2(2)
- C235** Ss. 112-115 applied by 1998 c. 41, s. 40A(9) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), **ss. 40(2), 103(3)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.))
- C236** Ss. 112-115 applied (14.6.2021) by United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 (c. 27), **ss. 43(11), 59(3)** (with s. 55(2)); S.I. 2021/706, reg. 2

113 Payments and interest by instalments

- (1) If the whole or any portion of a penalty is not paid by the date by which it is required to be paid, the unpaid balance from time to time shall carry interest at the rate for the time being specified in section 17 of the Judgments Act 1838 (c. 110).
- (2) Where an application has been made under section 112(3), the penalty shall not be required to be paid until the application has been determined, withdrawn or otherwise dealt with.
- (3) If a portion of a penalty has not been paid by the date required for it, the [F575CMA] may, where it considers it appropriate to do so, require so much of the penalty as has not already been paid (and is capable of being paid immediately) to be paid immediately.
- (4) Any sums received by the [F575CMA] in or towards the payment of a penalty, or interest on a penalty, shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund.

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Textual Amendments

- F559** Ss. 110A, 110B inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), **ss. 29(11)**, 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.) (with savings in The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/549), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 6** (with art. 3))
- F575** Word in s. 113(3)(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 147** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C122** Ss. 109-115 applied (with modifications) (1.1.2010) by Legal Services Act 2007 (c. 29), **ss. 60(9)**, 211(2) (with **ss. 29**, 192, 193); S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2(c)(i) (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), Sch. 1 para. 177 (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C175** Ss. 110-115 modified by S.I. 2003/1592, art. 5A(f) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), arts. 1, 7 (with arts. 20-23))
- C206** Ss. 111-115 applied (with modifications) by 2007 c. 29, s. 60(9) (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 177** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C235** Ss. 112-115 applied by 1998 c. 41, s. 40A(9) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), **ss. 40(2)**, 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.))
- C236** Ss. 112-115 applied (14.6.2021) by United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 (c. 27), **ss. 43(11)**, 59(3) (with s. 55(2)); S.I. 2021/706, reg. 2
- C237** S. 113 applied (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 44, s. 41EB(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278**, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 15(12)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C238** S. 113 applied (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 44, s. 26A(11F)(11I)(11J) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278**, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 15(6)(a)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C239** S. 113 applied (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 44, s. 24B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278**, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 15(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C240** S. 113 applied (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 31, s. 44B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278**, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 14(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C241** S. 113 applied (20.6.2003) by 1984 c. 12, s. 13B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278**, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 13(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C242** S. 113 applied (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1), art. 15B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278**, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 28(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C243** S. 113 applied (20.6.2003) by 1991 c. 56, s. 14B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278**, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 25(5)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C244** S. 113 applied (20.6.2003) by 1990 c. 42, Sch. 4 para. 4A(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278**, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 24(9)(e)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C245** S. 113 applied (20.6.2003) by 1989 c. 29, s. 56CB(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278**, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 20(12)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C246** S. 113 applied (20.6.2003) by 1989 c. 29, s. 14A(11F)(11I)(11J) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278**, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 20(6)(a)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C247** S. 113 applied (20.6.2003) by 1989 c. 29, s. 12B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278**, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 20(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C248** S. 113 applied (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 38, s. 18(6)(10)(11) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278**, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 44(5)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C249** S. 113 applied (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 38, s. 12B(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278**, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 44(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C250** S. 113 applied (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 26, s. 19A(6)(10)(11) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), **ss. 278**, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 42(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)

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- C251** S. 113 applied (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 26, s. 15B(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 42(2)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C252** S. 113 applied (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2), art. 15B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 36(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C253** S. 113 applied (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1994/426 (N.I. 1), s. 35B(1)(4)(5) as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 33(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C254** S. 113 applied (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, Sch. 4A para. 15(2D)(2H)(2I) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 30(15)(c)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C255** S. 113 applied (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, Sch. 4A para. 10A(1)(5)(6) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 30(15)(a)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C256** S. 113 applied (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, s. 15C(2D)(2H)(2I) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 30(6)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C257** S. 113 applied (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, s. 13B(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 30(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C258** S. 113 applied (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 8, Sch. 14 para. 2A(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 40(20)(b)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C259** S. 113 applied (20.6.2003) by 1980 c. 21, s. 11B(1)(2) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- S. 113 applied (1.10.2005) by 1991 c. 56, s. 17M(1) (as inserted by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), ss. 56, 105(3), **Sch. 4 para. 2**); S.I. 2005/2714, **art. 2(h)** (with Sch. para. 5)
- S. 113 applied (1.10.2005) by 1991 c. 56, s. 17Q(6) (as inserted by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), ss. 56, 105(3), **Sch. 4 para. 2**); S.I. 2005/2714, **art. 2(h)** (with Sch. para. 5)
- S. 113 applied (S.) (11.11.2005) by The Water Services etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3172), **arts. 5, 10(3)-(7)**
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- C260** S. 113 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1592), art. 15, **Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(s)** (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), arts. 1, **18(1)-(17)** (with arts. 20-23))
- S. 113 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1999/3088, reg. 8 (as substituted by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Consequential and Supplemental Provisions) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1398), art. 2, **Sch. para. 36(3)**)
- S. 113 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (2.3.2004) by The Energy (Northern Ireland) Order (S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6)), arts. 39(2), 40(2), {Sch. 2 para. 5(1)(e)(5)(6)}; S.R. 2004/71, **art. 2**, Sch.
- S. 113 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (2.3.2004) by S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1), art. 17A(14)(e)(17) (18) (as inserted by The Energy (Northern Ireland) Order (S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6)), {art. 36(2)}; S.R. 2004/71, **art. 2**, Sch.)
- S. 113 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (2.3.2004) by S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2), art. 17A(17)(e)(20) (21) (as inserted by The Energy (Northern Ireland) Order (S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6)), {art. 37(2)}; S.R. 2004/71, **art. 2**, Sch.)
- S. 113 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2004) by 1991 c. 56, s. 16B(6)(e)-(10) (as inserted by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), ss. 55(4), 105(3); S.I. 2004/2528, **art. 2(h)** (with art. 4, Sch.))
- C261** S. 113 applied (15.1.2012) by The Postal Services (Appeals to the Competition Commission) (Investigations and Extension of Time Limits) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/2749), arts. 1, **3(e)** (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/549), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 45(3)** (with art. 3))
- C262** S. 113 applied (with modifications) (1.11.2012) by Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), para. 10(2), (12), s. 306(4), **Sch. 10 para. 10(1)(e)**; S.I. 2012/2657, art. 2(2)

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114 Appeals in relation to penalties

- (1) This section applies if a person on whom a penalty is imposed under section 110(1) or (3) is aggrieved by—
 - (a) the imposition or nature of the penalty;
 - (b) the amount or amounts of the penalty; or
 - (c) the date by which the penalty is required to be paid or (as the case may be) the different dates by which portions of the penalty are required to be paid.
- (2) The person aggrieved may apply to the Competition Appeal Tribunal.
- (3) If a copy of the notice under section 112(1) was served on the person on whom the penalty was imposed, the application to the Competition Appeal Tribunal shall, subject to subsection (4), be made within—
 - (a) the period of 28 days starting with the day on which the copy was served on the person concerned; or
 - (b) such other period as the Secretary of State may by order specify.
- (4) If the application relates to a decision of the [F576CMA] on an application by the person on whom the penalty was imposed under section 112(3), the application to the Competition Appeal Tribunal shall be made within—
 - (a) the period of 28 days starting with the day on which the person concerned is notified of the decision; or
 - (b) such other period as the Secretary of State may by order specify.
- (5) On an application under this section, the Competition Appeal Tribunal may—
 - (a) quash the penalty;
 - (b) substitute a penalty of a different nature or of such lesser amount or amounts as the Competition Appeal Tribunal considers appropriate; or
 - (c) in a case falling within subsection (1)(c), substitute for the date or dates imposed by the [F576CMA] an alternative date or dates;
 if it considers it appropriate to do so.
- (6) The Competition Appeal Tribunal shall not substitute a penalty of a different nature under subsection (5)(b) unless it considers that the person on whom the penalty is imposed will, or is likely to, pay less under the substituted penalty than he would have paid under the original penalty.
- (7) Where an application has been made under this section—
 - (a) the penalty shall not be required to be paid until the application has been determined, withdrawn or otherwise dealt with; and
 - (b) the [F577CMA] may agree to reduce the amount or amounts of the penalty in settlement of the application.
- (8) Where the Competition Appeal Tribunal substitutes a penalty of a different nature or of a lesser amount or amounts it may require the payment of interest on the substituted penalty at such rate or rates, and from such date or dates, as it considers appropriate.
- (9) Where the Competition Appeal Tribunal specifies as a date by which the penalty, or a portion of the penalty, is to be paid a date before the determination of the application under this section it may require the payment of interest on the penalty, or portion, from that date at such rate as it considers appropriate.
- (10) An appeal lies to the appropriate court—

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- (a) on a point of law arising from a decision of the Tribunal in proceedings under this section; or
 - (b) from a decision of the Tribunal in such proceedings as to the amount or amounts of a penalty.
- (11) An appeal under subsection (10)—
- (a) may be brought by a party to the proceedings before the Tribunal; and
 - (b) requires the permission of the Tribunal or the appropriate court.
- (12) In this section “the appropriate court” means the Court of Appeal or, in the case of Tribunal proceedings in Scotland, the Court of Session.

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- F559** Ss. 110A, 110B inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), ss. 29(11), 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.) (with savings in The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/549), art. 1(1), Sch. 1 para. 6 (with art. 3))
- F576** Word in s. 114(4)(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), Sch. 5 para. 148 (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F577** Word in s. 114(7) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), Sch. 5 para. 148 (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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- C122** Ss. 109-115 applied (with modifications) (1.1.2010) by Legal Services Act 2007 (c. 29), ss. 60(9), 211(2) (with ss. 29, 192, 193); S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2(c)(i) (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), Sch. 1 para. 177 (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))
- C175** Ss. 110-115 modified by S.I. 2003/1592, art. 5A(f) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), arts. 1, 7 (with arts. 20-23))
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- C235** Ss. 112-115 applied by 1998 c. 41, s. 40A(9) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), ss. 40(2), 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.))
- C236** Ss. 112-115 applied (14.6.2021) by United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 (c. 27), ss. 43(11), 59(3) (with s. 55(2)); S.I. 2021/706, reg. 2
- C263** S. 114 applied (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1), art. 15B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 28(3)); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C264** S. 114 applied (20.6.2003) by 1991 c. 56, s. 14B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 25(5)); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C265** S. 114 applied (20.6.2003) by 1990 c. 42, Sch. 4 para. 4A(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 24(9)(e)); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C266** S. 114 applied (20.6.2003) by 1989 c. 29, s. 56CB(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 20(12)); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C267** S. 114 applied (20.6.2003) by 1989 c. 29, s. 14A(11F)(11I)(11J) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 20(6)(a)); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C268** S. 114 applied (20.6.2003) by 1989 c. 29, s. 12B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 20(4)); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C269** S. 114 applied (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 44, s. 41EB(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, Sch. 25 para. 15(12)); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)

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- C270** S. 114 applied (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 44, s. 26A(11F)(11I)(11J) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 15(6)(a)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C271** S. 114 applied (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 44, s. 24B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 15(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C272** S. 114 applied (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 31, s. 44B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 14(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C273** S. 114 applied (20.6.2003) by 1984 c. 12, s. 13B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 13(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C274** S. 114 applied (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 38, s. 18(6)(10)(11) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 44(5)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C275** S. 114 applied (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 38, s. 12B(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 44(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C276** S. 114 applied (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 26, s. 19A(6)(10)(11) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 42(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C277** S. 114 applied (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 26, s. 15B(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 42(2)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C278** S. 114 applied (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2), art. 15B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 36(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C279** S. 114 applied (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1994/426 (N.I. 1), art. 35B(1)(4)(5) as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 33(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C280** S. 114 applied (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, Sch. 4A para 15(2D)(2H)(2I) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 30(15)(c)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C281** S. 114 applied (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, Sch. 4A para. 10A(1)(5)(6) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 30(15)(a)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C282** S. 114 applied (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, s. 15C(2D)(2H)(2I) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 30(6)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C283** S.114 applied (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, s. 13B(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 30(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C284** S. 114 applied (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 8, Sch. 14 para. 2A(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 40(20)(b)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C285** S. 114 applied (20.6.2003) by 1980 c. 21, s. 11B(1) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- S. 114 applied (1.10.2005) by 1991 c. 56, s. 17M(1) (as inserted by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), ss. 56, 105(3), **Sch. 4 para. 2**); S.I. 2005/2714, **art. 2(h)** (with Sch. para. 5)
- S. 114 applied (1.10.2005) by 1991 c. 56, s. 17Q(6) (as inserted by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), ss. 56, 105(3), **Sch. 4 para. 2**); S.I. 2005/2714, **art. 2(h)** (with Sch. para. 5)
- S. 114 applied (S.) (11.11.2005) by The Water Services etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3172), **arts. 5, 10(3)-(7)**
- S. 114 applied (N.I.) (1.4.2007) by The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21)), arts. 1(2)(3), **23(1)(f)**, **27(6)(f)** (with arts. 8(9), 121, 307); S.R. 2007/194, **art. 2(2)**, Sch. 1 Pt. 2 (with Sch. 2)
- C286** S. 114 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1592), art. 15, **Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(t)** (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), arts. 1, **18(1)-(17)** (with arts. 20-23))
- S. 114 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1999/3088, reg. 8 (as substituted by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Consequential and Supplemental Provisions) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1398), art. 2, **Sch. para. 36(3)**)
- S. 114 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (2.3.2004) by The Energy (Northern Ireland) Order (S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6)), arts. 39(2), 40(2), {Sch. 2 para. 5(1)(f)(5)(6)}; S.R. 2004/71, **art. 2**, Sch.
- S. 114 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (2.3.2004) by S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1), art. 17A(14)(f)(17) (18) (as inserted by The Energy (Northern Ireland) Order (S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6)), {art. 36(2)}; S.R. 2004/71, **art. 2**, Sch.)

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S. 114 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (2.3.2004) by S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2), art. 17A(17)(f)(20) (21) (as inserted by The Energy (Northern Ireland) Order (S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6)), {art. 37(2)}; S.R. 2004/71, art. 2, Sch.)

S. 114 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2004) by 1991 c. 56, s. 16B(6)(f)-(10) (as inserted by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), ss. 55(4), 105(3); S.I. 2004/2528, art. 2(h) (with art. 4, Sch.))

C287 S. 114 applied (15.1.2012) by The Postal Services (Appeals to the Competition Commission) (Investigations and Extension of Time Limits) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/2749), arts. 1, 3(f) (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/549), art. 1(1), Sch. 1 para. 45(3) (with art. 3))

C288 S. 114 applied (with modifications) (1.11.2012) by Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), para. 10(2), (9), (12), s. 306(4), Sch. 10 para. 10(1)(f); S.I. 2012/2657, art. 2(2)

115 Recovery of penalties

Where a penalty imposed under section 110(1) or (3), or any portion of such a penalty, has not been paid by the date on which it is required to be paid and—

- (a) no application relating to the penalty has been made under section 114 during the period within which such an application may be made, or
- (b) any such application which has been made has been determined, withdrawn or otherwise dealt with,

the [^{F578}CMA] may recover from the person on whom the penalty was imposed any of the penalty and any interest which has not been paid; and in England and Wales and Northern Ireland such penalty and interest may be recovered as a civil debt due to the [^{F578}CMA].

Textual Amendments

F559 Ss. 110A, 110B inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), ss. 29(11), 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.) (with savings in The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/549), art. 1(1), Sch. 1 para. 6 (with art. 3))

F578 Word in s. 115 substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), Sch. 5 para. 149 (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C122 Ss. 109-115 applied (with modifications) (1.1.2010) by Legal Services Act 2007 (c. 29), ss. 60(9), 211(2) (with ss. 29, 192, 193); S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2(c)(i) (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), Sch. 1 para. 177 (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))

C175 Ss. 110-115 modified by S.I. 2003/1592, art. 5A(f) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), arts. 1, 7 (with arts. 20-23))

C206 Ss. 111-115 applied (with modifications) by 2007 c. 29, s. 60(9) (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), Sch. 1 para. 177 (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2))

C235 Ss. 112-115 applied by 1998 c. 41, s. 40A(9) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), ss. 40(2), 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.))

C236 Ss. 112-115 applied (14.6.2021) by United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 (c. 27), ss. 43(11), 59(3) (with s. 55(2)); S.I. 2021/706, reg. 2

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- C289** S. 115 applied (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1), art. 15B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 28(3)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C290** S. 115 applied (20.6.2003) by 1991 c. 56, s. 14B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 25(5)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C291** S. 115 applied (20.6.2003) by 1990 c. 42, Sch. 4 para. 4A(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 24(9)(e)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C292** S. 115 applied (20.6.2003) by 1989 c. 29, s. 56CB(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 20(12)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C293** S. 115 applied (20.6.2003) by 1989 c. 29, s. 14A(11F)(11I)(11J) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 20(6)(a)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C294** S. 115 applied (20.6.2003) by 1989 c. 29, s. 12B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 20(4)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C295** S. 115 applied (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 44, s. 41EB(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 15(12)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C296** S. 115 applied (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 44, s. 26A(11F)(11I)(11J) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 15(6)(a)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C297** S. 115 applied (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 44, s. 24B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 15(4)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C298** S. 115 applied (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 31, s. 44B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 14(3)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C299** S. 115 applied (20.6.2003) by 1984 c. 12, s. 13B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 13(4)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C300** S. 115 applied (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 38, s. 18(6)(10)(11) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 44(5)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C301** S. 115 applied (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 38, s. 12B(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 44(3)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C302** S. 115 applied (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 26, s. 19A(6)(10)(11) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 42(4)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C303** S. 115 applied (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 26, s. 15B(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 42(2)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C304** S. 115 applied (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2), art. 15B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 36(3)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C305** S. 115 applied (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1994/426 (N.I. 1), art. 35B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 33(3)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C306** S. 115 applied (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, Sch. 4A para 15(2D)(2H)(2I) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 30(15)(c)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C307** S. 115 applied (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, Sch. 4A para. 10A(1)(5)(6) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 30(15)(a)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C308** S. 115 applied (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, s. 15C(2D)(2H)(2I) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 30(6)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C309** S. 115 applied (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, s. 13B(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 30(4)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C310** S. 115 applied (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 8, Sch. 14 para. 2A(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 40(20)(b)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C311** S. 115 applied (20.6.2003) by 1980 c. 21, s. 11B(1)(2) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(3)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- S. 115 applied (1.10.2005) by 1991 c. 56, s. 17M(1) (as inserted by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), ss. 56, 105(3), **Sch. 4 para. 2**; S.I. 2005/2714, **art. 2(h)** (with Sch. para. 5))
- S. 115 applied (1.10.2005) by 1991 c. 56, s. 17Q(6) (as inserted by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), ss. 56, 105(3), **Sch. 4 para. 2**; S.I. 2005/2714, **art. 2(h)** (with Sch. para. 5))
- S. 115 applied (S.) (11.11.2005) by The Water Services etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3172), **arts. 5, 10(3)-(7)**

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- S. 115 applied (N.I.) (1.4.2007) by The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21)), arts. 1(2)(3), **23(1)(g)**, **27(6)(g)** (with arts. 8(9), 121, 307); S.R. 2007/194, **art. 2(2)**, Sch. 1 Pt. 2 (with Sch. 2)
- C312** S. 115 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1592), art. 15, **Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(u)** (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), arts. 1, **18(1)-(17)** (with arts. 20-23))
- S. 115 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1999/3088, reg. 8 (as substituted by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Consequential and Supplemental Provisions) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1398), art. 2, **Sch. para. 36(3)**)
- S. 115 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (2.3.2004) by The Energy (Northern Ireland) Order (S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6)), arts. 39(2), 40(2), Sch. 2 para. 5(1)(g)(5)(6); S.R. 2004/71, **art. 2**, Sch.
- S. 115 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (2.3.2004) by S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1), art. 17A(14)(g)(17)(18) (as inserted by The Energy (Northern Ireland) Order (S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6)), art. 36(2); S.R. 2004/71, **art. 2**, Sch.)
- S. 115 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (2.3.2004) by S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2), art. 17A(17)(g)(20)(21) (as inserted by The Energy (Northern Ireland) Order (S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6)), art. 37(2); S.R. 2004/71, **art. 2**, Sch.)
- S. 115 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2004) by 1991 c. 56, s. 16B(6)(g)-(10) (as inserted by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), **ss. 55(4)**, 105(3); S.I. 2004/2528, **art. 2(h)** (with art. 4, Sch.))
- C313** S. 115 applied (15.1.2012) by The Postal Services (Appeals to the Competition Commission) (Investigations and Extension of Time Limits) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/2749), arts. 1, **3(g)** (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/549), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 45(3)** (with art. 3))
- C314** S. 115 applied (with modifications) (1.11.2012) by Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), para. 10(2), (10), (12), s. 306(4), **Sch. 10 para. 10(1)(g)**; S.I. 2012/2657, art. 2(2)

116 Statement of policy

- (1) The [^{F579}CMA] shall prepare and publish a statement of policy in relation to the enforcement of notices under section 109.
- (2) The statement shall, in particular, include a statement about the considerations relevant to the determination of the nature and amount of any penalty imposed under section 110(1) or (3).
- (3) The [^{F580}CMA] may revise its statement of policy and, where it does so, it shall publish the revised statement.
- (4) The [^{F581}CMA] shall consult such persons as it considers appropriate when preparing or revising its statement of policy.

Textual Amendments

- F559** Ss. 110A, 110B inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), **ss. 29(11)**, 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.) (with savings in The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/549), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 6** (with art. 3))
- F579** Word in s. 116(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 150** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F580** Word in s. 116(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 150** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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F581 Word in s. 116(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 150** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C315** S. 116 applied (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 31, s. 44B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 14(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C316** S. 116 applied (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1), art. 15B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 28(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C317** S. 116 applied (20.6.2003) by 1991 c. 56, s. 14B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 25(5)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C318** S. 116 applied (20.6.2003) by 1990 c. 42, Sch. 4 para. 4A(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 24(9)(e)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C319** S. 116 applied (20.6.2003) by 1989 c. 29, s. 56CB(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 20(12)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C320** S. 116 applied (20.6.2003) by 1989 c. 29, s. 14A(11F)(11I)(11J) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 20(6)(a)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C321** S. 116 applied (20.6.2003) by 1989 c. 29, s. 12B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 20(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C322** S. 116 applied (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 44, s. 41EB(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 15(12)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C323** S. 116 applied (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 44, s. 26A(11F)(11I)(11J) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 15(6)(a)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C324** S. 116 applied (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 44, s. 24B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 15(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C325** S. 116 applied (20.6.2003) by 1984 c. 12, s. 13B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 13(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C326** S. 116 applied (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 38, s. 18(6)(10)(11) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 44(5)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C327** S. 116 applied (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 38, s. 12B(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 44(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C328** S. 116 applied (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 26, s. 19A(6)(10)(11) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 42(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C329** S. 116 applied (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 26, s. 15B(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 42(2)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C330** S. 116 applied (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2), art. 15B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 36(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C331** S. 116 applied (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1994/426 (N.I. 1), art. 35B(1)(4)(5) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 33(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C332** S. 116 applied (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, Sch. 4A para. 10A(1)(5)(6) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 30(15)(a)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C333** S. 116 applied (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, s. 15C(2D)(2H)(2I) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 30(6)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C334** S. 116 applied (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, s. 13B(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 30(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C335** S. 116 applied (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 8, Sch. 14 para. 2A(1)(5)(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 40(20)(b)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C336** S. 116 applied (20.6.2003) by 1980 c. 21, s. 11B(1) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- S. 116 applied (1.10.2005) by 1991 c. 56, s. 17M(1) (as inserted by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), ss. 56, 105(3), **Sch. 4 para. 2**); S.I. 2005/2714, **art. 2(h)** (with Sch. para. 5)
- S. 116 applied (1.10.2005) by 1991 c. 56, s. 17Q(6) (as inserted by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), ss. 56, 105(3), **Sch. 4 para. 2**); S.I. 2005/2714, **art. 2(h)** (with Sch. para. 5)

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- S. 116 applied (S.) (11.11.2005) by The Water Services etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3172), arts. 5, 10(3)-(7)
- S. 116 applied (N.I.) (1.4.2007) by The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21)), arts. 1(2)(3), 23(1)(h), 27(6)(h) (with arts. 8(9), 121, 307); S.R. 2007/194, art. 2(2), Sch. 1 Pt. 2 (with Sch. 2)
- C337** S. 116 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1592), art. 15, Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(v) (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), arts. 1, 18(1)-(17) (with arts. 20-23))
- S. 116 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1999/3088, reg. 8 (as substituted by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Consequential and Supplemental Provisions) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1398), art. 2, Sch. para. 36(3))
- S. 116 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (2.3.2004) by The Energy (Northern Ireland) Order (S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6)), arts. 39(2), 40(2), {Sch. 2 para. 5(1)(h)(5)(6)}; S.R. 2004/71, art. 2, Sch.
- S. 116 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (2.3.2004) by S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1), art. 17A(14)(h)(17) (18) (as inserted by The Energy (Northern Ireland) Order (S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6)), {art. 36(2)}; S.R. 2004/71, art. 2, Sch.)
- S. 116 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (2.3.2004) by S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2), art. 17A(17)(h)(20) (21) (as inserted by The Energy (Northern Ireland) Order (S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6)), {art. 37(2)}; S.R. 2004/71, art. 2, Sch.)
- S. 116 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2004) by 1991 c. 56, s. 16B(6)(a)-(10) (as inserted by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), ss. 55(4), 105(3); S.I. 2004/2528, art. 2(h) (with art. 4, Sch.))
- C338** S. 116 applied (15.1.2012) by The Postal Services (Appeals to the Competition Commission) (Investigations and Extension of Time Limits) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/2749), arts. 1, 3(h) (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/549), art. 1(1), Sch. 1 para. 45(3) (with art. 3))
- C339** S. 116 applied (with modifications) (1.11.2012) by Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), s. 306(2) (4), Sch. 10 para. 10(1)(h)(2)(11)(12); S.I. 2012/2657, art. 2(2)

117 False or misleading information

- (1) A person commits an offence if—
- he supplies any information to the [F582CMA, OFCOM] or the Secretary of State in connection with any of their functions under this Part;
 - the information is false or misleading in a material respect; and
 - he knows that it is false or misleading in a material respect or is reckless as to whether it is false or misleading in a material respect.
- (2) A person commits an offence if he—
- supplies any information to another person which he knows to be false or misleading in a material respect; or
 - recklessly supplies any information to another person which is false or misleading in a material respect;
- knowing that the information is to be used for the purpose of supplying information to the [F582CMA, OFCOM] or the Secretary of State in connection with any of their functions under this Part.
- (3) A person who commits an offence under subsection (1) or (2) shall be liable—
- on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum;

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- (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine or to both.]

Textual Amendments

- F559** Ss. 110A, 110B inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), ss. **29(11)**, 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.) (with savings in The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/549), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 6** (with art. 3))
- F582** Words in s. 117(1)(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 151** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C340** S. 117 modified (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2), art. 23(7) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), s. 279, **Sch. 9 para. 22(5)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch.)
- C341** S. 117 modified (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, s. 67(9) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 9 para. 21(7)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch.)
- C342** S. 117 modified (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1), art. 46(6A) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 9 para. 20(5)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch.)
- C343** S. 117 modified (20.6.2003) by 1991 c. 56, s. 31(8A) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 9 para. 19(6)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch.)
- C344** S. 117 modified (20.6.2003) by 1989 c. 29, s. 43(6A) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 9 para. 18(5)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch.)
- C345** S. 117 modified (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 44, s. 36A(8) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 9 para. 17(6)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch.)
- C346** S. 117 modified (20.6.2003) by 1984 c. 12, s. 50(6A) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 9 para. 16(5)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch.)
- S. 117 modified (N.I.) (1.4.2007) by The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21)), arts. 1(2)(3), **29(10)** (with arts. 8(9), 121, 307); S.R. 2007/194, **art. 2(2)**, Sch. 1 Pt. 2 (with Sch. 2)
- C347** S. 117 modified (25.7.2003 for certain purposes and 29.12.2003 for certain purposes) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. **370(10)**, 411 (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1(2), **2(1)**, 3(1), Sch. 1 (with arts. 3-6 (as amended (8.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1(3))); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(2)**
- C348** S. 117 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 38, s. 18(9)-(11) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 44(5)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)) (as amended (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 6 para. 94(4)(b)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.))
- C349** S. 117 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 38, s. 12B(4)-(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 44(3)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)) (as amended (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 6 para. 88(b)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.))
- C350** S. 117 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 26, s. 19A(9)-(11) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 42(4)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C351** S. 117 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 26, s. 15B(4)-(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 42(2)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C352** S. 117 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, Sch. 4A para 15(2G)-(2I) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 30(15)(c)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)) (as amended (E.W.S.) (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 6 para. 81(13)(c)(ii)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.))

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- C353** S. 117 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, Sch. 4A para. 10A(4)-(6) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 30(15)(a)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)) (as amended (E.W.S.) (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 6 para. 81(6)(b)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.))
- C354** S. 117 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, s. 15C(2G)-(2I) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 30(6)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)) (as amended (E.W.S.) (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 6 para. 77(4)(b)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.))
- C355** S. 117 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, s. 13B(4)-(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 30(4)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)) (as amended (E.W.S.) (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 6 para. 72(1)(b)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.))
- C356** S. 117 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1989 c. 29, s. 56CB(4)-(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 20(12)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C357** S. 117 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1986 c. 44, s. 41EB(4)-(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 15(12)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)) (as amended (E.W.S.) (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 6 para. 26(b)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.))
- C358** S. 117 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 1980 c. 21, s. 11C(1) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(3)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- C359** S. 117 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by 2000 c. 8, Sch. 14 para. 2A(4)-(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 40(20)(b)**; S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8))
- S. 117 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1592), art. 15, **Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(w)(18)** (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), arts. 1, **18(1)-(17)** (with arts. 20-23))
- S. 117 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by The Energy (Northern Ireland) Order (S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6)), art. 2, {Sch. 2 para. 5(4)(6)}; S.R. 2003/203, **art. 2**, Sch.
- S. 117 applied (with modifications) (S.) (11.11.2005) by The Water Services etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3172), **arts. 5, 10(3)-(7)**
- C360** S. 117 applied (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1990/1715, reg. 5 (as inserted by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Consequential and Supplemental Provisions) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1398), art. 2, **Sch. para. 17(5)**)
- C361** S. 117 applied (25.7.2003 for certain purposes and 29.12.2003 for certain purposes) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), **ss. 193(8)**, 411(2)(3) (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1(2), **2(1)**, 3(1), Sch. 1 (with arts. 3-6 (as amended (8.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1(3))); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(2)**
- C362** S. 117 applied (with modifications) (15.1.2012) by The Postal Services (Appeals to the Competition Commission) (Investigations and Extension of Time Limits) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/2749), arts. 1, **3(i)**, 4 (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/549), art. 1(1), Sch. 1 para. 45(3)(4) (with art. 3))
- C363** S. 117 applied (with modifications) (1.11.2012) by Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), para. 10(2), (12), s. 306(4), **Sch. 10 para. 10(1)(i)**; S.I. 2012/2657, art. 2(2)
- C364** S. 117 modified (1.4.2013) by Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), **ss. 73(6)**, 306(4); S.I. 2013/160, art. 2(2) (with arts. 7-9)

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Reports

118 Excisions from reports

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where the Secretary of State is under a duty to publish—
 - (a) a report of the [^{F583}CMA] under section 44 or 61;
 - [^{F584}(aa) a report of OFCOM under section 44A or 61A;] or
 - (b) a report of the [^{F585}CMA] under section 50 or 65.
- (2) The Secretary of State may exclude a matter from the report concerned if he considers that publication of the matter would be inappropriate.
- (3) In deciding what is inappropriate for the purposes of subsection (2) the Secretary of State shall have regard to the considerations mentioned in section 244.
- (4) The body which has prepared the report shall advise the Secretary of State as to the matters (if any) which it considers should be excluded by him under subsection (2).
- (5) References in sections 38(4) and 107(11) to the giving or laying of a report of the [^{F586}CMA] shall be construed as references to the giving or laying of the report as published.

Textual Amendments

- F583** Word in s. 118(1)(a) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 152\(2\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F584** S. 118(1)(aa) inserted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), ss. 389(1), 411(2)(3), [Sch. 16 para. 21](#) (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, [art. 3\(1\)](#), Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F585** Word in s. 118(1)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 152\(2\)\(b\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F586** Word in s. 118(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 152\(3\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C365** S. 118(4) modified by S.I. 2003/1592, art. 5A(g) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/891\)](#), arts. 1, 7 (with arts. 20-23))
- C366** S. 118 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1592\)](#), art. 15, [Sch. 3 para. 1\(1\)\(x\)\(19\)](#) (as amended (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/891\)](#), arts. 1, [18\(1\)-\(17\)](#) (with arts. 20-23))

119 Minority reports of [^{F587}CMA]

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where, on a reference to the [^{F588}CMA] under this Part, a member of a group constituted in connection with the reference [^{F589}....], disagrees with any decisions contained in the report of the [^{F588}CMA] under this Part as the decisions of the [^{F588}CMA].
- (2) The report shall, if the member so wishes, include a statement of his disagreement and of his reasons for disagreeing.

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Textual Amendments

- F587** Word in s. 119 heading substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 153\(3\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F588** Word in s. 119(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 153\(2\)\(b\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F589** Words in s. 119(1) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 153\(2\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C367** S. 119 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1592\), art. 15, Sch. 3 para. 1\(1\)\(y\)\(20\)](#) (as amended (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/891\), arts. 1, 18\(1\)-\(17\)](#) (with arts. 20-23))

f⁵⁹⁰ Further provision about media mergers

Textual Amendments

- F590** S. 119A and cross-heading inserted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\), ss. 385, 411\(2\)\(3\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [Sch. 18](#)); S.I. 2003/3142, [art. 3\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1](#) (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)

119A Other general functions of OFCOM in relation to this Part

- (1) OFCOM have the function of obtaining, compiling and keeping under review information about matters relating to the carrying out of their functions under this Part.
- (2) That function is to be carried out with a view to (among other things) ensuring that OFCOM have sufficient information to take informed decisions and to carry out their other functions effectively.
- (3) In carrying out that function OFCOM may carry out, commission or support (financially or otherwise) research.
- (4) Section 3 of the Communications Act 2003 (general duties of OFCOM) shall not apply in relation to functions of OFCOM under this Part.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C368** S. 119A applied (with modifications) (29.12.2003) by [S.I. 2003/1592, Sch. 3 para. 1\(1\)\(ya\)](#) (as inserted by [The Enterprise Act 2002 and Media Mergers \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/3180\), art. 2, Sch. para. 10\(11\)](#) (with art. 3)
- S. 119A applied (with modifications) (29.12.2003) by [S.I. 2003/1592, Sch. 3 para. 1\(20A\)](#) (as inserted by [The Enterprise Act 2002 and Media Mergers \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/3180\), art. 2, Sch. para. 10\(15\)](#) (with art. 3) (as amended (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/891\), arts. 1, 18\(1\)-\(17\)](#) (with arts. 20-23))

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Monitoring role for [^{F592}CMA] in relation to media mergers

[^{F591}119B]

- (1) The [^{F593}CMA] has the function of obtaining, compiling and keeping under review information about matters which may be relevant to the Secretary of State in deciding whether to give a special intervention notice mentioning a consideration specified in section 58(2A) to (2C).
- (2) That function is to be carried out with a view to (among other things) ensuring that the Secretary of State is aware of cases where, in the opinion of the [^{F593}CMA], he might wish to consider giving such a notice.
- (3) That function does not extend to obtaining, compiling or keeping under review information with a view to carrying out a detailed analysis in each case of the operation in relation to that case of the consideration specified in section 58(2A) to (2C).]]

Textual Amendments

- F591** S. 119B inserted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 386**, 411(2)(3) (with transitional provisions in [Sch. 18](#)); [S.I. 2003/3142](#), **art. 3(1)**, [Sch. 1](#) (subject to [arts. 3\(3\)](#), [11](#))
- F592** Word in s. 119B heading substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), [s. 103\(3\)](#), **Sch. 5 para. 154(3)** (with [s. 28](#)); [S.I. 2014/416](#), **art. 2(1)(d)** (with [Sch.](#))
- F593** Word in s. 119B(1)(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), [s. 103\(3\)](#), **Sch. 5 para. 154(2)** (with [s. 28](#)); [S.I. 2014/416](#), **art. 2(1)(d)** (with [Sch.](#))

Miscellaneous

120 Review of decisions under Part 3

- (1) Any person aggrieved by a decision [^{F594}mentioned in subsection (1A)] may apply to the Competition Appeal Tribunal for a review of that decision.

[^{F595}(1A) The decisions are—

- (a) a decision of the CMA, OFCOM or the Secretary of State under this Part in connection with a reference or possible reference in relation to a relevant merger situation or a special merger situation;
- (b) a decision of the CMA under this Part in connection with transferred EU merger commitments.]
- (2) For this purpose “decision”—
 - (a) does not include a decision to impose a penalty under [^{F596}section 94A(1) or 110(1) or (3)]; but
 - (b) includes a failure to take a decision permitted or required by this Part in connection with a reference or possible reference [^{F597}or transferred EU merger commitments].
- (3) Except in so far as a direction to the contrary is given by the Competition Appeal Tribunal, the effect of the decision is not suspended by reason of the making of the application.
- (4) In determining such an application the Competition Appeal Tribunal shall apply the same principles as would be applied by a court on an application for judicial review.
- (5) The Competition Appeal Tribunal may—

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- (a) dismiss the application or quash the whole or part of the decision to which it relates; and
 - (b) where it quashes the whole or part of that decision, refer the matter back to the original decision maker with a direction to reconsider and make a new decision in accordance with the ruling of the Competition Appeal Tribunal.
- (6) An appeal lies on any point of law arising from a decision of the Competition Appeal Tribunal under this section to the appropriate court.
- (7) An appeal under subsection (6) requires the permission of the Tribunal or the appropriate court.
- (8) In this section—
- “the appropriate court” means the Court of Appeal or, in the case of Tribunal proceedings in Scotland, the Court of Session; and
 - “Tribunal rules” has the meaning given by section 15(1).

Textual Amendments

- F594** Words in s. 120(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), regs. 1(1), **51A(2)** (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **10**, 35-59); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F595** S. 120(1A) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), regs. 1(1), **51A(3)** (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **10**, 35-59); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F596** Words in s. 120(2)(a) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), **ss. 31(2)**, 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)
- F597** Words in s. 120(2)(b) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), regs. 1(1), **51A(4)** (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **10**, 35-59); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C369** S. 120(5)(b) modified by S.I. 2003/1592, art. 5A(h) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/891\)](#), arts. 1, **7** (with arts. 20-23))
- C370** S. 120 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1592\)](#), art. 15, **Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(z)(21)** (as amended (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/891\)](#), arts. 1, **18(1)-(17)** (with arts. 20-23))
- C371** S. 120(6)-(8) applied (1.9.2004) by [Energy Act 2004 \(c. 20\)](#), ss. 141, 198(2), **Sch. 18 para. 15**; S.I. 2004/2184, **art. 2(2)**, Sch. 2
- C372** S. 120(6)-(8) applied (N.I.) (3.7.2007) by [Electricity Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2007 \(S.R. 2007/321\)](#), **reg. 28**
- C373** S. 120(6)-(8) applied (N.I.) (prosp.) by [The Electricity \(Single Wholesale Market\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/913 \(N.I. 7\)\)](#), arts. 1, 5, {Sch. 1 para. 15}
- C374** S. 120(6)-(8) applied (N.I.) (15.4.2011) by [The Gas and Electricity \(Internal Markets\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(S.R. 2011/155\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 14**

121 Fees

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order require the payment to him or the ^[F598]CMA of] such fees as may be prescribed by the order in connection with the exercise by the

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Secretary of State, the [F599CMA and OFCOM] of their functions under or by virtue of this Part, F600 . . . and sections 32 to 34 of, and Schedule 4ZA to, the Water Industry Act 1991 (c. 56).

- (2) An order under this section may, in particular, provide for fees to be payable—
- (a) in respect of a merger notice; [F601 or]
 - (b) F602
 - (c) on the occurrence of any event specified in the order.
- (3) The events that may be specified in an order under this section by virtue of subsection (2)(c) include, in particular—
- (a) the decision by the [F603CMA] in relation to a possible reference under section 22 [F604, 33, 68B or 68C] that it is or may be the case that a relevant merger situation has been created or (as the case may be) that arrangements are in progress or in contemplation which, if carried into effect, will result in the creation of a relevant merger situation;
 - (b) the decision by the Secretary of State in relation to a possible reference under section 45 that it is or may be the case that a relevant merger situation has been created or (as the case may be) that arrangements are in progress or in contemplation which, if carried into effect, will result in the creation of a relevant merger situation;
 - (c) the decision by the Secretary of State in relation to a possible reference under section 62 that—
 - (i) it is or may be the case that a special merger situation has been created or (as the case may be) that arrangements are in progress or in contemplation which, if carried into effect, will result in the creation of a special merger situation; and
 - (ii) one or more than one consideration mentioned in the special intervention notice is relevant to a consideration of the special merger situation concerned; and
 - (d) the decision by the [F603CMA] in relation to a possible reference under section 32 of the Act of 1991 that it is or may be the case that arrangements are in progress which, if carried into effect, will result in a merger of any two or more water enterprises or that such a merger has taken place otherwise than as a result of the carrying into effect of arrangements that have been the subject of a reference by virtue of paragraph (a) of that section.
- (4) An order under this section may, in particular, contain provision—
- (a) for ascertaining the persons by whom fees are payable;
 - (b) specifying whether any fee is payable to the Secretary of State or the [F603CMA];
 - (c) for the amount of any fee to be calculated by reference to matters which may include—
 - (i) F605
 - (ii) F606 . . . , the value of the turnover of the enterprises concerned;
 - (d) as to the time when any fee is to be paid; and
 - (e) for the repayment by the Secretary of State or the [F603CMA] of the whole or part of any fee in specified circumstances.

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- (5) For the purposes of subsection (4)(c)(ii) the turnover of an enterprise shall be determined in accordance with such provisions as may be specified in an order under this section.
- (6) Provision made by virtue of subsection (5) may, in particular, include provision—
 - (a) as to the amounts which are, or which are not, to be treated as comprising an enterprise's turnover;
 - (b) as to the date or dates by reference to which an enterprise's turnover is to be determined;
 - (c) restricting the turnover to be taken into consideration to turnover which has a connection of a particular description with the United Kingdom.
- (7) An order under this section may, in particular, in connection with provisions of the kind mentioned in subsection (5) make provision enabling the Secretary of State or the [F607CMA] to determine matters of a description specified in the order (including any of the matters mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (6)).
- (8) In determining the amount of any fees to be prescribed by an order under this section, the Secretary of State may take into account all costs incurred by him and by the [F608CMA in] respect of the exercise by him, the [F609CMA and OFCOM] of their respective functions under or by virtue of this Part F610 . . . and sections 32 to 34 of, and Schedule 4ZA to, the Act of 1991.
- (9) Fees paid to the Secretary of State or the [F611CMA] under this section shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund.
- (10) F612

Textual Amendments

- F598** Words in s. 121(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 156(2)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F599** Words in s. 121(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 156(2)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F600** Words in s. 121(1) repealed (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 389(1), 406, 411(2)(3), **Sch. 16 para. 23(2)(b), Sch. 19(1)** (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18 and Note 1Sch. 19); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1), Sch. 1** (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F601** Word in s. 121(2)(a) inserted (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 389(1), 411(2)(3), **Sch. 16 para. 23(3)(a)** (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1), Sch. 1** (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F602** S. 121(2)(b) and word repealed (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 389(1), 406, 411(2)(3), **Sch. 16 para. 23(3)(b), Sch. 19(1)** (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18 and Sch. 19 Note 1); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1), Sch. 1** (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F603** Word in s. 121(3)(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 156(3)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F604** Words in s. 121(3)(a) substituted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 30**
- F605** S. 121(4)(c)(i) repealed (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 389(1), 406, 411(2)(3), **Sch. 16 para. 23(4)(a)(b), Sch. 19(1)** (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18 and Sch. 19 Note 1); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1), Sch. 1** (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F606** Words in s. 121(4)(c)(ii) repealed (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 389(1), 406, 411(2)(3), **Sch. 16 para. 23(4)(c), Sch. 19(1)** (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18 and Sch. 19 Note 1); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1), Sch. 1** (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)

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- F607** Word in s. 121(7) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 156(3)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F608** Words in s. 121(8) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 156(4)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F609** Words in s. 121(8) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 156(4)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F610** Words in s. 121(8) repealed (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 389(1), 406, 411(2)(3), Sch. 16 para. 23(5)(b), **Sch. 19(1)** (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18 and Sch. 19 Note 1); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F611** Word in s. 121(9) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 156(5)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F612** S. 121(10) repealed (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 389(1), 406, 411(2)(3), Sch. 16 para. 23(6), **Sch. 19(1)** (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18 and Sch. 19 Note 1); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)

^{F614}122 Primacy of [^{F613}EU] law

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Textual Amendments

- F613** Word in Act substituted (22.4.2011) by The Treaty of Lisbon (Changes in Terminology) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/1043), arts. 2, 3, 6 (with art. 3(2)(3), 4(2), 6(4)(5))
- F614** S. 122 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), 52 (with Sch. 4 paras. 19A, 24, 28, 34) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), 35-59); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

123 Power to alter share of supply test

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order amend or replace the conditions which determine for the purposes of this Part whether a relevant merger situation has been created.
- (2) The Secretary of State shall not exercise his power under subsection (1)—
 - (a) to amend or replace the conditions mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of section 23;
 - (b) to amend or replace the condition mentioned in paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of that section.
- (3) In exercising his power under subsection (1) to amend or replace the condition mentioned in paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 23 or any condition which for the time being applies instead of it, the Secretary of State shall, in particular, have regard to the desirability of ensuring that any amended or new condition continues to operate by reference to the degree of commercial strength which results from the enterprises concerned having ceased to be distinct.
- (4) Before making an order under this section the Secretary of State shall consult the [^{F615}CMA].
- (5) An order under this section may provide for the delegation of functions to the decision-making authority.

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Textual Amendments

F615 Word in s. 123(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 158](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Other

124 Orders and regulations under Part 3

- (1) Any power of the Secretary of State to make an order or regulations under this Part shall be exercisable by statutory instrument.
- (2) Any power of the Secretary of State to make an order or regulations under this Part—
 - (a) may be exercised so as to make different provision for different cases or different purposes; and
 - (b) includes power to make such incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitory, transitional or saving provision as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (3) The power of the Secretary of State under section 34^[F616], 59(6A)] or 123 (including that power as extended by subsection (2) above) may be exercised by modifying any enactment comprised in or made under this Act, or any other enactment.
- (4) The power of the Secretary of State under section [^{F617}34ZC(6),] 40(8), [^{F618}41B(6),]^{[F619}44(11),] 52(8) (including that enactment as applied by section 65(3)), 58(3), ^{F620}... [^{F621}73B(6),]^{[F622} 94A(6)] or 102 as extended by subsection (2) above may be exercised by modifying any enactment comprised in or made under this Act, or any other enactment.
- (5) [^{F623}Regulations made by the Secretary of State under section 68A or] an order made by the Secretary of State under section 28 (including that enactment as applied by section 42(5) [^{F624}and 59(5)]), [^{F625}34ZC(6),] 40(8), [^{F626}41B(6),] 52(8) (including that enactment as applied by section 65(3)), [^{F627}73B(6),]^{[F628}94A(3) or (6),] 111(4) or (6), 114(3)(b) or (4)(b) or 121 or Schedule 7 shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (6) No order shall be made by the Secretary of State under section 34, [^{F629}44(11), 59(6A),]^{[F630}... 102, 123 or 128(6) unless a draft of it has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.
- (7) An order made by the Secretary of State under section 58(3) shall be laid before Parliament after being made and shall cease to have effect unless approved, within the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which it is made, by a resolution of each House of Parliament.
- (8) In calculating the period of 28 days mentioned in subsection (7), no account shall be taken of any time during which Parliament is dissolved or prorogued or during which both Houses are adjourned for more than four days.
- (9) If an order made by the Secretary of State ceases to have effect by virtue of subsection (7), any modification made by it of an enactment is repealed (and the previous enactment revived) but without prejudice to the validity of anything done in

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connection with that modification before the order ceased to have effect and without prejudice to the making of a new order.

- (10) If, apart from this subsection, an order made by the Secretary of State under section 58(3) would be treated for the purposes of the standing orders of either House of Parliament as a hybrid instrument, it shall proceed in that House as if it were not such an instrument.

Textual Amendments

- F616** Word in s. 124(3) inserted (29.12.2003) by **Communications Act 2003 (c. 21)**, ss. 389(1), 411(2)(3), **Sch. 16 para. 24(2)** (with transitional provisions in **Sch. 18**); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, **Sch. 1** (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F617** Word in s. 124(4) inserted (1.4.2014) by **Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24)**, s. 103(3), **Sch. 8 para. 13(2)(a)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with **Sch.**)
- F618** Word in s. 124(4) inserted (1.4.2014) by **Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24)**, s. 103(3), **Sch. 8 para. 13(2)(b)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with **Sch.**)
- F619** Word in s. 124(4) inserted (29.12.2003) by **Communications Act 2003 (c. 21)**, ss. 389(1), 411(2)(3), **Sch. 16 para. 24(3)** (with transitional provisions in **Sch. 18**); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, **Sch. 1** (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F620** Word in s. 124(4) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of **The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93)**, regs. 1(1), **53(2)** (with **Sch. 4 para. 28**) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F621** Word in s. 124(4) inserted (1.4.2014) by **Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24)**, s. 103(3), **Sch. 8 para. 13(2)(c)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with **Sch.**)
- F622** Word in s. 124(4) inserted (25.4.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by **Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24)**, **ss. 31(3)(a)**, 103(1)(i)(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with **Sch.**)
- F623** Words in s. 124(5) inserted (26.10.2023) by **Energy Act 2023 (c. 52)**, s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 31**
- F624** Words in s. 124(5) substituted (31.12.2020) by **The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93)**, regs. 1(1), **53(3)** (with **Sch. 4 para. 28**) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F625** Word in s. 124(5) inserted (1.4.2014) by **Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24)**, s. 103(3), **Sch. 8 para. 13(3)(a)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with **Sch.**)
- F626** Word in s. 124(5) inserted (1.4.2014) by **Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24)**, s. 103(3), **Sch. 8 para. 13(3)(b)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with **Sch.**)
- F627** Word in s. 124(5) inserted (1.4.2014) by **Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24)**, s. 103(3), **Sch. 8 para. 13(3)(c)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with **Sch.**)
- F628** Words in s. 124(5) inserted (25.4.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by **Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24)**, **ss. 31(3)(b)**, 103(1)(i)(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with **Sch.**)
- F629** Words in s. 124(6) inserted (29.12.2003) by **Communications Act 2003 (c. 21)**, ss. 389(1), 411(2)(3), **Sch. 16 para. 24(4)** (with transitional provisions in **Sch. 18**); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, **Sch. 1** (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F630** Word in s. 124(6) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of **The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93)**, regs. 1(1), **53(4)** (with **Sch. 4 para. 28**) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C375** S. 124 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by **The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1592)**, art. 15, **Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(aa)(22)** (as amended (1.4.2014))

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by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), arts. 1, **18(1)-(17)** (with arts. 20-23))

125 Offences by bodies corporate

- (1) Where an offence under this Part committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of—
 - (a) a director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate, or
 - (b) a person purporting to act in such a capacity,he as well as the body corporate commits the offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
- (2) Where the affairs of a body corporate are managed by its members, subsection (1) applies in relation to the acts and defaults of a member in connection with his functions of management as if he were a director of the body corporate.
- (3) Where an offence under this Part is committed by a Scottish partnership and is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of a partner, or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of a partner, he as well as the partnership commits the offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
- (4) In subsection (3) “partner” includes a person purporting to act as a partner.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C376** S. 125 applied (20.6.2003) by 1980 c. 21, s. 11B(2) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
S. 125 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1592), art. 15, **Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(bb)(23)** (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), arts. 1, **18(1)-(17)** (with arts. 20-23))
S. 125 applied (S.) (11.11.2005) by The Water Services etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3172), **art. 5**
S. 125 applied (S.) (11.11.2005) by The Water Services etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3172), **art. 10(3)-(7)**
- C377** S. 125 applied (with modifications) (1.11.2012) by Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), s. 306(4), **Sch. 10 para. 10(1)(j)(2)(12)**; S.I. 2012/2657, art. 2(2)

126 Service of documents

- (1) Any document required or authorised by virtue of this Part to be served on any person may be served—
 - (a) by delivering it to him or by leaving it at his proper address or by sending it by post to him at that address;
 - (b) if the person is a body corporate other than a limited liability partnership, by serving it in accordance with paragraph (a) on the secretary of the body;
 - (c) if the person is a limited liability partnership, by serving it in accordance with paragraph (a) on a member of the partnership; or

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- (d) if the person is a partnership, by serving it in accordance with paragraph (a) on a partner or a person having the control or management of the partnership business.
- (2) For the purposes of this section and section 7 of the Interpretation Act 1978 (c. 30) (service of documents by post) in its application to this section, the proper address of any person on whom a document is to be served shall be his last known address, except that—
- (a) in the case of service on a body corporate (other than a limited liability partnership) or its secretary, it shall be the address of the registered or principal office of the body;
 - (b) in the case of service on a limited liability partnership or a member of the partnership, it shall be the address of the registered or principal office of the partnership;
 - (c) in the case of service on a partnership or a partner or a person having the control or management of a partnership business, it shall be the address of the principal office of the partnership.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2) the principal office of a company constituted under the law of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom or of a partnership carrying on business outside the United Kingdom is its principal office within the United Kingdom.
- (4) Subsection (5) applies if a person to be served under this Part with any document by another has specified to that other an address within the United Kingdom other than his proper address (as determined under subsection (2)) as the one at which he or someone on his behalf will accept documents of the same description as that document.
- (5) In relation to that document, that address shall be treated as his proper address for the purposes of this section and section 7 of the Interpretation Act 1978 in its application to this section, instead of that determined under subsection (2).
- (6) Any notice in writing or other document required or authorised by virtue of this Part to be served on any person may be served on that person by transmitting the text of the notice or other document to him by means of [^{F631}an electronic communications network] or by other means but while in electronic form provided the text is received by that person in legible form and is capable of being used for subsequent reference.
- (7) This section does not apply to any document if rules of court make provision about its service.
- (8) In this section references to serving include references to similar expressions (such as giving or sending).

Textual Amendments

F631 Words in s. 126(6) substituted (25.7.2003 for certain purposes and 29.12.2003 for certain purposes) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), ss. 406(1), 411(2)(3), [Sch. 17 para. 174\(2\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [Sch. 18](#)); S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1(2), [2\(1\)](#), 3(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with arts. 3-6 (as amended (8.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1(3))); S.I. 2003/3142, [art. 3\(2\)](#) (with art. 11)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C378 S. 126 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1592\)](#), art. 15, [Sch. 3 para. 1\(1\)\(cc\)\(24\)](#) (as amended (1.4.2014)

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by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), arts. 1, **18(1)-(17)** (with arts. 20-23))

127 Associated persons

- (1) Associated persons, and any bodies corporate which they or any of them control, shall be treated as one person—
- (a) for the purpose of deciding under section 26 whether any two enterprises have been brought under common ownership or common control;
 - ^{F632}(aa) for the purposes of section 58(2C); and
 - (b) for the purpose of determining what activities are carried on by way of business by any one person so far as that question arises in connection with paragraph 13(2) of Schedule 8.
- (2) Subsection (1) shall not exclude from section 26 any case which would otherwise fall within that section.
- (3) A reference under section 22, 33, 45 ^{F633}, 62, 68B or 68C] (whether or not made by virtue of this section) may be framed so as to exclude from consideration, either altogether or for a specified purpose or to a specified extent, any matter which, apart from this section, would not have been taken into account on that reference.
- (4) For the purposes of this section—
- (a) any individual and that individual’s spouse ^{F634}, civil partner] or partner and any relative, or spouse or partner of a relative, of that individual or of that individual’s spouse ^{F634}, civil partner] or partner;
 - (b) any person in his capacity as trustee of a settlement and the settlor or grantor and any person associated with the settlor or grantor;
 - (c) persons carrying on business in partnership and the spouse ^{F634}, civil partner] or partner and relatives of any of them; or
 - (d) two or more persons acting together to secure or exercise control of a body of persons corporate or unincorporate or to secure control of any enterprise or assets,
- shall be regarded as associated with one another.
- (5) The reference in subsection (1) to bodies corporate which associated persons control shall be construed in accordance with section 26(3) and (4).
- (6) In this section “relative” means a brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, lineal ancestor or descendant (the stepchild of any person, or anyone adopted by a person, whether legally or otherwise, as his child being regarded as a relative or taken into account to trace a relationship in the same way as that person’s child); and references to a spouse ^{F634}, civil partner] or partner shall include a former spouse ^{F634}, civil partner] or partner.

Textual Amendments

F632 S. 127(1)(aa) substituted (29.12.2003) for word by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\), ss. 375\(3\), 411\(2\)\(3\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [Sch. 18](#)); S.I. 2003/3142, [art. 3\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1](#) (subject to [arts. 3\(3\), 11](#))

F633 Words in [s. 127\(3\)](#) substituted (26.10.2023) by [Energy Act 2023 \(c. 52\), s. 334\(2\)\(j\)](#), [Sch. 16 para. 32](#)

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F634 Words in s. 127(4)(a)(c)(6) inserted (5.12.2005) by [Civil Partnership Act 2004 \(c. 33\)](#), ss. 261(1), 263, [Sch. 27 para. 168](#); S.I. 2005/3175, [art. 2](#), Sch. 1

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C379 S. 127 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1592\)](#), art. 15, [Sch. 3 para. 1\(1\)\(dd\)\(25\)](#) (as amended (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/891\)](#), arts. 1, [18\(1\)-\(17\)](#) (with arts. 20-23))

C380 S. 127 applied (20.6.2003) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Merger Fees and Determination of Turnover\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1370\)](#), art. 2, [Sch. para. 7](#)

S. 127 applied (29.12.2004) by [The Water Mergers \(Determination of Turnover\) Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/3206\)](#), reg. 2(b), [Sch. para. 7](#)

C381 S. 127 applied in part (5.12.2019 at 12.10 p.m.) by [The Public Interest Merger Reference \(Gardner Aerospace Holdings Ltd. and Impcross Ltd.\) \(Pre-emptive Action\) Order 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1490\)](#), arts. 1, 5

C382 S. 127 applied in part (20.12.2019 at 9.20 a.m.) by [The Public Interest Merger Reference \(Mettis Aerospace Ltd.\) \(Pre-emptive Action\) Order 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1515\)](#), arts. 1, 4

C383 S. 127 applied in part (5.9.2021 at 7.30 p.m.) by [The Public Interest Merger Reference \(Perpetuus Advanced Materials plc\) \(Pre-emptive Action\) Order 2021 \(S.I. 2021/993\)](#), arts. 1(1), [3\(2\)](#)

128 Supply of services and market for services etc.

- (1) References in this Part to the supply of services shall be construed in accordance with this section; and references in this Part to a market for services and other related expressions shall be construed accordingly.
- (2) The supply of services does not include the provision of services under a contract of service or of apprenticeship whether it is express or implied and (if it is express) whether it is oral or in writing.
- (3) The supply of services includes—
 - (a) performing for gain or reward any activity other than the supply of goods;
 - (b) rendering services to order;
 - (c) the provision of services by making them available to potential users.
- (4) The supply of services includes making arrangements for the use of computer software or for granting access to data stored in any form which is not readily accessible.
- (5) The supply of services includes making arrangements by means of a relevant agreement [^{F635}(within the meaning of paragraph 17 of Schedule 3A to the Communications Act 2003 (the electronic communications code)) for sharing the use of electronic communications apparatus.]
- (6) The supply of services includes permitting or making arrangements to permit the use of land in such circumstances as the Secretary of State may by order specify.

Textual Amendments

F635 Words in s. 128(5) substituted (28.12.2017) by [Digital Economy Act 2017 \(c. 30\)](#), s. 118(6), [Sch. 3 para. 43](#); S.I. 2017/1286, reg. 2(d)

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C384 S. 128 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1592\)](#), art. 15, **Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(ee)(26)** (as amended (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) \(Amendment\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/891\)](#), arts. 1, **18(1)-(17)** (with arts. 20-23))

129 Other interpretation provisions

(1) In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires—

“action” includes omission; and references to the taking of action include references to refraining from action;

“agreement” means any agreement or arrangement, in whatever way and whatever form it is made, and whether it is, or is intended to be, legally enforceable or not;

“business” includes a professional practice and includes any other undertaking which is carried on for gain or reward or which is an undertaking in the course of which goods or services are supplied otherwise than free of charge;

“change of circumstances” includes any discovery that information has been supplied which is false or misleading in a material respect;

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...

“consumer” means any person who is—

- (a) a person to whom goods are or are sought to be supplied (whether by way of sale or otherwise) in the course of a business carried on by the person supplying or seeking to supply them; or
- (b) a person for whom services are or are sought to be supplied in the course of a business carried on by the person supplying or seeking to supply them;

and who does not receive or seek to receive the goods or services in the course of a business carried on by him;

“customer” includes a customer who is not a consumer;

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...

“enactment” includes an Act of the Scottish Parliament, Northern Ireland legislation and an enactment comprised in subordinate legislation, and includes an enactment whenever passed or made;

“enterprise” means the activities, or part of the activities, of a business;

[^{F638}“the European Merger Regulations” means Council Regulation (EEC) No. 4064/89 of 21st December 1989 on the control of concentrations between undertakings as amended by Council Regulation (EC) No. 1310/97 of 30th June 1997;]

“goods” includes buildings and other structures, and also includes ships, aircraft and hovercraft;

“modify” includes amend or repeal;

“notice” means notice in writing;

“price” includes any charge or fee (however described);

“subordinate legislation” has the same meaning as in the Interpretation Act 1978 (c. 30) and also includes an instrument made under an Act of the Scottish Parliament and an instrument made under Northern Ireland legislation;

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“subsidiary” has the meaning given by [^{F639}section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006] (c. 6);

“supply”, in relation to the supply of goods, includes supply by way of sale, lease, hire or hire-purchase, and, in relation to buildings or other structures, includes the construction of them by a person for another person;

[^{F640}“the UK financial system” means the financial system in the United Kingdom;] and

“United Kingdom national” means an individual who is—

- (a) a British citizen, a British overseas territories citizen, a British National (Overseas) or a British Overseas citizen;
- (b) a person who under the British Nationality Act 1981 (c. 61) is a British subject; or
- (c) a British protected person within the meaning of that Act.

(2) For the purposes of this Part any two bodies corporate are interconnected if—

- (a) one of them is a body corporate of which the other is a subsidiary; or
- (b) both of them are subsidiaries of one and the same body corporate;

and in this Part “interconnected bodies corporate” shall be construed accordingly and “group of interconnected bodies corporate” means a group consisting of two or more bodies corporate all of whom are interconnected with each other.

(3) References in this Part to a person carrying on business include references to a person carrying on business in partnership with one or more other persons.

(4) Any duty to publish which is imposed on a person by this Part shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be construed as a duty on that person to publish in such manner as he considers appropriate for the purpose of bringing the matter concerned to the attention of those likely to be affected by it.

Textual Amendments

F636 Words in s. 129(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **54(a)** (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

F637 Words in s. 129(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **54(b)** (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

F638 S. 129(1): definition of “the European Merger Regulations” ceased to have effect (1.5.2004) by virtue of [The EC Merger Control \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2004](#) (S.I. 2004/1079), reg. 2, **Sch. para. 2(25)(a)**

F639 Words in s. 129(1) substituted (1.10.2009) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2009](#) (S.I. 2009/1941), art. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 199(3)** (with art. 10)

F640 Words in s. 129(1) inserted (24.10.2008) (with application in accordance with art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Specification of Additional Section 58 Consideration\) Order 2008](#) (S.I. 2008/2645), arts. 1(1), **3(1)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C385 S. 129 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) Order 2003](#) (S.I. 2003/1592), art. 15, **Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(ff)(27)** (as amended (1.4.2014)

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by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/891), arts. 1, **18(1)-(17)** (with arts. 20-23))

130 Index of defined expressions

In this Part, the expressions listed in the left-hand column have the meaning given by, or are to be interpreted in accordance with, the provisions listed in the right-hand column.

<i>Expression</i>	<i>Provision of this Act</i>
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Adverse public interest finding	Section 54(3)
Agreement	Section 129(1)
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[^{F641} Broadcasting	Section 44(9)]
Business (and carrying on business)	Section 129(1) and (3)
Change of circumstances	Section 129(1)
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[^{F647} Energy network merger	Section 68A]
Enforcement order	Section 86(6)
Enforcement undertaking	Section 89(2)
Enterprise	Section 129(1)
Enterprises ceasing to be distinct	Section 26(1)
[^{F648} European Merger Regulations	Section 129(1)]
Final determination of matter to which intervention notice relates	Section 43(4) and (5)

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Final determination of matter to which special intervention notice relates	Section 60(4) and (5)
Final determination of reference under section 22 [^{F649} , 33, 68B or 68C]	Section 79(1) and (2)
Goods	Section 129(1)
Interconnected bodies corporate (and a group of interconnected bodies corporate)	Section 129(2)
Intervention notice	Section 42(2)
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References under section 22, 33, 45 [^{F655} , 62, 68B or 68C]	Sections 37(2) [^{F656} (including as applied by Schedule 5A)], 49(1), 56(8) and 64(2)
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Reports of the [^{F657} CMA]	Section 118(5)
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Special merger situation	Section 59(3)

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Subordinate legislation	Section 129(1)
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Supply (in relation to the supply of goods)	Section 129(1)
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[^{F660} The UK financial system]	[^{F661} Section 129(1)]
Undertakings under section 80	Section 80(6)
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United Kingdom national	Section 129(1)

Textual Amendments

- F641** S. 130: entry inserted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), ss. 389(1), 411(2)(3), **Sch. 16 para. 25(2)** (with transitional provisions in [Sch. 18](#)); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F642** Words in s. 130 omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 159(3)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F643** Words in s. 130 inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 159(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F644** Words in s. 130 table omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), regs. 1(1), **55(a)** (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F645** Words in s. 130 table omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), regs. 1(1), **55(b)** (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F646** S. 130: entry inserted (1.5.2004) by [The EC Merger Control \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1079\)](#), reg. 2, **Sch. para. 2(26)(b)**
- F647** Words in s. 130 table inserted (26.10.2023) by [Energy Act 2023 \(c. 52\)](#), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 33(2)**
- F648** S. 130: entry ceased to have effect (1.5.2004) by virtue of [The EC Merger Control \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1079\)](#), reg. 2, **Sch. para. 2(26)(a)**
- F649** Words in s. 130 table substituted (26.10.2023) by [Energy Act 2023 \(c. 52\)](#), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 33(3)**
- F650** S. 130: entry inserted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), ss. 389(1), 411(2)(3), **Sch. 16 para. 25(3)** (with transitional provisions in [Sch. 18](#)); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F651** S. 130: entry inserted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), ss. 389(1), 411(2)(3), **Sch. 16 para. 25(4)** (with transitional provisions in [Sch. 18](#)); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F652** S. 130: entry inserted (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), ss. 389(1), 411(2)(3), **Sch. 16 para. 25(4)** (with transitional provisions in [Sch. 18](#)); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)

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- F653** S. 130: entry inserted (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 389(1), 411(2)(3), **Sch. 16 para. 25(5)** (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, Sch. 1 (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F654** Words in s. 130 table substituted (31.12.2020) by The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **55(c)** (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F655** Words in s. 130 table substituted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 33(4)(a)**
- F656** Words in s. 130 table inserted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 33(4)(b)**
- F657** Word in s. 130 substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 159(4)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F658** Words in s. 130 table inserted (31.12.2020) by The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **55(d)** (with Sch. 4 para. 28) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **11, 35-59**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F659** Words in s. 130 table inserted (26.10.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(2)(j), **Sch. 16 para. 33(5)**
- F660** S. 130 entry inserted (24.10.2008) (with application in accordance with art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Specification of Additional Section 58 Consideration) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/2645), arts. 1(1), **3(2)**
- F661** S. 130 entry inserted (24.10.2008) (with application in accordance with art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Specification of Additional Section 58 Consideration) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/2645), arts. 1(1), **3(2)(b)**
- F662** Words in s. 130 omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 15 para. 37**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(f) (with Sch.)

PART 4

[^{F663}MARKET STUDIES AND] MARKET INVESTIGATIONS

Textual Amendments

- F663** Words in Pt. 4 heading inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 12 para. 8**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C386** Pt. 4 (ss. 131-184) modified (20.6.2003) by 1988 c. 41, Sch. 7 para. 20(5)-(8) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 185, 279, **Sch. 11 para. 11(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- C387** Pt. 4 (ss. 131-184) modified (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2), art. 23(2A)(2B) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 168(9), 279, **Sch. 9 para. 22(2)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch.
- C388** Pt. 4 (ss. 131-184) modified (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 43, s. 67(2A)(2B) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 168(9), 279, **Sch. 9 para. 21(2)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch.
- C389** Pt. 4 (ss. 131-184) modified (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1), art. 46(2A)(2B) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 168(9), 279, **Sch. 9 para. 20(2)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch.
- C390** Pt. 4 (ss. 131-184) modified (20.6.2003) by 1991 c. 56, s. 31(4) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 168(9), 279, **Sch. 9 para. 19(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch.
- C391** Pt. 4 (ss. 131-184) modified (20.6.2003) by 1991 c. 56, s. 31(2A) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 168(9), 279, **Sch. 9 para. 19(2)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch.
- C392** Pt. 4 (ss. 131-184) modified (20.6.2003) by 1984 c. 12, s. 50(2B) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 168(9), 279, **Sch. 9 para. 16(2)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch.

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- C393** Pt. 4 (ss. 131-184) modified (20.6.2003) by 1989 c. 29, s. 43(2B) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 168(9), 279, **Sch. 9 para. 18(2)**); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch.
- Pt. 4 (ss. 131-184) modified (25.7.2003 for certain purposes and 29.12.2003 for certain purposes) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 370(3), 411(2)(3) (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1(2), 2(1), 3(1), Sch. 1 (with arts. 3-6 (as amended (8.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1(3))); S.I. 2003/3142, art. 3(2)
- Pt. 4 (ss. 131-184) modified (N.I.) (1.4.2007) by The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21)), arts. 1(2)(3), 29(4) (with arts. 8(9), 121, 307); S.R. 2007/194, art. 2(2), Sch. 1 Pt. 2 (with Sch. 2)
- C394** Pt. 4 modified (1.4.2013) by Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), **ss. 73(3)**, 306(4); S.I. 2013/160, art. 2(2) (with arts. 7-9)
- C395** Pt. 4 modified in part (6.4.2013) by Civil Aviation Act 2012 (c. 19), **ss. 60(3)**, 110(1) (with ss. 60(4), 77(1)-(3), Sch. 10 paras. 12, 17); S.I. 2013/589, art. 2(1)-(3)
- C396** Pt. 4 functions made exercisable concurrently (6.4.2013) by Civil Aviation Act 2012 (c. 19), **ss. 60(2)**, 110(1) (with s. 77(1)-(3), Sch. 10 paras. 12, 17); S.I. 2013/589, art. 2(1)-(3)
- C397** Pt. 4 modified by 2012 c. 7, s. 73(3)(b) (as substituted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 189(4)(c)** (with art. 3))
- C398** Pt. 4 modified by 2000 c. 38, s. 86(4A) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 154(6)** (with art. 3))
- C399** Pt. 4 modified (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 4 para. 57**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(c) (with Sch.)
- C400** Pt. 4 modified by 2012 c. 19, s. 60(3A) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 197(5)** (with art. 3))
- C401** Pt. 4 certain functions made exercisable concurrently (1.4.2014) by Financial Services (Banking Reform) Act 2013 (c. 33), **s. 59(1)-(5)**, 148(5); S.I. 2014/823, art.
- C402** Pt. 4 modified by 1991 c. 56, s. 31(4) (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 84(5)(d)** (with art. 3))
- C403** Pt. 4 modified by 1989 c. 29, s. 43(2B) (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 65(4)(d)** (with art. 3))
- C404** Pt. 4 modified by 1986 c. 44, s. 36A (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 50(4)(d)** (with art. 3))
- C405** Pt. 4 modified by 1993 c. 43, s. 67(4)(d) (as amended (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 105(4)(d)** (with art. 3))
- C406** Pt. 4: certain functions made exercisable concurrently (26.12.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), **ss. 36(1)-(3)**, 334(3)(a) (with s. 38)

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CHAPTER 1

[^{F664}MARKET STUDIES AND] MARKET INVESTIGATION REFERENCES

Textual Amendments

F664 Words in Pt. 4 Ch. 1 heading inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013](#) (c. 24), s. 103(3), [Sch. 12 para. 9](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

[^{F665}Market studies

Textual Amendments

F665 S. 130A and cross-heading inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013](#) (c. 24), s. 103(3), [Sch. 12 para. 1](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

130A Duty to publish market study notice

- (1) Where the CMA is proposing to carry out its functions under section 5 in relation to a matter for the purposes mentioned in subsection (2), the CMA must publish a notice under this section (referred to in this Part as a “market study notice”).
- (2) The purposes are—
 - (a) to consider the extent to which a matter in relation to the acquisition or supply of goods or services of one or more than one description in the United Kingdom has or may have effects adverse to the interests of consumers; and
 - (b) to assess the extent to which steps can and should be taken to remedy, mitigate or prevent any such adverse effects.
- (3) A market study notice shall, in particular, specify—
 - (a) the matter in relation to which the CMA is proposing to carry out its functions under section 5;
 - (b) the period during which representations may be made to the CMA in relation to the matter; and
 - (c) the dates by which the CMA is required to comply with the requirements imposed on it by sections 131A and 131B.]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C407** S. 130A applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21), art. 29(4A) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014](#) (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), [Sch. 1 para. 253\(6\)](#) (with art. 3))
- C408** S. 130A applied (with modifications) by S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2), art. 23(2C) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014](#) (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), [Sch. 1 para. 221\(5\)](#) (with art. 3))
- C409** S. 130A applied (with modifications) by S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1), art. 46(2C) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014](#) (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), [Sch. 1 para. 216\(5\)](#) (with art. 3))

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- C410** S. 130A applied (with modifications) by 2012 c. 19, s. 60(4A) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 197(7)** (with art. 3))
- C411** S. 130A applied (with modifications) by 2012 c. 7, s. 73(3A) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 189(5)** (with art. 3))
- C412** S. 130A applied (with modifications) by 2003 c. 21, s. 370(3A) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 161(5)** (with art. 3))
- C413** S. 130A applied (with modifications) by 2000 c. 38, s. 86(5A) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 154(8)** (with art. 3))
- C414** S. 130A applied (with modifications) by 1993 c. 43, s. 67(2C) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 105(5)** (with art. 3))
- C415** S. 130A applied (with modifications) by 1991 c. 56, s. 31(4ZA) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 84(6)** (with art. 3))
- C416** S. 130A applied (with modifications) by 1989 c. 29, s. 43(2C) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 65(5)** (with art. 3))
- C417** S. 130A applied (with modifications) by 1986 c. 44, s. 36A(2C) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 50(5)** (with art. 3))
- C418** S. 130A modified (1.4.2014) by Financial Services (Banking Reform) Act 2013 (c. 33), **ss. 59(6), 148(5)**; S.I. 2014/823, art. 2(a)
- C419** S. 130A modified by 2000 c. 8, s. 234I(6) (as inserted (1.4.2015) by Financial Services (Banking Reform) Act 2013 (c. 33), s. 148(5), **Sch. 8 para. 3**; S.I. 2014/2458, art. 3(b)(v))
- C420** S. 130A applied (with modifications) (26.12.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), **ss. 36(4), 334(3)(a)**

Making of references

131 Power of [F⁶⁶⁶CMA] to make references

- (1) [F⁶⁶⁷The CMA may, subject to subsection (4), make a reference to its chair for the constitution of a group under Schedule 4 to the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 if the CMA] has reasonable grounds for suspecting that any feature, or combination of features, of a market in the United Kingdom for goods or services prevents, restricts or distorts competition in connection with the supply or acquisition of any goods or services in the United Kingdom or a part of the United Kingdom.
- (2) For the purposes of this Part any reference to a feature of a market in the United Kingdom for goods or services shall be construed as a reference to—
- the structure of the market concerned or any aspect of that structure;
 - any conduct (whether or not in the market concerned) of one or more than one person who supplies or acquires goods or services in the market concerned; or
 - any conduct relating to the market concerned of customers of any person who supplies or acquires goods or services.

[F⁶⁶⁸(2A) In a case where the feature or each of the features concerned falls within subsection (2) (b) or (c), a reference under subsection (1) may be made in relation to more than one market in the United Kingdom for goods or services.]

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- (3) In subsection (2) “conduct” includes any failure to act (whether or not intentional) and any other unintentional conduct.
- (4) No reference shall be made under this section if—
- (a) the making of the reference is prevented by [^{F669}section 156(A1) or (1)]; or
 - (b) a reference has been made under section 132 [^{F670}or 140A(6)] in relation to the same matter but has not been finally determined.
- (5) References in this Part to a market investigation reference being finally determined shall be construed in accordance with section 183(3) to (6).
- (6) In this Part—
- ^{F671}“cross-market reference” means a reference under this section which falls within subsection (2A) or a reference under section 132 which falls within subsection (3A) of that section (and see section 140A);]
- “market in the United Kingdom” includes—
- (a) so far as it operates in the United Kingdom or a part of the United Kingdom, any market which operates there and in another country or territory or in a part of another country or territory; and
 - (b) any market which operates only in a part of the United Kingdom;
- “market investigation reference” means a reference under this section or section 132 [^{F672}or 140A(6)];
- ^{F673}“ordinary reference” means a reference under this section or section 132 which is not a cross-market reference (and see section 140A);]
- and references to a market for goods or services include references to a market for goods and services.

Textual Amendments

- F666** Word in s. 131 heading substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 163\(3\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F667** Words in s. 131(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 163\(2\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F668** S. 131(2A) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), ss. 33\(2\), 103\(3\); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2\(1\)\(b\)](#) (with Sch.)
- F669** Words in s. 131(4)(a) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), ss. 33\(3\), 103\(3\); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2\(1\)\(b\)](#) (with Sch.)
- F670** Words in s. 131(4)(b) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 10 para. 2\(2\); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2\(1\)\(d\)](#) (with Sch.)
- F671** Words in s. 131(6) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), ss. 33\(4\)\(a\), 103\(3\); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2\(1\)\(b\)](#) (with Sch.)
- F672** Words in s. 131(6) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 10 para. 2\(3\); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2\(1\)\(d\)](#) (with Sch.)
- F673** Words in s. 131(6) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), ss. 33\(4\)\(b\), 103\(3\); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2\(1\)\(b\)](#) (with Sch.)

[^{F674}131A] Decisions about references under section 131: consultation

- (1) This section applies to a case where the CMA has published a market study notice and—

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- (a) the CMA is proposing to make a reference under section 131 in relation to the matter specified in the notice; or
 - (b) a representation has been made to the CMA within the period specified in the notice under section 130A(3)(b) to the effect that such a reference should be made but the CMA is proposing not to make such a reference.
- (2) The CMA shall—
- (a) publish notice of the proposal concerned; and
 - (b) consult the relevant persons about the proposal, in such manner as it considers practicable, before deciding whether to make a reference.
- (3) The CMA may, for the purposes of subsection (1), ignore any representation which it considers to be frivolous or vexatious.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (2), a person is a “relevant person” if the CMA considers that its decision whether to make a reference is likely to have a substantial impact on the person's interests.
- (5) In consulting a person for the purposes of this section, the CMA shall, so far as practicable, give its reasons for the proposal.
- (6) In considering what is practicable for the purposes of this section, the CMA shall, in particular, have regard to—
- (a) the restrictions imposed by the time-table for making the decision (see section 131B); and
 - (b) any need to keep what is proposed, or the reasons for it, confidential.

Textual Amendments

F674 Ss. 131A-131C inserted (25.4.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(1)(i)(3), Sch. 12 para. 2; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

131B Market studies and the making of decisions to refer: time-limits

- (1) Where the CMA has published a market study notice in a case to which section 131A applies, the CMA shall, within the period of 6 months beginning with the date on which it publishes the notice—
 - (a) publish the notice under section 131A(2)(a); and
 - (b) begin the process of consultation under section 131A(2)(b) (but the CMA need not complete the process within that period).
- (2) Subsection (3) applies where—
 - (a) the CMA has published a market study notice;
 - (b) no representation has been made to the CMA within the period specified in the notice under section 130A(3)(b) to the effect that a reference under section 131 should be made in relation to the matter specified in the notice; and
 - (c) the CMA has decided not to make such a reference.
- (3) The CMA shall, within the period of 6 months beginning with the date on which it publishes the market study notice, publish notice of the decision not to make a reference.

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- (4) Where the CMA has published a market study notice it shall, within the period of 12 months beginning with the date on which it publishes the notice, prepare and publish a report (referred to in this Part as a “market study report”) which sets out—
 - (a) the findings of the CMA in relation to the matter specified in the notice; and
 - (b) the action (if any) which the CMA proposes to take in relation to the matter.
- (5) In a case to which section 131A applies, the market study report shall, in particular, contain—
 - (a) the decision of the CMA to make a reference under section 131 in relation to the matter specified in the market study notice, the decision to accept an undertaking under section 154 instead of making such a reference or (as the case may be) the decision otherwise not to make such a reference;
 - (b) the CMA's reasons for the decision; and
 - (c) such information as the CMA considers appropriate for facilitating a proper understanding of its reasons for the decision.
- (6) Where a market study report contains a decision of the CMA to make a reference under section 131 in relation to a matter, the CMA shall, at the same time as it publishes the report, make the reference.
- (7) This section is subject to section 140A (duty of Secretary of State to refer in public interest intervention cases).

Textual Amendments

F674 Ss. 131A-131C inserted (25.4.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(1)(i)(3), [Sch. 12 para. 2](#); [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

131C Time-limits under section 131B: supplementary

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order amend section 131B so as to alter one or more of the following periods—
 - (a) the period of 6 months mentioned in subsection (1) or (3) or any period for the time being mentioned in either of those subsections in substitution for that period;
 - (b) the period of 12 months mentioned in subsection (4) or any period for the time being there mentioned in substitution for that period.
- (2) But no alteration may be made by virtue of subsection (1) which results in—
 - (a) the period for the time being mentioned in subsection (1) or (3) exceeding 6 months; or
 - (b) the period for the time being mentioned in subsection (4) exceeding 12 months.
- (3) Before making an order under this section the Secretary of State shall consult the CMA and such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.]

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Textual Amendments

F674 Ss. 131A-131C inserted (25.4.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(1)(i)(3), Sch. 12 para. 2; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

132 Ministerial power to make references

- (1) Subsection (3) applies where, in relation to any goods or services^[F675]—
- (a) the appropriate Minister is not satisfied with a decision of the ^[F676]CMA not to make a reference under section 131^[F677]; and
 - (b) in a case in which the CMA has published a market study notice under section 130A, the period permitted by section 131B for the preparation and publication by the CMA of the market study report has expired.]
- (2) Subsection (3) also applies where, in relation to any goods or services, the appropriate Minister—
- (a) has brought to the attention of the ^[F676]CMA information which the appropriate Minister considers to be relevant to the question of whether the ^[F676]CMA should make a reference under section 131; but
 - (b) is not satisfied that the ^[F676]CMA will decide, within such period as the appropriate Minister considers to be reasonable, whether ^[F678]to publish a market study notice in relation to the matter concerned].
- (3) The appropriate Minister may, subject to subsection (4), make a reference to the ^[F679]chair of the CMA for the constitution of a group under Schedule 4 to the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013] if he has reasonable grounds for suspecting that any feature, or combination of features, of a market in the United Kingdom for goods or services prevents, restricts or distorts competition in connection with the supply or acquisition of any goods or services in the United Kingdom or a part of the United Kingdom.
- ^[F680](3A) In a case where the feature or each of the features concerned falls within section 131(2) (b) or (c), a reference under subsection (3) may be made in relation to more than one market in the United Kingdom for goods or services.]
- (4) No reference shall be made under this section if^[F681]—
- (a) the making of the reference is prevented by ^[F682]section 156(A1) or (1)]^[F683]; or
 - (b) a reference has been made under section 140A(6) in relation to the same matter but has not been finally determined.]
- (5) In this Part “the appropriate Minister” means—
- (a) the Secretary of State; ^{F684} ...
 - (b) the Secretary of State and one or more than one other Minister of the Crown acting jointly;
 - ^[F685](c) the Scottish Ministers and the Secretary of State acting jointly; or
 - (d) the Scottish Ministers, the Secretary of State and one or more than one other Minister of the Crown, acting jointly.]

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Textual Amendments

- F675** Word in s. 132(1) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 12 para. 10\(2\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F676** Word in s. 132(1)(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 164\(2\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F677** S. 132(1)(b) and word inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 12 para. 10\(2\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F678** Words in s. 132(2)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 12 para. 10\(3\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F679** Words in s. 132(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 164\(3\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F680** S. 132(3A) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), [ss. 34\(2\)](#), 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)
- F681** Words in s. 132(4) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 10 para. 3\(a\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F682** Words in s. 132(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), [ss. 34\(3\)](#), 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)
- F683** Words in s. 132(4) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 10 para. 3\(b\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F684** Word in s. 132(5) omitted (23.5.2016) by virtue of [Scotland Act 2016 \(c. 11\)](#), [ss. 63\(a\)](#), 72(7)
- F685** S. 132(5)(c)(d) inserted (23.5.2016) by [Scotland Act 2016 \(c. 11\)](#), [ss. 63\(b\)](#), 72(7)

133 Contents of references

- (1) A market investigation reference shall, in particular, specify—
- (a) the enactment under which it is made;
 - (b) the date on which it is made;^{F686} ...
 - (c) [^{F687}in the case of an ordinary reference,] the description of goods or services to which the feature or combination of features concerned relates^{F688}, and
 - (d) in the case of a cross-market reference, the feature or features concerned and the descriptions of goods or services to which it or they relate.]
- (2) A market investigation reference may be framed so as to require the [^{F689}group constituted by the chair of the CMA in respect of the reference] to confine its investigation into the effects of features of markets in the United Kingdom for goods or services of a description specified in the reference to the effects of features of such of those markets as exist in connection with—
- (a) a supply [^{F690}or, in the case of a cross-market reference, supplies], of a description specified in the reference, of the goods or services concerned; or
 - (b) an acquisition [^{F691}or, in the case of a cross-market reference, acquisitions], of a description specified in the reference, of the goods or services concerned.
- (3) A description of the kind mentioned in subsection (2)(a) or (b) may, in particular, be by reference to—
- (a) the place where the goods or services are supplied or acquired; or
 - (b) the persons by or to whom they are supplied or by or from whom they are acquired.

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Textual Amendments

- F686** Word in s. 133(1) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 9 para. 2\(2\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F687** Words in s. 133(1)(c) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 9 para. 2\(2\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F688** S. 133(1)(d) and word inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 9 para. 2\(2\)\(c\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F689** Words in s. 133(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 165](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F690** Words in s. 133(2)(a) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 9 para. 2\(3\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F691** Words in s. 133(2)(b) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 9 para. 2\(3\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Determination of references

[^{F692}133A] Functions to be exercised by CMA groups

- (1) Where a reference is made to the chair of the CMA under section 131, 132 or 140A for the constitution of a group under Schedule 4 to the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013, the functions of the CMA under or by virtue of the following provisions of this Part in relation to the matter concerned are to be carried out on behalf of the CMA by the group so constituted—
- (a) sections 134 to 138B, except for section 135(1);
 - (b) sections 140B to 145, 148, 148A and 151;
 - (c) sections 157 and 158;
 - (d) section 159;
 - (e) section 160, except for subsection (6) of that section;
 - (f) section 161, except for subsection (5) of that section;
 - (g) section 162(4), so far as relating to an enforcement undertaking or enforcement order made on behalf of the CMA by the group;
 - (h) section 164(2)(b), so far as relating to an enforcement order made on behalf of the CMA by the group;
 - (i) section 167, so far as relating to an enforcement undertaking or enforcement order made on behalf of the CMA by the group;
 - (j) section 168;
 - (k) section 169, so far as relating to a decision mentioned in paragraph (a)(iii) of the definition of relevant decision in subsection (6) of that section;
 - (l) section 172, so far as relating to anything done on behalf of the CMA by the group;
 - (m) section 174, where the permitted purpose in question relates to a function that (by virtue of this section) is being or is to be carried out on behalf of the CMA by the group;
 - (n) sections 174A to 174D, so far as relating to a notice given under section 174 on behalf of the CMA by the group;
 - (o) section 179(5)(b), so far as relating to a decision of the group;

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- (p) Schedule 10, so far as relating to an enforcement undertaking or enforcement order which the group is considering accepting or making, or which the group has accepted or made, on behalf of the CMA.
- (2) Nothing in subsection (1) prevents the CMA Board from carrying out a function of the CMA under or by virtue of the following provisions of this Part where the group constituted as mentioned in subsection (1) has ceased to exist—
- (a) section 160 and Schedule 10, so far as relating to the making of an order under section 160;
 - (b) sections 159 to 161 and Schedule 10, so far as relating to the variation, supersession or release of enforcement undertakings or the variation or revocation of enforcement orders;
 - (c) section 162(4);
 - (d) section 164(2)(b);
 - (e) section 167.]

Textual Amendments

F692 S. 133A inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 166](#) (with s. 28); [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

134 Questions to be decided on market investigation references

- (1) The [^{F693}CMA] shall, on [^{F694}an ordinary] reference, decide whether any feature, or combination of features, of each relevant market prevents, restricts or distorts competition in connection with the supply or acquisition of any goods or services in the United Kingdom or a part of the United Kingdom.
- [^{F695}(1A) The CMA shall, on a cross-market reference, decide in relation to each feature and each combination of the features specified in the reference, whether the feature or combination of features, as it relates to goods or services of one or more than one of the descriptions so specified, prevents, restricts or distorts competition in connection with the supply or acquisition of any goods or services in the United Kingdom or a part of the United Kingdom.]
- (2) For the purposes of this Part, in relation to [^{F696}an ordinary] reference, there is an adverse effect on competition if any feature, or combination of features, of a relevant market prevents, restricts or distorts competition in connection with the supply or acquisition of any goods or services in the United Kingdom or a part of the United Kingdom.
- [^{F697}(2A) For the purposes of this Part, in relation to a cross-market reference, there is an adverse effect on competition if a feature or a combination of the features specified in the reference, as that feature or combination of features relates to goods or services of one or more than one of the descriptions so specified, prevents, restricts or distorts competition in connection with the supply or acquisition of any goods or services in the United Kingdom or a part of the United Kingdom.]
- (3) In subsections (1) and (2) “relevant market” means—
- (a) in the case of subsection (2) so far as it applies in connection with a possible reference, a market in the United Kingdom—

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- (i) for goods or services of a description to be specified in the reference; and
 - (ii) which would not be excluded from investigation by virtue of section 133(2); and
 - (b) in any other case, a market in the United Kingdom—
 - (i) for goods or services of a description specified in the reference concerned; and
 - (ii) which is not excluded from investigation by virtue of section 133(2).
- (4) The [^{F698}CMA] shall, if it has decided on a market investigation reference that there is an adverse effect on competition, decide the following additional questions—
 - (a) whether action should be taken by it under section 138 for the purpose of remedying, mitigating or preventing the adverse effect on competition concerned or any detrimental effect on customers so far as it has resulted from, or may be expected to result from, the adverse effect on competition;
 - (b) whether it should recommend the taking of action by others for the purpose of remedying, mitigating or preventing the adverse effect on competition concerned or any detrimental effect on customers so far as it has resulted from, or may be expected to result from, the adverse effect on competition; and
 - (c) in either case, if action should be taken, what action should be taken and what is to be remedied, mitigated or prevented.
- (5) For the purposes of this Part, in relation to a market investigation reference, there is a detrimental effect on customers if there is a detrimental effect on customers or future customers in the form of—
 - (a) higher prices, lower quality or less choice of goods or services in any market in the United Kingdom (whether or not the market [^{F699}or markets] to which the feature or features concerned relate); or
 - (b) less innovation in relation to such goods or services.
- (6) In deciding the questions mentioned in subsection (4), the [^{F700}CMA] shall, in particular, have regard to the need to achieve as comprehensive a solution as is reasonable and practicable to the adverse effect on competition and any detrimental effects on customers so far as resulting from the adverse effect on competition.
- (7) In deciding the questions mentioned in subsection (4), the [^{F700}CMA] may, in particular, have regard to the effect of any action on any relevant customer benefits of the feature or features of the market [^{F701}or markets] concerned.
- (8) For the purposes of this Part a benefit is a relevant customer benefit of a feature or features of a market if—
 - (a) it is a benefit to customers or future customers in the form of—
 - (i) lower prices, higher quality or greater choice of goods or services in any market in the United Kingdom (whether or not the market [^{F702}or markets] to which the feature or features concerned relate); or
 - (ii) greater innovation in relation to such goods or services; and
 - (b) the [^{F703}CMA or (as the case may be) the Secretary of State] believes that—
 - (i) the benefit has accrued as a result (whether wholly or partly) of the feature or features concerned or may be expected to accrue within a reasonable period as a result (whether wholly or partly) of that feature or those features; and

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- (ii) the benefit was, or is, unlikely to accrue without the feature or features concerned.

Textual Amendments

- F693** Word in s. 134(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 167\(2\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F694** Words in s. 134(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 9 para. 3\(2\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F695** S. 134(1A) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 9 para. 3\(3\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F696** Words in s. 134(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 9 para. 3\(4\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F697** S. 134(2A) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 9 para. 3\(5\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F698** Word in s. 134(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 167\(2\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F699** Words in s. 134(5)(a) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 9 para. 3\(6\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F700** Word in s. 134(6)(7) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 167\(2\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F701** Words in s. 134(7) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 9 para. 3\(7\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F702** Words in s. 134(8)(a)(i) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 9 para. 3\(8\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F703** Words in s. 134(8)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 167\(3\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C421** Ss. 35, 36, 47, 63, 134 and 141 extended (20.6.2003) by [1977 c. 37, s. 50A\(6\)](#) (as inserted by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), ss. 278, 279, [Sch. 25 para. 8\(2\)](#)); S.I. 2003/1397 {art. 2(1)}, Sch. (with art. 8)

135 Variation of market investigation references

- (1) The [^{F704}CMA] or (as the case may be) the appropriate Minister may at any time vary a market investigation reference made [^{F705}by it under section 131 or (as the case may be) by the appropriate Minister under section 132].
- (2) The Office of Fair Trading^{F706} ... appropriate Minister^{F707} shall consult the [^{F707}CMA] before varying any such reference [^{F708}made by him].
- (3) Subsection (2) shall not apply if the [^{F709}CMA] has requested the variation concerned.
- ^{F710}(4)

Textual Amendments

- F704** Word in s. 135(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 168\(2\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F705** Word in s. 135(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 10 para. 4](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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- F706** Words in s. 135(2) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 168(3)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F707** Word in s. 135(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 168(3)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F708** Words in s. 135(2) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 168(3)(c)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F709** Word in s. 135(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 168(4)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F710** S. 135(4) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 12 para. 11**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

136 Investigations and reports on market investigation references

- (1) The [F711CMA] shall prepare and publish a report on a market investigation reference within the period permitted by section 137.
- (2) The report shall, in particular, contain—
 - (a) the decisions of the [F711CMA] on the questions which it is required to answer by virtue of section 134;
 - (b) its reasons for its decisions; and
 - (c) such information as the [F711CMA] considers appropriate for facilitating a proper understanding of those questions and of its reasons for its decisions.
- (3) The [F711CMA] shall carry out such investigations as it considers appropriate for the purposes of preparing a report under this section.
- [F712](4) Where a reference has been made by the appropriate Minister under section 132 the CMA shall, at the same time as the report under this section is published, give it to the appropriate Minister.]
- (5) Where a reference has been made by the [F713CMA] under section 131 or by the appropriate Minister under section 132 in circumstances in which a reference could have been made by a relevant sectoral regulator under section 131 as it has effect by virtue of a relevant sectoral enactment, the [F714CMA] shall, at the same time as the report under this section is published, give a copy of it to the relevant sectoral regulator concerned.
- ^{F715}(6)
- (7) In this Part “relevant sectoral enactment” means—
 - (a) [F716; in relation to the Director General of Telecommunications, section 50 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 (c. 12);]
 - (b) in relation to the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority, section 36A of the Gas Act 1986 (c. 44) [F717, section 43 of the Electricity Act 1989 or (as the case may be) section 36 of the Energy Act 2023;]
 - (c) in relation to [F718the Water Services Regulation Authority], section 31 of the Water Industry Act 1991 (c. 56);
 - (d) ^{F719}
 - (e) in relation to the [F720Office of Rail and Road], section 67 of the Railways Act 1993 (c. 43);
- [F721(ea) in relation to the Financial Conduct Authority, section 234I of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000;]

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- (f) ^{F722}
- (g) in relation to the Civil Aviation Authority, section 86 of the Transport Act 2000 (c. 38). [^{F723} or section 60 of the Civil Aviation Act 2012;]
- [^{F724}(h) in relation to the Office of Communications, sections 370 and 371 of the Communications Act 2003.]
- [^{F725}(h) in relation to the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation, Article 46 of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992, Article 23 of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 or Article 29 of the Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.]
- ^{F726}(i)
- [^{F727}(j) in relation to the Payment Systems Regulator, section 59 of the Financial Services (Banking Reform) Act 2013.]
- (8) In this Part “relevant sectoral regulator” means [^{F728}the Director General of Telecommunications] , the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority, [^{F718}the Water Services Regulation Authority], ^{F729} . . . , the [^{F720}Office of Rail and Road], [^{F730}the Financial Conduct Authority],^{F731} . . . , the Civil Aviation Authority or the Office of [^{F732}Communications,] the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation ^{F733}[^{F734}... or the Payment Systems Regulator.]
- (9) The Secretary of State may by order modify subsection (7) or (8).
- [^{F735}(10) In this section “the Payment Systems Regulator” means the body established under section 40 of the Financial Services (Banking Reform) Act 2013.]

Textual Amendments

- F711** Word in s. 136(1)-(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (2013 c. 24), s. 26(3), **Sch. 5 para. 169(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, **art. 2(1)(d) Sch.**
- F712** S. 136(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 169(3)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F713** Word in s. 136(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 169(4)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F714** Word in s. 136(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 169(4)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F715** S. 136(6) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 169(5)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F716** S. 136(7)(a) repealed (25.7.2003 for certain purposes and 29.12.2003 for certain further purposes) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 406(1), 411(2)(3), **Sch. 19(1)** (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18 and with Sch. 19 Note 1); S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1(2), **2(1)**, 3(1), Sch. 1 (with arts. 3-6 (as amended (8.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1(3))); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)(2)** (with art. 11)
- F717** Words in s. 136(7)(b) substituted (26.12.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(3)(a), **Sch. 5 para. 7**
- F718** Words in s. 136(7)(c)(8) substituted (1.4.2006) by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), ss. 101(1), 105(3), **Sch. 7 para. 36(2)**; S.I. 2005/2714, **art. 4(f)**
- F719** S. 136(7)(d) repealed (N.I.) (1.4.2007) by The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21)), arts. 1(2)(3), 308, **Sch. 13** (arts. 8(9), 121(3), 307); S.R. 2007/194, **art. 2(2)**, Sch. 1 Pt II (subject to art. 3, Sch. 2)
- F720** Words in s. 136(7)(e)(8) substituted (16.10.2015) by The Office of Rail Regulation (Change of Name) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/1682), reg. 1(2), **Sch. para. 4(q)(i)**
- F721** S. 136(7)(ea) inserted (1.4.2015) by Financial Services (Banking Reform) Act 2013 (c. 33), s. 148(5), **Sch. 8 para. 10(2)**; S.I. 2014/2458, art. 3(b)(v)

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- F722** S. 136(7)(f) repealed (N.I.) (1.4.2007) by [The Water and Sewerage Services \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006](#) (S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21)), arts. 1(2)(3), 308, [Sch. 13](#) (arts. 8(9), 121(3), 307); S.R. 2007/194, [art. 2\(2\)](#), Sch. 1 Pt. II (subject to art. 3, Sch. 2)
- F723** Words in s. 136(7)(g) inserted (6.4.2013) by [Civil Aviation Act 2012](#) (c. 19), [ss. 61\(11\)](#), 110(1) (with s. 77(1)-(3), Sch. 10 paras. 12, 17); S.I. 2013/589, art. 2(1)-(3)
- F724** S. 136(7)(h) inserted (25.7.2003 for certain purposes and 29.12.2003 for certain further purposes) by [Communications Act 2003](#) (c. 21), [ss. 406\(1\)](#), 411(2)(3), [Sch. 17 para. 174\(4\)\(a\)](#) (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1(2), [2\(1\)](#), 3(1), Sch. 1 (with arts. 3-6 (as amended (8.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1(3))); S.I. 2003/3142, [art. 3\(1\)\(2\)](#) (with art. 11)
- F725** S. 136: para. (h) added "at the end" of s. 136(7) (N.I.) (1.4.2007) by virtue of [The Water and Sewerage Services \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006](#) (S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21)), arts. 1(2)(3), 408, [Sch. 12 para. 46\(1\)](#) (with arts. 8(9), 121(3), 307); S.R. 2007/194, [art. 2\(2\)](#), Sch. 1 Pt. II (subject to art. 3, Sch. 2)
- F726** S. 136(7)(i) omitted (1.7.2022) by virtue of [Health and Care Act 2022](#) (c. 31), s. 186(6), [Sch. 12 para. 3\(2\)](#); S.I. 2022/734, reg. 2(a), Sch. (with regs. 13, 29, 30)
- F727** S. 136(7)(j) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Financial Services \(Banking Reform\) Act 2013](#) (c. 33), [ss. 67\(3\)\(a\)](#), 148(5); S.I. 2014/823, art. 2(g)
- F728** S. 136(8): words "the Director of Telecommunications" are repealed (25.7.2003 for certain purposes and 29.12.2003 for certain further purposes) by virtue of [Communications Act 2003](#) (c. 21), [ss. 406\(1\)](#), 411(2)(3), [Sch. 19\(1\)](#) (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18 and with Sch. 19 Note 1); S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1(2), [2\(1\)](#), 3(1), Sch. 1 (with arts. 3-6 (as amended (8.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1(3))); S.I. 2003/3142, [art. 3\(1\)\(2\)](#) (with art. 11)
- F729** Words in s. 136(8) repealed (N.I.) (1.4.2007) by [The Water and Sewerage Services \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006](#) (S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21)), arts. 1(2)(3), 308, [Sch. 13](#) (arts. 8(9), 121(3), 307); S.R. 2007/194, [art. 2\(2\)](#), Sch. 1 Pt. II (subject to art. 3, Sch. 2)
- F730** Words in s. 136(8) inserted (1.4.2015) by [Financial Services \(Banking Reform\) Act 2013](#) (c. 33), s. 148(5), [Sch. 8 para. 10\(3\)](#); S.I. 2014/2458, art. 3(b)(v)
- F731** Words in s. 136(8) repealed (N.I.) (1.4.1007) by [The Water and Sewerage Services \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006](#) (S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21)), arts. 1(2)(3), 308, [Sch. 13](#) (arts. 8(9), 121(3), 307); S.R. 2007/194, [art. 2\(2\)](#), Sch. 1 Pt. II (subject to art. 3, Sch. 2)
- F732** Words in s. 136(8) substituted (1.4.2013) by [Health and Social Care Act 2012](#) (c. 7), [ss. 74\(6\)\(b\)](#), 306(4); S.I. 2013/160, art. 2(2) (with arts. 7-9)
- F733** Word in s. 136(8) omitted (1.7.2022) by virtue of [Health and Care Act 2022](#) (c. 31), s. 186(6), [Sch. 12 para. 3\(3\)](#); S.I. 2022/734, reg. 2(a), Sch. (with regs. 13, 29, 30)
- F734** Words in s. 136(8) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Financial Services \(Banking Reform\) Act 2013](#) (c. 33), [ss. 67\(3\)\(b\)](#), 148(5); S.I. 2014/823, art. 2(g)
- F735** S. 136(10) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Financial Services \(Banking Reform\) Act 2013](#) (c. 33), [ss. 67\(3\)\(c\)](#), 148(5); S.I. 2014/823, art. 2(g)

137 Time-limits for market investigations and reports

- (1) The [^{F736}CMA] shall prepare and publish its report under section 136 within the period of [^{F737}18 months] beginning with the date of the market investigation reference concerned.
 - (2) Subsection (1) is subject to section 151(3) and (5).
- [^{F738}(2A) The CMA may extend, by no more than 6 months, the period within which its report under section 136 is to be prepared and published if it considers that there are special reasons for doing so.
- (2B) An extension under subsection (2A) shall come into force when published under section 172.

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(2C) No more than one extension is possible under subsection (2A).]

[^{F739}(3) The Secretary of State may by order amend this section so as to alter one or more of the following periods—

- (a) the period of 18 months mentioned in subsection (1) or any period for the time being there mentioned in substitution for that period;
- (b) the period of 6 months mentioned in subsection (2A) or any period for the time being there mentioned in substitution for that period.]

[^{F740}(4) But no alteration shall be made by virtue of subsection (3) which results in—

- (a) the period for the time being mentioned in subsection (1) exceeding 18 months; or
- (b) the period for the time being mentioned in subsection (2A) exceeding 6 months.]

(5) An order under subsection (3) shall not affect any period of time within which the [^{F741}CMA] is under a duty to prepare and publish its report under section 136 in relation to a market investigation reference if the [^{F741}CMA] is already under that duty in relation to that reference when the order is made.

(6) Before making an order under subsection (3) the Secretary of State shall consult the [^{F742}CMA] and such other persons as he considers appropriate.

(7) References in this Part to the date of a market investigation reference shall be construed as references to the date specified in the reference as the date on which it is made.

Textual Amendments

- F736** Word in s. 137(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 170](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F737** Words in s. 137(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 12 para. 3\(2\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F738** S. 137(2A)-(2C) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 12 para. 3\(3\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F739** S. 137(3) substituted (25.4.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(1)(i)(3), [Sch. 12 para. 3\(4\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F740** S. 137(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 12 para. 3\(5\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F741** Word in s. 137(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 170](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F742** Word in s. 137(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 170](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

138 Duty to remedy adverse effects

(1) Subsection (2) applies where a report of the [^{F743}CMA] has been prepared and published under section 136 within the period permitted by section 137 and contains the decision that there is one or more than one adverse effect on competition.

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- (2) The [F743CMA] shall, [F744within the period permitted by section 138A.] in relation to each adverse effect on competition, take such action under section 159 or 161 as it considers to be reasonable and practicable—
 - (a) to remedy, mitigate or prevent the adverse effect on competition concerned; and
 - (b) to remedy, mitigate or prevent any detrimental effects on customers so far as they have resulted from, or may be expected to result from, the adverse effect on competition.
- (3) The decisions of the [F743CMA] under subsection (2) shall be consistent with its decisions as included in its report by virtue of section 134(4) unless there has been a material change of circumstances since the preparation of the report or the [F743CMA] otherwise has a special reason for deciding differently.
- (4) In making a decision under subsection (2), the [F743CMA] shall, in particular, have regard to the need to achieve as comprehensive a solution as is reasonable and practicable to the adverse effect on competition concerned and any detrimental effects on customers so far as resulting from the adverse effect on competition.
- (5) In making a decision under subsection (2), the [F743CMA] may, in particular, have regard to the effect of any action on any relevant customer benefits of the feature or features of the market [F745or markets] concerned.
- (6) The [F743CMA] shall take no action under subsection (2) to remedy, mitigate or prevent any detrimental effect on customers so far as it may be expected to result from the adverse effect on competition concerned if—
 - (a) no detrimental effect on customers has resulted from the adverse effect on competition; and
 - (b) the adverse effect on competition is not being remedied, mitigated or prevented.

Textual Amendments

F743 Word in s. 138(1)-(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(2013 c. 24\)](#), s. 26(3), [Sch. 5 para. 171](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, [art. 2\(1\)\(d\) Sch.](#)

F744 Words in s. 138(2) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 12 para. 4](#); S.I. 2014/416, [art. 2\(1\)\(d\)](#) (with Sch.)

F745 Words in s. 138(5) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 9 para. 4](#); S.I. 2014/416, [art. 2\(1\)\(d\)](#) (with Sch.)

[F746]138A Time-limits for discharging duty under section 138

- (1) The CMA shall discharge its duty under section 138(2) within the period of 6 months beginning with the date on which it publishes the report concerned under section 136.
- (2) The CMA may extend, by no more than 4 months, the period within which its duty under section 138(2) is required to be discharged if it considers that there are special reasons for doing so.
- (3) The CMA may extend the period within which its duty under section 138(2) is required to be discharged if it considers that—

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- (a) a person has failed (whether with or without reasonable excuse) to comply with any requirement of a notice under section 174 which was given in relation to the reference; and
 - (b) the failure is preventing the CMA from properly discharging its duty under section 138(2).
- (4) An extension under subsection (2) or (3) shall come into force when published under section 172.
- (5) An extension under subsection (3) continues in force until—
- (a) the person concerned provides the information or documents to the satisfaction of the CMA or (as the case may be) appears as a witness in accordance with the requirements of the CMA; or
 - (b) the CMA publishes its decision to cancel the extension.

Textual Amendments

F746 Ss. 138A, 138B inserted (25.4.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(1)(i)(3), [Sch. 12 para. 5](#); [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

138B Section 138A: supplementary

- (1) A period extended under section 138A(2) may also be extended under section 138A(3), and a period extended under section 138A(3) may also be extended under section 138A(2).
- (2) No more than one extension is possible under section 138A(2).
- (3) Where a period is extended or further extended under section 138A(2) or (3), the period as extended or (as the case may be) further extended shall, subject to subsections (4) and (5), be calculated by taking the period being extended and adding to it the period of the extension (whether or not those periods overlap in time).
- (4) Subsection (5) applies where—
 - (a) the period within which the CMA shall discharge its duty under section 138(2) is further extended;
 - (b) the further extension and at least one previous extension is made under section 138A(3); and
 - (c) the same days or fractions of days are included in or comprise the further extension and are included in or comprise at least one such previous extension.
- (5) In calculating the period of the further extension, any days or fractions of days of the kind mentioned in subsection (4)(c) shall be disregarded.
- (6) The Secretary of State may by order amend section 138A so as to alter one or more of the following periods—
 - (a) the period of 6 months mentioned in subsection (1) or any period for the time being there mentioned in substitution for that period;
 - (b) the period of 4 months mentioned in subsection (2) or any period for the time being there mentioned in substitution for that period.
- (7) But no alteration shall be made by virtue of subsection (6) which results in—

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- (a) the period for the time being mentioned in section 138A(1) exceeding 6 months; or
 - (b) the period for the time being mentioned in section 138A(2) exceeding 4 months.
- (8) Before making an order under subsection (6) the Secretary of State shall consult the CMA and such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.]

Textual Amendments

F746 Ss. 138A, 138B inserted (25.4.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(1)(i)(3), Sch. 12 para. 5; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

CHAPTER 2

PUBLIC INTEREST CASES

Intervention notices

139 Public interest intervention by Secretary of State

[^{F747}(A1) This section applies where—

- (a) the CMA has published a market study notice in relation to a matter; or
- (b) the CMA has begun the process of consultation under section 169 in respect of a decision of the kind mentioned in subsection (6)(a)(i) of that section.]

[^{F747}(1) The Secretary of State may, within the permitted period, give a notice to the CMA if the Secretary of State believes that it is or may be the case that one or more than one public interest consideration is relevant to the matter.]

[^{F747}(1A) For the purposes of subsection (1), the permitted period, in a case to which this section applies by virtue of paragraph (a) of subsection (A1), is the period beginning with the publication of the market study notice and ending with—

- (a) the acceptance by the CMA of an undertaking under section 154 instead of the making of a reference under section 131 in relation to the matter;
- (b) the publication of notice of the fact that the CMA has otherwise decided not to make such a reference in relation to the matter;
- (c) the making of such a reference in relation to the matter; or
- (d) in a case where the period permitted by section 131B for the preparation and publication by the CMA of the market study report in relation to the matter has expired and no such report has been prepared or published, the end of that period.

(1B) For the purposes of subsection (1), the permitted period, in a case to which this section applies by virtue of paragraph (b) of subsection (A1), is the period beginning with the date on which the CMA begins the process of consultation concerned and ending with—

- (a) the acceptance by the CMA of an undertaking under section 154 instead of the making of a reference under section 131 in relation to the matter concerned;

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- (b) the publication of notice of the fact that the CMA has otherwise decided not to make such a reference in relation to the matter; or
 - (c) the making of such a reference in relation to the matter.]
- (2) The Secretary of State may^[F748], within the permitted period,] give a notice to the ^[F749]CMA] if—
- (a) the ^[F749]CMA] is considering whether to accept—
 - (i) an undertaking under section 154 instead of making a reference under section 131 ^[F750]in relation to the matter]; or
 - (ii) an undertaking varying or superseding any such undertaking;
 - (b) the ^[F749]CMA] has published a notice under section 155(1) or (4); and
 - (c) the Secretary of State believes that it is or may be the case that one or more than one public interest consideration is relevant to the ^[F751]proposal to accept the undertaking].
- ^[F752](2A) For the purposes of subsection (2), the permitted period is—
- (a) where the CMA publishes a notice under section 155(1), the period within which representations may be made in relation to the proposed undertaking (as to which, see section 155(2)(f));
 - (b) where the CMA publishes a notice under section 155(4), the period within which representations may be made in relation to the proposed modifications to the proposed undertaking (as to which, see section 155(5)(c)).]
- (3) In this Part “intervention notice” means a notice under subsection (1) or (2).
- ^[F753](4) No more than one intervention notice shall be given under subsection (1) in relation to the same matter.
- (4A) An intervention notice shall not be given under subsection (2) in relation to a proposal to accept an undertaking if the proposal relates to a matter in respect of which an intervention notice under subsection (1) has already been given.
- (4B) No more than one intervention notice shall be given under subsection (2) in relation to the same proposed undertaking or in relation to proposed undertakings which do not differ from each other in any material respect.]
- ^[F754](4C) In this section, a reference to the acceptance of an undertaking shall, in a case where the CMA has accepted a group of undertakings under section 154, be treated as a reference to the acceptance of the last undertaking in the group; but undertakings which vary, supersede or revoke earlier undertakings shall be disregarded for the purposes of this section.]
- (5) For the purposes of this Part a public interest consideration is a consideration which, at the time of the giving of the intervention notice concerned, is specified in section 153 or is not so specified but, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, ought to be so specified.
- (6) Where the Secretary of State has given an intervention notice mentioning a public interest consideration which, at that time, is not finalised, he shall, as soon as practicable, take such action as is within his power to ensure that it is finalised.
- (7) For the purposes of this Part a public interest consideration is finalised if—
- (a) it is specified in section 153 otherwise than by virtue of an order under subsection (3) of that section; or

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- (b) it is specified in that section by virtue of an order under subsection (3) of that section and the order providing for it to be so specified has been laid before, and approved by, Parliament in accordance with subsection (6) of section 181 and within the period mentioned in that subsection.

Textual Amendments

- F747** Ss. 139(A1)-(1B) substituted for (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), [ss. 35\(3\)](#), 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, [art. 2\(1\)\(b\)](#) (with Sch.)
- F748** Words in s. 139(2) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), [ss. 35\(4\)\(a\)](#), 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, [art. 2\(1\)\(b\)](#) (with Sch.)
- F749** Word in s. 139(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 172](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, [art. 2\(1\)\(d\)](#) (with Sch.)
- F750** Words in s. 139(2)(a)(i) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), [ss. 35\(4\)\(b\)](#), 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, [art. 2\(1\)\(b\)](#) (with Sch.)
- F751** Words in s. 139(2)(c) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), [ss. 35\(4\)\(c\)](#), 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, [art. 2\(1\)\(b\)](#) (with Sch.)
- F752** S. 139(2A) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), [ss. 35\(5\)](#), 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, [art. 2\(1\)\(b\)](#) (with Sch.)
- F753** S. 139(4)(4A)(4B) substituted (1.4.2014) for s. 139(4) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), [s. 35\(6\)](#)
- F754** S. 139(4C) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), [ss. 35\(7\)](#), 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, [art. 2\(1\)\(b\)](#) (with Sch.)

Intervention notices under section 139(1)

140 Intervention notices under section 139(1)

- (1) An intervention notice under section 139(1) shall state—
- ^[F755](a) the matter to which the market study notice or (as the case may be) the consultation under section 169 concerned relates;
 - (b) the date of publication of that notice or (as the case may be) on which the process of consultation began;
 - (c) the public interest consideration or considerations which are, or may be, relevant to the ^[F756]matter]; and
 - (d) where any public interest consideration concerned is not finalised, the proposed timetable for finalising it.
- (2) Where the Secretary of State believes that it is or may be the case that two or more public interest considerations are relevant to the ^[F757]matter], he may decide not to mention in the intervention notice such of those considerations as he considers appropriate.
- (3) The Secretary of State may at any time revoke an intervention notice which has been given under section 139(1) and which is in force.
- (4) An intervention notice under section 139(1) shall come into force when it is given and shall cease to be in force when the matter to which it relates is finally determined under this Chapter.

^[F758](4A) An intervention notice under section 139(1) shall also cease to be in force if—

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- (a) it mentions a public interest consideration which was not finalised on the giving of the notice or public interest considerations which, at that time, were not finalised;
 - (b) no other public interest consideration is mentioned in the notice;
 - (c) at least 24 weeks has elapsed since the giving of the notice;
 - (d) the public interest consideration mentioned in the notice has not been finalised within that period of 24 weeks or (as the case may be) none of the public interest considerations mentioned in the notice has been finalised within that period of 24 weeks; and
 - (e) the Secretary of State has not, by the end of that period of 24 weeks, made a reference under section 140A in relation to the matter.
- (4B) Subsection (4D) applies in a case where—
- (a) an intervention notice ceases to be in force in accordance with subsection (4A);
 - (b) the CMA has, before the time at which the notice ceases to be in force, prepared a market study report in relation to the matter within the period permitted by section 131B(4) and given it to the Secretary of State in accordance with section 140A(3)(b); and
 - (c) the report contains the decision of the CMA that it should make a reference in relation to the matter concerned under section 131.
- (4C) Subsection (4D) also applies in a case where—
- (a) an intervention notice ceases to be in force in accordance with subsection (4A); and
 - (b) the CMA has, before the time at which the notice ceases to be in force—
 - (i) decided that it should make an ordinary reference or a cross-market reference under section 131 in relation to the matter concerned; and
 - (ii) given a document containing its decision, the reasons for it and such information as the CMA considers appropriate for facilitating a proper understanding of the reasons for its decision to the Secretary of State in accordance with section 140A(3)(c).
- (4D) In a case to which this subsection applies—
- (a) the CMA shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, make a reference in relation to the matter under section 131; and
 - (b) the reference is to be treated for the purposes of this Part as having been made in accordance with the requirements imposed by this Part.]
- (5) For the purposes of subsection (4) a matter to which an intervention notice under section 139(1) relates is finally determined under this Chapter if—
- [^{F759}(za) the CMA accepts an undertaking under section 154 instead of making a reference under section 131 in relation to the matter;
 - (zb) the CMA publishes notice that it has otherwise decided not to make a reference under section 131 in relation to the matter;
 - (zc) the period permitted for the preparation by the CMA of the market study report in relation to the matter and for the report to be published under section 131B(4) or (as the case may be) given to the Secretary of State under section 140A(3) has expired and no such report has been so prepared or no such action has been taken;

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- (zd) the Secretary of State makes a reference under section 140A(5) in relation to the matter;]
 - (a) the period permitted by section 144 for the preparation of the report of the [F760CMA] under section 142 and for action to be taken in relation to it under section 143(1) or (3) [F761or (as the case may be) 143A(2) or (3)] has expired and no such report has been so prepared or no such action has been taken;
 - (b) the [F760CMA] decides under section 145(1) to terminate its investigation;
 - (c) the report of the [F760CMA] has been prepared under section 142 and published under section 143(1) [F762or (as the case may be) 143A(2)] within the period permitted by section 144;
 - (d) the Secretary of State fails to make and publish a decision under subsection (2) of section 146 within the period required by subsection (3) of that section [F763or (as the case may be) fails to make and publish a decision under subsection (2) of section 146A within the period required by subsection (6) of that section];
 - (e) the Secretary of State decides under section 146(2) that no eligible public interest consideration is relevant [F764or (as the case may be) decides under section 146A(2) to make no finding at all in relation to the matter];
 - (f) the Secretary of State decides under section 147(2) [F765or (as the case may be) 147A(2)] neither to accept an undertaking under section 159 nor to make an order under section 161;
 - (g) the Secretary of State accepts an undertaking under section 159 or makes an order under section 161; or
 - (h) the Secretary of State decides to revoke the intervention notice concerned.
- (6) For the purposes of subsections (4) and (5) the time when a matter to which an intervention notice under section 139(1) relates is finally determined under this Chapter is—
- [F766(za) in a case falling within subsection (5)(za), the acceptance of the undertaking concerned;
 - (zb) in a case falling within subsection (5)(zb), the publication of the notice concerned;]
 - (a) in a case falling within subsection (5)[F767(zc),] (a) or (d), the expiry of the period concerned;
 - [F768(aa) in a case falling within subsection (5)(zd), the making of the reference concerned;]
 - (b) in a case falling within subsection (5)(b), (e), (f) or (h), the making of the decision concerned;
 - (c) in a case falling within subsection (5)(c), the publication of the report concerned; and
 - (d) in a case falling within subsection (5)(g), the acceptance of the undertaking concerned or (as the case may be) the making of the order concerned.
- [F769(6A) In subsection (6)(za) the reference to the acceptance of the undertaking concerned shall, in a case where the CMA has accepted a group of undertakings under section 154, be treated as a reference to the acceptance of the last undertaking in the group; but undertakings which vary, supersede or revoke earlier undertakings shall be disregarded for the purposes of subsections (5)(za) and (6)(za).]
- (7) In subsection (6)(d) the reference to the acceptance of the undertaking concerned or the making of the order concerned shall, in a case where the enforcement action under

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section 147(2) [^{F770}or (as the case may be) 147A(2)] involves the acceptance of a group of undertakings, the making of a group of orders or the acceptance and making of a group of undertakings and orders, be treated as a reference to the acceptance or making of the last undertaking or order in the group; but undertakings or orders which vary, supersede or revoke earlier undertakings or orders shall be disregarded for the purposes of subsections (5)(g) and (6)(d).

Textual Amendments

- F755** S. 140(1)(a)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 5(2)(a)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F756** Word in s. 140(1)(c) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 5(2)(b)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F757** Word in s. 140(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 5(3)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F758** S. 140(4A)-(4D) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 5(4)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F759** S. 140(5)(za)-(zd) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 5(5)(a)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F760** Word in s. 140(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 173** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F761** Words in s. 140(5)(a) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 5(5)(b)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F762** Words in s. 140(5)(c) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 5(5)(c)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F763** Words in s. 140(5)(d) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 5(5)(d)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F764** Words in s. 140(5)(e) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 5(5)(e)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F765** Words in s. 140(5)(f) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 5(5)(f)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F766** S. 140(6)(za)-(zb) inserted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 5(6)(a)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F767** Word in s. 140(6)(a) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 5(6)(b)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F768** S. 140(6)(aa) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 5(6)(c)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F769** S. 140(6A) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 5(7)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F770** Words in s. 140(7) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 5(8)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

[^{F771}140A]Section 139(1) intervention notices: Secretary of State's duty to refer

- (1) This section applies where—
- (a) the CMA has prepared a market study report in relation to a matter within the period permitted by section 131B(4);
 - (b) an intervention notice under section 139(1) is in force in relation to the matter at the time when the CMA would (but for this section) be required to publish the report; and

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- (c) the report contains the decision of the CMA that it should make an ordinary reference or a cross-market reference in relation to the matter under section 131.
- (2) This section also applies where—
- (a) the CMA has conducted a consultation under section 169 in respect of a decision of the kind mentioned in subsection (6)(a)(i) of that section;
 - (b) the CMA has decided that it should make an ordinary reference or a cross-market reference in relation to the matter concerned under section 131; and
 - (c) an intervention notice under section 139(1) is in force in relation to the matter at the time when the CMA makes that decision.
- (3) The CMA—
- (a) shall not exercise the power under section 131 to refer the matter;
 - (b) in a case falling within subsection (1), shall not publish the market study report under section 131B(4) and shall instead, within the period mentioned in section 131B(4), give the report to the Secretary of State; and
 - (c) in a case falling within subsection (2), shall give to the Secretary of State a document containing—
 - (i) its decision and the reasons for its decision; and
 - (ii) such information as the CMA considers appropriate for facilitating a proper understanding of the reasons for its decision.
- (4) The Secretary of State shall decide whether any public interest consideration which was mentioned in the intervention notice is relevant to the matter in question.
- (5) Where the Secretary of State decides that there is no relevant public interest consideration—
- (a) the Secretary of State shall (in accordance with the CMA's decision) make a reference in relation to the matter to the chair of the CMA for the constitution of a group under Schedule 4 to the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013; and
 - (b) the reference is to be treated for the purposes of this Part as an ordinary reference or (as the case may be) a cross-market reference made under section 131 in accordance with the requirements imposed by this Part.
- (6) Where the Secretary of State decides that there is one or more than one relevant public interest consideration, the Secretary of State shall (in accordance with the CMA's decision) make a reference in relation to the matter to the chair of the CMA for the constitution of a group under Schedule 4 to the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013.
- (7) The Secretary of State shall specify in a reference made under subsection (6)—
- (a) the relevant public interest consideration or considerations; and
 - (b) whether the reference is a restricted PI reference or a full PI reference (as to which, see sections 141 and 141A respectively).
- (8) Where the Secretary of State makes a full PI reference under subsection (6), the reference shall also specify whether the Secretary of State proposes to appoint a public interest expert under section 141B.
- (9) For the purposes of this Part, a reference under subsection (6) is to be treated—

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- (a) in a case where the decision of the CMA was that it should make an ordinary reference, as an ordinary reference;
 - (b) in a case where the decision of the CMA was that it should make a cross-market reference, as a cross-market reference.
- (10) In a case falling within subsection (1), the Secretary of State shall publish the market study report concerned at the same time as the Secretary of State makes a reference under this section.
- (11) In a case falling within subsection (2), the Secretary of State shall publish the document given to the Secretary of State by the CMA under subsection (3)(c), at the same time as the Secretary of State makes a reference under this section.
- (12) In this Part—
- “full PI reference” means a reference made by the Secretary of State under subsection (6) which specifies that it is a full PI reference;
 - “restricted PI reference” means a reference made by the Secretary of State under subsection (6) which specifies that it is a restricted PI reference.]

Textual Amendments

F771 S. 140A inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), **ss. 35(8)**, 103(3); [S.I. 2014/416, art. 2\(1\)\(b\)](#) (with Sch.)

[^{F772}140B] Variation of restricted PI references and full PI references

- (1) The Secretary of State may at any time vary a restricted PI reference or a full PI reference.
- (2) The Secretary of State shall consult the CMA before varying any such reference.
- (3) But subsection (2) does not apply if the CMA requested the variation concerned.
- (4) No variation under this section is capable of altering the public interest consideration or considerations specified in the reference.]

Textual Amendments

F772 S. 140B inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 6**; [S.I. 2014/416, art. 2\(1\)\(d\)](#) (with Sch.)

141 [^{F773}Restricted PI references: questions to be decided by CMA]

- [^{F774}(1) This section applies where the Secretary of State makes a restricted PI reference.]
- (2) The [^{F775}CMA] shall [^{F776}, on an ordinary reference,] decide whether any feature, or combination of features, of each relevant market (within the meaning given by section 134(3)) prevents, restricts or distorts competition in connection with the supply or acquisition of any goods or services in the United Kingdom or a part of the United Kingdom.
- [^{F777}(2A) The CMA shall, on a cross-market reference, decide in relation to each feature and each combination of the features specified in the reference, whether the feature or

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combination of features, as it relates to goods or services of one or more than one of the descriptions so specified, prevents, restricts or distorts competition in connection with the supply or acquisition of any goods or services in the United Kingdom or a part of the United Kingdom.]

- (3) The [F778CMA] shall, if it has decided that there is an adverse effect on competition, decide the following additional questions—
- (a) whether action should be taken by the Secretary of State under section 147 for the purpose of remedying, mitigating or preventing the adverse effect on competition concerned or any detrimental effect on customers so far as it has resulted from, or may be expected to result from, the adverse effect on competition;
 - (b) whether the [F778CMA] should recommend the taking of other action by the Secretary of State or action by persons other than itself and the Secretary of State for the purpose of remedying, mitigating or preventing the adverse effect on competition concerned or any detrimental effect on customers so far as it has resulted from, or may be expected to result from, the adverse effect on competition; and
 - (c) in either case, if action should be taken, what action should be taken and what is to be remedied, mitigated or prevented.
- (4) The [F778CMA] shall, if it has decided that there is an adverse effect on competition, also decide separately the following questions (on the assumption that it is proceeding as mentioned in section 148(1))—
- (a) whether action should be taken by it under section 138 for the purpose of remedying, mitigating or preventing the adverse effect on competition concerned or any detrimental effect on customers so far as it has resulted from, or may be expected to result from, the adverse effect on competition;
 - (b) whether the [F778CMA] should recommend the taking of action by other persons for the purpose of remedying, mitigating or preventing the adverse effect on competition concerned or any detrimental effect on customers so far as it has resulted from, or may be expected to result from, the adverse effect on competition; and
 - (c) in either case, if action should be taken, what action should be taken and what is to be remedied, mitigated or prevented.
- (5) In deciding the questions mentioned in subsections (3) and (4), the [F778CMA] shall, in particular, have regard to the need to achieve as comprehensive a solution as is reasonable and practicable to the adverse effect on competition concerned and any detrimental effects on customers so far as resulting from the adverse effect on competition.
- (6) In deciding the questions mentioned in subsections (3) and (4), the [F778CMA] may, in particular, have regard to the effect of any action on any relevant customer benefits of the feature or features of the market [F779or markets] concerned.

Textual Amendments

F773 S. 141 heading substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 10 para. 7\(3\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F774 S. 141(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 10 para. 7\(2\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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- F775** Word in s. 141(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 174** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F776** Words in s. 141(2) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 9 para. 5(2)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F777** S. 141(2A) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 9 para. 5(3)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F778** Words in s. 141(3)-(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 174** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F779** Words in s. 141(6) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 9 para. 5(4)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C422** Ss. 35, 36, 47, 63, 134 and 141 extended (20.6.2003) by 1977 c. 37, s. 50A(6) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 8(2)**); S.I. 2003/1397 {art. 2(1)}, Sch. (with art. 8)

[^{F780}141A] Full PI references: questions to be decided by CMA

- (1) This section applies where the Secretary of State makes a full PI reference.
- (2) The CMA shall, on an ordinary reference, decide whether any feature, or combination of features, of each relevant market (within the meaning given by section 134(3)) prevents, restricts or distorts competition in connection with the supply or acquisition of any goods or services in the United Kingdom or a part of the United Kingdom.
- (3) The CMA shall, on a cross-market reference, decide in relation to each feature and each combination of the features specified in the reference, whether the feature or combination of features, as it relates to goods or services of one or more than one of the descriptions so specified, prevents, restricts or distorts competition in connection with the supply or acquisition of any goods or services in the United Kingdom or a part of the United Kingdom.
- (4) The CMA shall, if it has decided that there is an adverse effect on competition, decide whether, taking account only of any adverse effect on competition and the admissible public interest consideration or considerations concerned, any feature or combination of features which gave rise to an adverse effect on competition operates or may be expected to operate against the public interest.
- (5) The CMA shall, if it has decided that any such feature or combination of features operates or may be expected to operate against the public interest, also decide separately the following additional questions—
 - (a) whether action should be taken by the Secretary of State under section 147A for the purpose of remedying, mitigating or preventing any of the effects adverse to the public interest concerned;
 - (b) whether the CMA should recommend the taking of other action by the Secretary of State, or action by persons other than itself and the Secretary of State, for the purpose of remedying, mitigating or preventing any of the effects adverse to the public interest concerned; and
 - (c) in either case, if action should be taken, what action should be taken and what is to be remedied, mitigated or prevented.

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- (6) The CMA shall, if it has decided that there is an adverse effect on competition, also decide separately the following questions (on the assumption that it is proceeding as mentioned in section 148A(2))—
- (a) whether action should be taken by it under section 138 for the purpose of remedying, mitigating or preventing the adverse effect on competition concerned or any detrimental effect on customers so far as it has resulted from, or may be expected to result from, the adverse effect on competition;
 - (b) whether the CMA should recommend the taking of action by other persons for the purpose of remedying, mitigating or preventing the adverse effect on competition concerned or any detrimental effect on customers so far as it has resulted from, or may be expected to result from, the adverse effect on competition; and
 - (c) in either case, if action should be taken, what action should be taken and what is to be remedied, mitigated or prevented.
- (7) In a case where the Secretary of State has appointed a public interest expert under section 141B in relation to a full PI reference, the CMA shall, in deciding the questions mentioned in subsections (4) and (5), have regard, in particular, to the views of the expert.
- (8) In deciding the questions mentioned in subsection (5), the CMA shall, in particular, have regard to—
- (a) the need to achieve as comprehensive a solution as is reasonable and practicable to the effects adverse to the public interest concerned; and
 - (b) any detrimental effects on customers so far as resulting from those effects.
- (9) In deciding the questions mentioned in subsection (6), the CMA shall, in particular, have regard to—
- (a) the need to achieve as comprehensive a solution as is reasonable and practicable to the adverse effect on competition concerned; and
 - (b) any detrimental effects on customers so far as resulting from it.
- (10) In deciding the questions mentioned in subsections (5) and (6), the CMA may, in particular, have regard to the effect of any action on any relevant customer benefits of the feature or features of the market or markets concerned.
- (11) In this section, “admissible public interest consideration” means any public interest consideration specified in the reference concerned and which the CMA is not under a duty to disregard.

Textual Amendments

F780 Ss. 141A, 141B inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), [ss. 35\(9\)](#), [103\(3\)](#); [S.I. 2014/416](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(b\)](#) (with [Sch.](#))

141B Full PI references: power of Secretary of State to appoint expert

- (1) This section applies where the Secretary of State makes a full PI reference.
- (2) The Secretary of State may appoint one or more than one person to advise the CMA on the questions mentioned in subsections (4) and (5) of section 141A in relation to the reference.

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- (3) A person so appointed shall be a person who appears to the Secretary of State to have particular knowledge of, or expertise in, matters relating to a public interest consideration specified in the reference.
- (4) Each person so appointed is referred to in this Part as a “public interest expert”.
- (5) The terms and conditions of appointment of a public interest expert (including, in particular, as to remuneration) are to be determined by the Secretary of State.
- (6) Any appointment of a public interest expert under this section shall be made within the period of 2 months beginning with the date of the reference concerned.
- (7) Before appointing a public interest expert the Secretary of State shall consult the chair of the CMA.]

Textual Amendments

F780 Ss. 141A, 141B inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), ss. 35\(9\), 103\(3\); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2\(1\)\(b\)](#) (with Sch.)

142 Investigations and reports by [^{F781}CMA]

- (1) [^{F782}Where the Secretary of State makes a restricted PI reference or a full PI reference, the CMA] shall prepare a report on the reference and take action in relation to it under section 143(1) or (3) [^{F783}or (as the case may be) 143A(2) or (3)] within the period permitted by section 144.
- (2) The report shall, in particular, contain—
 - (a) the decisions of the [^{F784}CMA] on the questions which it is required to answer by virtue of section 141 [^{F785}or (as the case may be) 141A];
 - (b) its reasons for its decisions; ^{F786}...
 - (c) such information as the [^{F784}CMA] considers appropriate for facilitating a proper understanding of those questions and of its reasons for its decisions^{F787}; and
 - (d) in the case of a report in relation to a full PI reference in respect of which the Secretary of State appointed a public interest expert, a summary of the views of the expert.]
- [^{F788}(2A) A summary of the views of a public interest expert in a report under this section shall be approved by the expert before action is taken in relation to the report under section 143A(2) or (3).]
- (3) The [^{F784}CMA] shall carry out such investigations as it considers appropriate for the purposes of preparing a report under this section.

Textual Amendments

F781 Word in s. 142 heading substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 175\(3\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F782 Words in s. 142(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 10 para. 8\(2\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F783 Words in s. 142(1) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 10 para. 8\(2\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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- F784** Word in s. 142(2)(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 175(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F785** Words in s. 142(2)(a) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 8(3)(a)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F786** Word in s. 142(2) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 8(3)(b)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F787** S. 142(2)(d) and word inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 8(3)(c)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F788** S. 142(2A) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 8(4)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

143 [F789 Restricted PI references: publication]

[F790(A1) This section applies in relation to a report prepared under section 142 in respect of a restricted PI reference.]

- (1) The [F791CMA] shall publish [F792the report] if it contains—
 - (a) the decision of the [F791CMA] that there is no adverse effect on competition; or
 - (b) the decisions of the [F791CMA] that there is one or more than one adverse effect on competition but, on the question mentioned in section 141(4)(a) and in relation to each adverse effect on competition, that no action should be taken by it.

[F793(2)

- (3) Where [F794the report] contains the decisions of the [F795CMA] that there is one or more than one adverse effect on competition and, on the question mentioned in section 141(4)(a) and in relation to at least one such adverse effect, that action should be taken by it, the [F795CMA] shall give the report to the Secretary of State.

- (4) The Secretary of State shall publish, no later than publication of his decision under section 146(2) in relation to the case, a report of the [F795CMA] given to him under subsection (3) and not required to be published by virtue of section 148(2).

[F796(5)

[F796(6)

[F796(7)

[F796(8)

Textual Amendments

- F789** S. 143 heading substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 9(7)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F790** S. 143(A1) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 9(2)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F791** Word in s. 143(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 176** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F792** Words in s. 143(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 9(3)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F793** S. 143(2) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 9(4)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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- F794** Words in s. 143(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 9(5)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F795** Word in s. 143(3)(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 176** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F796** S. 143(5)-(8) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 9(6)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

^{F797}143A Full PI references: publication etc of reports of CMA

- (1) This section applies in relation to a report prepared under section 142 in respect of a full PI reference.
- (2) The CMA shall publish the report if it contains—
 - (a) the decision of the CMA that there is no adverse effect on competition;
 - (b) the decision of the CMA that there is an adverse effect on competition but that the feature or combination of features which gave rise to it does not operate and may not be expected to operate against the public interest; or
 - (c) the decisions of the CMA that there is one or more than one adverse effect on competition and that one or more than one of the features or combinations of features which gave rise to an adverse effect on competition operates or may be expected to operate against the public interest but, on the question mentioned in section 141A(5)(a), and in relation to each effect adverse to the public interest concerned, that no action should be taken by the Secretary of State.
- (3) The CMA shall give the report to the Secretary of State if it contains the decisions of the CMA—
 - (a) that there is one or more than one adverse effect on competition and that one or more than one of the features or combinations of features which gave rise to an adverse effect on competition operates or may be expected to operate against the public interest; and
 - (b) in relation to at least one effect adverse to the public interest concerned, that action should be taken by the Secretary of State.
- (4) The Secretary of State shall publish, no later than publication of the Secretary of State's decision under section 146A(2) in relation to the case, a report of the CMA given to the Secretary of State under subsection (3) and not required to be published by virtue of section 148A(3).]

Textual Amendments

- F797** S. 143A inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 10**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

144 Time-limits for investigations and reports: Part 4

- (1) The [^{F798}CMA] shall, within the period of [^{F799}18 months] beginning with [^{F800}the relevant date], prepare its report under section 142 and [^{F801}publish it under section 143(1) or 143A(2) or (as the case may be) give it to the Secretary of State in accordance with section 143(3) or 143A(3).]

^{F802}(1A) For the purposes of subsection (1), the “relevant date” is—

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- (a) in the case of a report in relation to a restricted PI reference or to a full PI reference which specifies that the Secretary of State does not propose to appoint a public interest expert, the date of the reference;
 - (b) in the case of a report in relation to a full PI reference which specifies that the Secretary of State proposes to appoint a public interest expert, the earliest of the following—
 - (i) the date of the appointment of the expert;
 - (ii) the date on which the Secretary of State gives notice to the CMA that the Secretary of State no longer intends to appoint such an expert;
 - (iii) the end of the period of 2 months beginning with the date of the reference.]
- [^{F803}(1B) The CMA may extend, by no more than 6 months, the period within which its report under section 142 is to be prepared and action is to be taken in relation to it under section 143(1) or (3) or (as the case may be) 143A(2) or (3) if it considers that there are special reasons for doing so.
- (1C) An extension under subsection (1B) shall come into force when published under section 172.
- (1D) No more than one extension is possible under subsection (1B).]
- (2) The Secretary of State may by order amend [^{F804}—
- (a) subsection (1) so as to alter the period of [^{F805}18 months] mentioned in that subsection or any period for the time being mentioned in that subsection in substitution for that period[^{F806};
 - (b) subsection (1B) so as to alter the period of 6 months mentioned in that subsection or any period for the time being mentioned in that subsection in substitution for that period.]
- (3) No alteration shall be made by virtue of subsection (2) which results in [^{F807}—
- (a) the period for the time being mentioned in subsection (1) exceeding [^{F808}18 months][^{F809}; or
 - (b) the period for the time being mentioned in subsection (1B) exceeding 6 months.]
- (4) An order under subsection (2) shall not affect any period of time within which, in relation to a market investigation reference, the [^{F810}CMA] is under a duty to prepare its report under section 142 and take action in relation to it under section 143(1) or (3) [^{F811}or (as the case may be) 143A(2) or (3)] if the [^{F810}CMA] is already under that duty in relation to that reference when the order is made.
- (5) Before making an order under subsection (2) the Secretary of State shall consult the [^{F812}CMA] and such other persons as he considers appropriate.

Textual Amendments

- F798** Word in s. 144(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 177](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F799** Words in s. 144(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 12 para. 6\(2\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F800** Words in s. 144(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 10 para. 11\(2\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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- F801** Words in s. 144(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 11(2)(b)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F802** S. 144(1A) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 11(3)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F803** S. 144(1B)-(1D) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 12 para. 6(3)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F804** Word in s. 144(2) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 12 para. 6(4)(a)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F805** Words in s. 144(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 12 para. 6(4)(b)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F806** S. 144(2)(b) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 12 para. 6(4)(c)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F807** Word in s. 144(3) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 12 para. 6(5)(a)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F808** Words in s. 144(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 12 para. 6(5)(b)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F809** S. 144(3)(b) and word inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 12 para. 6(5)(c)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F810** Word in s. 144(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 177** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F811** Words in s. 144(4) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 11(4)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F812** Word in s. 144(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 177** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

145 Restrictions where public interest considerations not finalised: Part 4

- (1) The [^{F813}CMA] shall terminate its investigation under section 142 if—
- the intervention notice concerned mentions a public interest consideration which was not finalised on the giving of that notice or public interest considerations which, at that time, were not finalised;
 - no other public interest consideration is mentioned in the notice;
 - at least 24 weeks has elapsed since the giving of the notice; and
 - the public interest consideration mentioned in the notice has not been finalised within that period of 24 weeks or (as the case may be) none of the public interest considerations mentioned in the notice has been finalised within that period of 24 weeks.
- (2) Where the intervention notice concerned mentions a public interest consideration which is not finalised on the giving of the notice, the [^{F813}CMA] shall not give its report under section 142 to the Secretary of State in accordance with section 143(3) [^{F814}or (as the case may be) 143A(3)] unless the period of 24 weeks beginning with the giving of the intervention notice concerned has expired or the public interest consideration concerned has been finalised.
- (3) The [^{F813}CMA] shall, in reporting on any of the questions mentioned in section 141(3) [^{F815}or (as the case may be) 141A(4) and (5)], disregard any public interest consideration which has not been finalised before the giving of the report.
- (4) The [^{F813}CMA] shall, in reporting on any of the questions mentioned in section 141(3) [^{F816}or (as the case may be) 141A(4) and (5)], disregard any public interest consideration which was not finalised on the giving of the intervention notice

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concerned and has not been finalised within the period of 24 weeks beginning with the giving of the notice concerned.

- (5) Subsections (1) to (4) are without prejudice to the power of the [F813CMA] to carry out investigations in relation to any public interest consideration to which it might be able to have regard in its report.

Textual Amendments

- F813** Word in s. 145(1)-(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), Sch. 5 para. 178 (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F814** Words in s. 145(2) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), Sch. 10 para. 12(2); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F815** Words in s. 145(3) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), Sch. 10 para. 12(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F816** Words in s. 145(4) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), Sch. 10 para. 12(4); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

146 [F817Restricted PI references:] decision of Secretary of State

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where the Secretary of State has received a [F818report of the CMA in relation to a restricted PI reference] which—
- has been prepared under section 142;
 - contains the decisions that there is one or more than one adverse effect on competition and, on the question mentioned in section 141(4)(a) and in relation to at least one such adverse effect, that action should be taken by it; and
 - has been given to the Secretary of State as required by section 143(3).
- (2) The Secretary of State shall decide whether—
- any eligible public interest consideration is relevant; or
 - any eligible public interest considerations are relevant;
- to any action which is mentioned in the report by virtue of section 141(4)(a) and (c) and which the [F819CMA] should take for the purpose of remedying, mitigating or preventing any adverse effect on competition concerned or any detrimental effect on customers so far as it has resulted or may be expected to result from any adverse effect on competition.
- (3) The Secretary of State shall make and publish his decision under subsection (2) within the period of 90 days beginning with the receipt of the report of the [F819CMA] under section 142.
- (4) In this section “eligible public interest consideration” means a public interest consideration which—
- was mentioned in the intervention notice concerned; and
 - was not disregarded by the [F819CMA] for the purposes of its report under section 142.

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Textual Amendments

- F817** Words in s. 146 heading inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 10 para. 13\(3\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F818** Words in s. 146(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 10 para. 13\(2\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F819** Word in s. 146(2)-(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 179](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

[^{F820}146A] Full PI references: decision of Secretary of State

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where the Secretary of State has received a report of the CMA in relation to a full PI reference which—
 - (a) has been prepared under section 142;
 - (b) contains the decisions of the CMA that there is one or more than one adverse effect on competition and that one or more than one of the features or combinations of features that gave rise to an adverse effect on competition operates or may be expected to operate against the public interest and that, in relation to at least one effect adverse to the public interest concerned, action should be taken by the Secretary of State; and
 - (c) has been given to the Secretary of State as required by section 143A(3).
- (2) The Secretary of State shall decide whether to make an adverse public interest finding in relation to the matter and whether to make no finding at all in the matter.
- (3) For the purposes of this Part, the Secretary of State makes an adverse public interest finding in relation to a matter if, in relation to that matter, the Secretary of State decides—
 - (a) that there is an adverse effect on competition;
 - (b) that there is one or more than one admissible public interest consideration which is relevant to the matter; and
 - (c) taking account only of any adverse effect on competition and any relevant admissible public interest consideration or considerations, that any feature or combination of features which gave rise to an adverse effect on competition operates or may be expected to operate against the public interest.
- (4) The Secretary of State may make no finding at all in a matter only if the Secretary of State decides that there is no admissible public interest consideration which is relevant to a consideration of the matter concerned.
- (5) In deciding whether to make an adverse public interest finding under subsection (2), the Secretary of State shall accept the decision of the CMA as to whether there is an adverse effect on competition in relation to the matter.
- (6) The Secretary of State shall make and publish the decision under subsection (2) within the period of 90 days beginning with the receipt of the report of the CMA under section 142.
- (7) In this section “admissible public interest consideration” means a public interest consideration which—
 - (a) was mentioned in the intervention notice concerned; and

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- (b) was not disregarded by the CMA for the purposes of its report under section 142.]

Textual Amendments

F820 S. 146A inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 10 para. 14](#); [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

147 [F821 Restricted PI references:] remedial action by Secretary of State

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where the Secretary of State—
- (a) has decided under subsection (2) of section 146 within the period required by subsection (3) of that section that an eligible public interest consideration is relevant as mentioned in subsection (2) of that section or eligible public interest considerations are so relevant; and
 - (b) has published his decision within the period required by subsection (3) of that section.
- (2) The Secretary of State may, in relation to any adverse effect on competition identified in the report concerned, take such action under section 159 or 161 as he considers to be—
- (a) reasonable and practicable—
 - (i) to remedy, mitigate or prevent the adverse effect on competition concerned; or
 - (ii) to remedy, mitigate or prevent any detrimental effect on customers so far as it has resulted from, or may be expected to result from, the adverse effect on competition; and
 - (b) appropriate in the light of the eligible public interest consideration concerned or (as the case may be) the eligible public interest considerations concerned.
- (3) In making a decision under subsection (2), the Secretary of State shall, in particular, have regard to—
- (a) the need to achieve as comprehensive a solution as is reasonable and practicable to the adverse effect on competition concerned and any detrimental effects on customers so far as resulting from the adverse effect on competition; and
 - (b) the report of the [F822 CMA] under section 142.
- (4) In having regard by virtue of subsection (3) to the report of the [F822 CMA] under section 142, the Secretary of State shall not challenge the decision of the [F822 CMA] contained in the report that there is one or more than one adverse effect on competition.
- (5) In making a decision under subsection (2), the Secretary of State may, in particular, have regard to the effect of any action on any relevant customer benefits of the feature or features of the market [F823 or markets] concerned.
- (6) The Secretary of State shall take no action under subsection (2) to remedy, mitigate or prevent any detrimental effect on customers so far as it may be expected to result from the adverse effect on competition concerned if—
- (a) no detrimental effect on customers has resulted from the adverse effect on competition; and

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(b) the adverse effect on competition is not being remedied, mitigated or prevented.

(7) In this section “eligible public interest consideration” has the same meaning as in section 146.

Textual Amendments

F821 Words in s. 147 heading inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 15**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F822 Word in s. 147(3)(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 180** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F823 Words in s. 147(5) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 9 para. 6**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

[^{F824}147A] Full PI references: remedial action by Secretary of State

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where the Secretary of State has decided under subsection (2) of section 146A within the period required by subsection (6) of that section to make an adverse public interest finding in relation to a matter and has published the decision within the period so required.
- (2) The Secretary of State may take such action under section 159 or 161 as the Secretary of State considers to be reasonable and practicable to remedy, mitigate or prevent any of the effects adverse to the public interest which have resulted from, or may be expected to result from, the features or combinations of features in question.
- (3) In making a decision under subsection (2), the Secretary of State shall, in particular, have regard to the report of the CMA under section 142.
- (4) In making a decision under subsection (2), the Secretary of State may, in particular, have regard to—
 - (a) the need to achieve as comprehensive a solution as is reasonable and practicable to the effects adverse to the public interest concerned; and
 - (b) any detrimental effects on customers so far as resulting from those effects.]

Textual Amendments

F824 S. 147A inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 16**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

148 [^{F825}Restricted PI references: reversion of the matter to CMA]

- (1) If—
 - (a) the Secretary of State fails to make and publish his decision under subsection (2) of section 146 within the period required by subsection (3) of that section; or
 - (b) the Secretary of State decides that no eligible public interest consideration is relevant as mentioned in subsection (2) of that section;
 the [^{F826}CMA] shall proceed under section 138 as if the report had been prepared and published under section 136 within the period permitted by section 137.

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(2) The [F826CMA] shall publish the report which has been prepared by it under section 142 (if still unpublished) as soon as it becomes able to proceed by virtue of subsection (1).

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(6) In relation to proceedings by virtue of subsection (1), the reference in section 138(3) to decisions of the [F828CMA] included in its report by virtue of section 134(4) shall be construed as a reference to decisions which were included in the report of the [F828CMA] by virtue of section 141(4).

(7) Where the [F828CMA], in proceeding by virtue of subsection (1), intends to proceed in a way which is not consistent with its decisions as included in its report by virtue of section 141(4), it shall not so proceed without the consent of the Secretary of State.

(8) The Secretary of State shall not withhold his consent under subsection (7) unless he believes that the proposed alternative way of proceeding will operate against the public interest.

(9) For the purposes of subsection (8) a proposed alternative way of proceeding will operate against the public interest only if any eligible public interest consideration or considerations outweigh the considerations which have led the [F829CMA] to propose proceeding in that way.

(10) In deciding whether to withhold his consent under subsection (7), the Secretary of State shall accept the [F830CMA's] view of what, if the only relevant consideration were how to remedy, mitigate or prevent the adverse effect on competition concerned or any detrimental effect on customers so far as resulting from the adverse effect on competition, would be the most appropriate way to proceed.

(11) In this section “eligible public interest consideration” has the same meaning as in section 146.

Textual Amendments

F825 S. 148 heading substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 10 para. 17\(3\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F826 Word in s. 148(1)(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 181\(2\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F827 S. 148(3)-(5) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 10 para. 17\(2\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F828 Word in s. 148(6)(7) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 181\(2\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F829 Word in s. 148(9) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 181\(2\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F830 Word in s. 148(10) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 181\(3\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

[F831] 148A Full PI references: reversion of the matter to CMA

(1) This section applies if—

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- (a) the Secretary of State decides under section 146A(2) to make no finding at all in the matter; or
 - (b) the Secretary of State fails to make and publish the decision under subsection (2) of section 146A within the period required by subsection (6) of that section.
- (2) The CMA shall proceed under section 138 as if—
- (a) a reference under section 131 had been made (in accordance with the requirements imposed by this Part) instead of a full PI reference; and
 - (b) its report had been prepared and published under section 136 within the period permitted by section 137.
- (3) The CMA shall publish the report which has been prepared by it under section 142 (if still unpublished) as soon as it becomes able to proceed by virtue of subsection (2).
- (4) In relation to proceedings by virtue of subsection (2), the reference in section 138(3) to decisions of the CMA included in its report by virtue of section 134(4) is to be construed as a reference to decisions which were included in the report of the CMA by virtue of section 141A(6).
- (5) Where the CMA becomes under a duty to proceed as mentioned in subsection (2), references in this Part to a reference under section 131, so far as necessary, are to be construed accordingly.
- (6) Where the CMA, in proceeding by virtue of subsection (2), intends to proceed in a way which is not consistent with its decisions as included in its report by virtue of section 141A(6), it shall not so proceed without the consent of the Secretary of State.
- (7) The Secretary of State shall not withhold consent under subsection (6) unless the Secretary of State believes that the proposed alternative way of proceeding will operate against the public interest.
- (8) For the purposes of subsection (7) a proposed alternative way of proceeding will operate against the public interest only if any admissible public interest consideration or considerations outweigh the considerations which have led the CMA to propose proceeding in that way.
- (9) In deciding whether to withhold consent under subsection (6), the Secretary of State shall accept the CMA's view of what, if the only relevant consideration were how to remedy, mitigate or prevent the adverse effect on competition concerned or any detrimental effect on customers so far as resulting from the adverse effect on competition, would be the most appropriate way to proceed.
- (10) In this section “admissible public interest consideration” has the same meaning as in section 146A.]

Textual Amendments

F831 S. 148A inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 10 para. 18](#); [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(d) (with [Sch.](#))

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Intervention notices under section 139(2)

149 Intervention notices under section 139(2)

- (1) An intervention notice under section 139(2) shall state—
 - (a) the proposed undertaking which may be accepted by the [^{F832}CMA];
 - (b) the notice under section 155(1) or (4);
 - (c) the public interest consideration or considerations which are, or may be, relevant to the [^{F833}proposal to accept the undertaking]; and
 - (d) where any public interest consideration concerned is not finalised, the proposed timetable for finalising it.
- (2) Where the Secretary of State believes that it is or may be the case that two or more public interest considerations are relevant to the [^{F834}proposal to accept the undertaking], he may decide not to mention in the intervention notice such of those considerations as he considers appropriate.
- (3) The Secretary of State may at any time revoke an intervention notice which has been given under section 139(2) and which is in force.
- (4) An intervention notice under section 139(2) shall come into force when it is given and shall cease to be in force on the occurrence of any of the events mentioned in subsection (5).
- (5) The events are—
 - (a) the acceptance by the [^{F835}CMA] with the consent of the Secretary of State of an undertaking which is the same as the proposed undertaking mentioned in the intervention notice by virtue of subsection (1)(a) or which does not differ from it in any material respect;
 - (b) the decision of the [^{F835}CMA] to proceed neither with the proposed undertaking mentioned in the intervention notice by virtue of subsection (1) (a) nor a proposed undertaking which does not differ from it in any material respect; or
 - (c) the decision of the Secretary of State to revoke the intervention notice concerned.

Textual Amendments

- F832** Word in s. 149(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 182](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F833** Words in s. 149(1)(c) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 10 para. 19\(2\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F834** Words in s. 149(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 10 para. 19\(3\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F835** Word in s. 149(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 182](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

150 Power of veto of Secretary of State

- [^{F836}(A1) Where an intervention notice under subsection 139(1) is in force, the CMA shall not, without the consent of the Secretary of State, accept any proposed undertaking under section 154 in relation to the matter concerned.]

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- (1) Where an intervention notice under section 139(2) is in force, the [F837CMA] shall not, without the consent of the Secretary of State, accept the proposed undertaking concerned or a proposed undertaking which does not differ from it in any material respect.
- (2) The Secretary of State shall withhold his consent if he believes that it is or may be the case that the proposed undertaking will, if accepted, operate against the public interest.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2) a proposed undertaking will, if accepted, operate against the public interest only if any public interest consideration which is mentioned in the intervention notice concerned and has been finalised, or any public interest considerations which are so mentioned and have been finalised, outweigh the considerations which have led the [F838CMA] to propose accepting the undertaking.
- (4) In making his decision under subsection (2) the Secretary of State shall accept the [F839CMA's] view of what undertakings, if the only relevant consideration were how to remedy, mitigate or prevent the adverse effect on competition concerned or any detrimental effect on customers so far as resulting from the adverse effect on competition, would be most appropriate.
- (5) Where a public interest consideration which is mentioned in the intervention notice concerned is not finalised on the giving of the notice, the Secretary of State shall not make his decision as to whether to give his consent under this section before—
 - (a) the end of the period of 24 weeks beginning with the giving of the intervention notice; or
 - (b) if earlier, the date on which the public interest consideration concerned has been finalised.
- (6) Subject to subsections (2) to (5), the Secretary of State shall not withhold his consent under this section.

Textual Amendments

- F836** S. 150(A1) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 20**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F837** Word in s. 150(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 183(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F838** Word in s. 150(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 183(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F839** Word in s. 150(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 183(3)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Other

151 [F840Public interest intervention cases: interaction with general procedure]

- [F841(1) Sections 134(1), (1A), (4), (6) and (7), 136(1) to (6), 137(1) to (6), 138 and 138A do not apply in relation to a restricted PI reference or a full PI reference.]
- (2) Where the Secretary of State revokes an intervention notice which has been given under section 139(1), [F842at a time after the Secretary of State has made a restricted PI reference or a full PI reference, the CMA shall proceed as if the reference concerned

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had instead been made under section 131 (in accordance with the requirements imposed by this Part).]

- (3) Where the [^{F843}CMA] is proceeding by virtue of subsection (2), the period within which the [^{F843}CMA] shall prepare and publish its report under section 136 shall be extended by an additional period of 20 days.
- (4) Where the [^{F844}CMA] terminates its investigation under section 145(1)[^{F845}, the CMA shall proceed as if the restricted PI reference or (as the case may be) the full PI reference concerned had instead been made by the CMA under section 131 (in accordance with the requirements imposed by this Part).]
- (5) Where the [^{F846}CMA] is proceeding by virtue of subsection (4), the period within which the [^{F846}CMA] shall prepare and publish its report under section 136 shall be extended by an additional period of 20 days.
- (6) In determining the period of 20 days mentioned in subsection (3) or (5) no account shall be taken of—
 - (a) Saturday, Sunday, Good Friday and Christmas Day; and
 - (b) any day which is a bank holiday in England and Wales.

Textual Amendments

- F840** S. 151 heading substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 21(5)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F841** S. 151(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 21(2)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F842** Words in s. 151(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 21(3)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F843** Word in s. 151(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 184(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F844** Word in s. 151(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 184(3)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F845** Words in s. 151(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 21(4)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F846** Word in s. 151(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 184(4)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

152 Certain duties of [^{F847}CMA]

- (1) The [^{F848}CMA] shall, in considering whether to make a reference under section 131, bring to the attention of the Secretary of State any case which it believes raises any consideration specified in section 153 unless it believes that the Secretary of State would consider any such consideration immaterial in the context of the particular case.

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- (3) The [^{F850}CMA] shall bring to the attention of the Secretary of State any representations about exercising his power under section 153(3) which have been made to the [^{F851}CMA].

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Textual Amendments

- F847** Word in s. 152 heading substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 185(4)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F848** Word in s. 152(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 185(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F849** S. 152(2) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 22**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F850** Word in s. 152(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 185(3)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F851** Word in s. 152(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 185(3)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

153 Specified considerations: Part 4

- (1) The interests of national security are specified in this section.
- ^{F852}(2)
- (3) The Secretary of State may by order modify this section for the purpose of specifying in this section a new consideration or removing or amending any consideration which is for the time being specified in this section.
- (4) An order under this section may apply in relation to cases under consideration by the [^{F853}CMA], [^{F854}by the Secretary of State or] by the appropriate Minister (other than the Secretary of State acting alone) ^{F855}... before the making of the order as well as cases under consideration on or after the making of the order.

Textual Amendments

- F852** S. 153(2) omitted (4.1.2022) by virtue of National Security and Investment Act 2021 (c. 25), s. 66(3), **Sch. 2 para. 9** (with s. 62); S.I. 2021/1465, regs. 2, 3 (with regs. 4, 5)
- F853** Word in s. 153(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 186(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F854** Words in s. 153(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 186(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F855** Words in s. 153(4) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 186(c)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

CHAPTER 3

ENFORCEMENT

Undertakings and orders

154 Undertakings in lieu of market investigation references

- (1) Subsection (2) applies if the [^{F856}CMA] considers that it has the power to make a reference under section 131 and otherwise intends to make such a reference.

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- (2) The [F856CMA] may, instead of making such a reference and for the purpose of remedying, mitigating or preventing—
 - (a) any adverse effect on competition concerned; or
 - (b) any detrimental effect on customers so far as it has resulted from, or may be expected to result from, the adverse effect on competition;accept, from such persons as it considers appropriate, undertakings to take such action as it considers appropriate.
- (3) In proceeding under subsection (2), the [F856CMA] shall, in particular, have regard to the need to achieve as comprehensive a solution as is reasonable and practicable to the adverse effect on competition concerned and any detrimental effects on customers so far as resulting from the adverse effect on competition.
- (4) In proceeding under subsection (2), the [F856CMA] may, in particular, have regard to the effect of any action on any relevant customer benefits of the feature or features of the market [F857 or markets] concerned.
- (5) The [F856CMA] shall take no action under subsection (2) to remedy, mitigate or prevent any detrimental effect on customers so far as it may be expected to result from the adverse effect on competition concerned if—
 - (a) no detrimental effect on customers has resulted from the adverse effect on competition; and
 - (b) the adverse effect on competition is not being remedied, mitigated or prevented.
- (6) An undertaking under this section—
 - (a) shall come into force when accepted;
 - (b) may be varied or superseded by another undertaking; and
 - (c) may be released by the [F856CMA].
- (7) The [F856CMA] shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, consider any representations received by it in relation to varying or releasing an undertaking under this section.
- (8) This section is subject to sections 150 and 155.

Textual Amendments

F856 Word in s. 154(1)-(7) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 187](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F857 Words in s. 154(4) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 9 para. 7](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

155 Undertakings in lieu: procedural requirements

- (1) Before accepting an undertaking under section 154 (other than an undertaking under that section which varies an undertaking under that section but not in any material respect), the [F858CMA] shall—
 - (a) publish notice of the proposed undertaking; and
 - (b) consider any representations made in accordance with the notice and not withdrawn.
- (2) A notice under subsection (1) shall state—

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- (a) that the [F858CMA] proposes to accept the undertaking;
 - (b) the purpose and effect of the undertaking;
 - (c) the situation that the undertaking is seeking to deal with;
 - (d) any other facts which the [F858CMA] considers justify the acceptance of the undertaking;
 - (e) a means of gaining access to an accurate version of the proposed undertaking at all reasonable times; and
 - (f) the period (not less than 15 days starting with the date of publication of the notice) within which representations may be made in relation to the proposed undertaking.
- (3) The matters to be included in a notice under subsection (1) by virtue of subsection (2) shall, in particular, include—
- (a) the terms of the reference under section 131 which the [F858CMA] considers that it has power to make and which it otherwise intends to make [F859] or (but for the effect of section 140A(3)) it would have had power to make and which it would otherwise have intended to make]; and
 - (b) the adverse effect on competition, and any detrimental effect on customers so far as resulting from the adverse effect on competition, which the [F858CMA] has identified.
- (4) The [F858CMA] shall not accept the undertaking with modifications unless it—
- (a) publishes notice of the proposed modifications; and
 - (b) considers any representations made in accordance with the notice and not withdrawn.
- (5) A notice under subsection (4) shall state—
- (a) the proposed modifications;
 - (b) the reasons for them; and
 - (c) the period (not less than 7 days starting with the date of the publication of the notice under subsection (4)) within which representations may be made in relation to the proposed modifications.
- (6) If, after publishing notice under subsection (1) or (4), the [F860CMA] decides—
- (a) not to accept the undertaking concerned; and
 - (b) not to proceed by virtue of subsection (8) or (9);
- it shall publish notice of that decision.
- (7) As soon as practicable after accepting an undertaking to which this section applies, the [F860CMA] shall—
- (a) serve a copy of the undertaking on any person by whom it is given; and
 - (b) publish the undertaking.
- (8) The requirements of subsection (4) (and those of subsection (1)) shall not apply if the [F860CMA]—
- (a) has already published notice under subsection (1) but not subsection (4) in relation to the proposed undertaking; and
 - (b) considers that the modifications which are now being proposed are not material in any respect.
- (9) The requirements of subsection (4) (and those of subsection (1)) shall not apply if the [F860CMA]—

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- (a) has already published notice under subsections (1) and (4) in relation to the matter concerned; and
 - (b) considers that the further modifications which are now being proposed do not differ in any material respect from the modifications in relation to which notice was last given under subsection (4).
- (10) Paragraphs 6 to 8 (but not paragraph 9) of Schedule 10 (procedural requirements before terminating undertakings) shall apply in relation to the proposed release of undertakings under section 154 (other than in connection with accepting an undertaking under that section which varies or supersedes an undertaking under that section) as they apply in relation to the proposed release of undertakings under section 73.

Textual Amendments

- F858** Word in s. 155(1)-(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 188](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F859** Words in s. 155(3)(a) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 10 para. 23](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F860** Word in s. 155(6)-(9) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 188](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

156 Effect of undertakings under section 154

- [^{F861}(A1) No market investigation reference shall be made by the CMA or the appropriate Minister in relation to any feature, or combination of features, of a market in the United Kingdom for goods or services if—
- (a) the CMA has accepted an undertaking or group of undertakings under section 154 within the previous 12 months;
 - (b) the feature or combination of features to which the undertaking or group of undertakings relates is the same as the feature or combination of features to which the reference would relate; and
 - (c) the goods or services to which the undertaking or group of undertakings relates are of the same description as the goods or services to which the reference would relate.]
- (1) No [^{F862}ordinary] reference shall be made by the [^{F863}CMA] or the appropriate Minister in relation to any feature, or combination of features, of a market in the United Kingdom for goods or services if—
- (a) the [^{F863}CMA] has [^{F864}, instead of making an ordinary reference,] accepted an undertaking or group of undertakings under section 154 within the previous 12 months; and
 - (b) the goods or services to which the undertaking or group of undertakings relates are of the same description as the goods or services to which [^{F865}the reference would relate].
- (2) [^{F866}Subsections (A1) and (1) do] not prevent the making of a market investigation reference if—
- (a) the [^{F863}CMA] considers that any undertaking concerned has been breached and has given notice of that fact to the person responsible for giving the undertaking; or

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- (b) the person responsible for giving any undertaking concerned supplied, in connection with the matter, information to the [^{F863}CMA] which was false or misleading in a material respect.
- [^{F867}(3) The expiry of the period mentioned in section 131B(4) does not prevent the making of a market investigation reference if the CMA has accepted an undertaking or group of undertakings under section 154 and—
- (a) the CMA considers that any undertaking concerned has been breached and has given notice of that fact to the person responsible for giving the undertaking; or
- (b) the person responsible for giving any undertaking concerned supplied, in connection with the matter, information to the OFT which was false or misleading in a material respect.]

Textual Amendments

- F861** S. 156(A1) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 9 para. 8\(2\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F862** Word in s. 156(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 9 para. 8\(3\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F863** Word in s. 156(1)(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 189](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F864** Words in s. 156(1)(a) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 9 para. 8\(3\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F865** Words in s. 156(1)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 9 para. 8\(3\)\(c\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F866** Words in s. 156(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 9 para. 8\(4\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F867** S. 156(3) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 12 para. 12](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

157 Interim undertakings: Part 4

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where—
- (a) a market investigation reference has been made;
- (b) a report has been published under section 136 within the period permitted by section 137 or (as the case may be) a report prepared under section 142 and given to the Secretary of State under section 143(3) [^{F868}or (as the case may be) 143A(3)] within the period permitted by section 144 has been published; and
- (c) the market investigation reference concerned is not finally determined.
- (2) The relevant authority may, for the purpose of preventing pre-emptive action, accept, from such persons as the relevant authority considers appropriate, undertakings to take such action as the relevant authority considers appropriate.
- [^{F869}(2A) Subsection (2B) applies where—
- (a) subsection (1)(a) to (c) applies; and
- (b) the relevant authority has reasonable grounds for suspecting that pre-emptive action has or may have been taken.
- (2B) The relevant authority may, for the purpose of restoring the position to what it would have been had the pre-emptive action not been taken or otherwise for the purpose of

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mitigating its effects, except, from such persons as the relevant authority considers appropriate, undertakings to take such action as the relevant authority considers appropriate.]

[^{F870}(2C) A person may, with the consent of the relevant authority, take action of a particular description where the action would otherwise constitute a contravention of an undertaking accepted under this section.]

- (3) An undertaking under this section—
 - (a) shall come into force when accepted;
 - (b) may be varied or superseded by another undertaking; and
 - (c) may be released by the relevant authority.
- (4) An undertaking under this section shall, if it has not previously ceased to be in force, cease to be in force when the market investigation reference is finally determined.
- (5) The relevant authority shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, consider any representations received by the relevant authority in relation to varying or releasing an undertaking under this section.
- (6) In this section and section 158—

“pre-emptive action” means action which might impede the taking of any action under section 138(2)[^{F871}, 147(2) or (as the case may be) 147A(2)] in relation to the market investigation reference concerned; and

[^{F872}“the relevant authority” means—

 - (a) in the case of a restricted PI reference or a full PI reference, the Secretary of State;
 - (b) in any other case, the CMA.]

Textual Amendments

- F868** Words in s. 157(1)(b) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 10 para. 24\(2\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F869** S. 157(2A)(2B) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), [ss. 37\(2\)](#), 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)
- F870** S. 157(2C) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), [ss. 37\(3\)](#), 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)
- F871** Words in s. 157(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 10 para. 24\(3\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F872** Words in s. 157(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 10 para. 24\(3\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

158 Interim orders: Part 4

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where—
 - (a) a market investigation reference has been made;
 - (b) a report has been published under section 136 within the period permitted by section 137 or (as the case may be) a report prepared under section 142 and given to the Secretary of State under section 143(3) [^{F873} or (as the case may be) 143A(3)] within the period permitted by section 144 has been published; and
 - (c) the market investigation reference concerned is not finally determined.

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- (2) The relevant authority may by order, for the purpose of preventing pre-emptive action—
- (a) prohibit or restrict the doing of things which the relevant authority considers would constitute pre-emptive action;
 - (b) impose on any person concerned obligations as to the carrying on of any activities or the safeguarding of any assets;
 - (c) provide for the carrying on of any activities or the safeguarding of any assets either by the appointment of a person to conduct or supervise the conduct of any activities (on such terms and with such powers as may be specified or described in the order) or in any other manner;
 - (d) do anything which may be done by virtue of paragraph 19 of Schedule 8.

[^{F874}(2A) Subsection (2B) applies where—

- (a) subsection (1)(a) to (c) applies; and
- (b) the relevant authority has reasonable grounds for suspecting that pre-emptive action has or may have been taken.

(2B) The relevant authority may by order, for the purpose of restoring the position to what it would have been had the pre-emptive action not been taken or otherwise for the purpose of mitigating its effects—

- (a) do anything mentioned in subsection (2)(b) to (d);
- (b) impose such other obligations, prohibitions or restrictions as it considers appropriate for that purpose.]

[^{F875}(2C) A person may, with the consent of the relevant authority, take action of a particular description where the action would otherwise constitute a contravention of an undertaking accepted under this section.]

(3) An order under this section—

- (a) shall come into force at such time as is determined by or under the order; and
- (b) may be varied or revoked by another order.

(4) An order under this section shall, if it has not previously ceased to be in force, cease to be in force when the market investigation reference is finally determined.

(5) The relevant authority shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, consider any representations received by the relevant authority in relation to varying or revoking an order under this section.

Textual Amendments

F873 Words in s. 158(1)(b) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 10 para. 25](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F874 S. 158(2A)(2B) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), [ss. 37\(4\)](#), 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)

F875 S. 158(2C) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), [ss. 37\(5\)](#), 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)

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159 Final undertakings: Part 4

- (1) The [^{F876}CMA] may, in accordance with section 138, accept, from such persons as it considers appropriate, undertakings to take action specified or described in the undertakings.
- (2) The Secretary of State may, in accordance with section 147 [^{F877} or (as the case may be) 147A], accept, from such persons as he considers appropriate, undertakings to take action specified or described in the undertakings.
- (3) An undertaking under this section shall come into force when accepted.
- (4) An undertaking under subsection (1) or (2) may be varied or superseded by another undertaking under that subsection.
- (5) An undertaking under subsection (1) may be released by the [^{F878}CMA] and an undertaking under subsection (2) may be released by the Secretary of State.
- (6) The [^{F879}CMA] or (as the case may be) the Secretary of State shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, consider any representations received by it or (as the case may be) him in relation to varying or releasing an undertaking under this section.

Textual Amendments

- F876** Word in s. 159(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 190](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F877** Words in s. 159(2) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 10 para. 26](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F878** Word in s. 159(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 190](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F879** Word in s. 159(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 190](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

160 Order-making power where final undertakings not fulfilled: Part 4

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where the relevant authority considers that—
 - (a) an undertaking accepted by the relevant authority under section 159 has not been, is not being or will not be fulfilled; or
 - (b) in relation to an undertaking accepted by the relevant authority under that section, information which was false or misleading in a material respect was given to [^{F880}a relevant person] by the person giving the undertaking before the relevant authority decided to accept the undertaking.

[^{F881}(1A) In subsection (1), a “relevant person” means—

- (a) in a case where the relevant authority is the CMA, the CMA;
 - (b) in a case where the relevant authority is the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State or the CMA.]
- (2) The relevant authority may, for any of the purposes mentioned in section 138(2)[^{F882}, 147(2) or (as the case may be) 147A(2)], make an order under this section.
 - (3) Subsections (3) to (6) of section 138 [^{F883} or 147 or (as the case may be) subsections (3) and (4) of section 147A] shall apply for the purposes of subsection (2) above as they apply for the purposes of that section.

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- (4) An order under this section may contain—
- (a) anything permitted by Schedule 8; and
 - (b) such supplementary, consequential or incidental provision as the relevant authority considers appropriate.
- (5) An order under this section—
- (a) shall come into force at such time as is determined by or under the order;
 - (b) may contain provision which is different from the provision contained in the undertaking concerned; and
 - (c) may be varied or revoked by another order.
- (6) [^{F884}The Secretary of State shall not vary or revoke an order made by him under this section unless the CMA] advises that such a variation or revocation is appropriate by reason of a change of circumstances.
- (7) In this section “the relevant authority” means—
- (a) in the case of an undertaking accepted under section 159 by the [^{F885}CMA], the [^{F885}CMA]; and
 - (b) in the case of an undertaking accepted under that section by the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State.

Textual Amendments

- F880** Words in s. 160(1)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 191(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F881** S. 160(1A) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 191(3)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F882** Words in s. 160(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 27(2)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F883** Words in s. 160(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 27(3)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F884** Words in s. 160(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 191(4)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F885** Word in s. 160(7)(a) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 191(5)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C423** Ss. 75(4)(a), 83(4)(a), 84(2)(a), 89(1), 160(4)(a), 161(3)(a), 164(1), Sch. 7 paras. 5, 10, 11 modified (20.6.2003) by 1988 c. 48, s. 144(2) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 18(2)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C424** Ss. 75(4)(a), 83(4)(a), 84(2)(a), 89(1), 160(4)(a), 161(3)(a), 164(1), Sch. 7 paras. 5, 10, 11 modified (20.6.2003) by 1988 c. 48, s. 238(2) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40) ss. 278, 279, {Sch. 25 para. 18(4)}); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C425** Ss. 75(4)(a), 83(4)(a), 84(2)(a), 89(1), 160(4)(a), 161(3)(a), 164(1), Sch. 7 paras. 5, 10, 11 modified (20.6.2003) by 1988 c. 48, Sch. 2A para. 17(2) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 18(5)(a)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C426** Ss. 160(4)(a), 161(3)(a), 164(1) modified (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 21, s. 33(2A) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 29(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)

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C427 Ss. 160(4)(a), 161(3)(a), 164(1) modified (20.6.2003) by 1994 c. 17, s. 33(2A) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 31(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)

161 Final orders: Part 4

- (1) The [^{F886}CMA] may, in accordance with section 138, make an order under this section.
- (2) The Secretary of State may, in accordance with section 147 [^{F887} or (as the case may be) 147A], make an order under this section.
- (3) An order under this section may contain—
 - (a) anything permitted by Schedule 8; and
 - (b) such supplementary, consequential or incidental provision as the person making it considers appropriate.
- (4) An order under this section—
 - (a) shall come into force at such time as is determined by or under the order; and
 - (b) may be varied or revoked by another order.
- (5) [^{F888}The Secretary of State shall not vary or revoke an order made by him under this section unless the CMA] advises that such a variation or revocation is appropriate by reason of a change of circumstances.

Textual Amendments

- F886** Word in s. 161(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 192(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F887** Words in s. 161(2) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 28**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F888** Words in s. 161(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 192(3)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C428** Ss. 75(4)(a), 83(4)(a), 84(2)(a), 89(1), 160(4)(a), 161(3)(a), 164(1), Sch. 7 paras. 5, 10, 11 modified (20.6.2003) by 1988 c. 48, s. 144(2) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 18(2)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C429** Ss. 75(4)(a), 83(4)(a), 84(2)(a), 89(1), 160(4)(a), 161(3)(a), 164(1), Sch. 7 paras. 5, 10, 11 modified (20.6.2003) by 1988 c. 48, s. 238(2) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 18(4)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C430** Ss. 75(4)(a), 83(4)(a), 84(2)(a), 89(1), 160(4)(a), 161(3)(a), 164(1), Sch. 7 paras. 5, 10, 11 modified (20.6.2003) by 1988 c. 48, Sch. 2A para. 17(2) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 18(5)(a)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C431** Ss. 160(4)(a), 161(3)(a), 164(1) modified (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 21, s. 33(2A) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 29(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C432** Ss. 160(4)(a), 161(3)(a), 164(1) modified (20.6.2003) by 1994 c. 17, s. 33(2A) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 31(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C433** S. 161(5) excluded (25.6.2013) by Groceries Code Adjudicator Act 2013 (c. 19), **ss. 21(5)**, 25; S.I. 2013/1236, art. 2

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[^{F889}Undertakings and orders: monitoring, consultation and advice]

Textual Amendments

F889 S. 162 cross-heading substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 193](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

162 Duty of [^{F890}CMA] to monitor undertakings and orders: Part 4

- (1) The [^{F891}CMA] shall keep under review the carrying out of any enforcement undertaking or any enforcement order.
- (2) The [^{F891}CMA] shall, in particular, from time to time consider—
 - (a) whether an enforcement undertaking or enforcement order has been or is being complied with;
 - (b) whether, by reason of any change of circumstances, an enforcement undertaking is no longer appropriate and—
 - (i) one or more of the parties to it can be released from it; or
 - (ii) it needs to be varied or to be superseded by a new enforcement undertaking; and
 - (c) whether, by reason of any change of circumstances, an enforcement order is no longer appropriate and needs to be varied or revoked.
- (3) The [^{F892}CMA] shall give ^{F893}... the Secretary of State such advice as it considers appropriate in relation to—
 - (a) any possible variation or release by ^{F894}...the Secretary of State of an enforcement undertaking accepted by ^{F895}... him;
 - (b) any possible new enforcement undertaking to be accepted by ^{F896}... the Secretary of State so as to supersede another enforcement undertaking given to ^{F896}... the Secretary of State;
 - (c) any possible variation or revocation by ^{F896}... the Secretary of State of an enforcement order made by ^{F896}... the Secretary of State;
 - (d) any possible enforcement undertaking to be accepted by ^{F896}... the Secretary of State instead of an enforcement order or any possible enforcement order to be made by ^{F896}... the Secretary of State instead of an enforcement undertaking; or
 - (e) the enforcement by virtue of section [^{F897}167(6) and (7)] of any enforcement undertaking or enforcement order.
- (4) The [^{F898}CMA] shall take such action as it considers appropriate in relation to—
 - (a) any possible variation or release by it of an undertaking accepted by it under section 154;
 - (b) any possible new undertaking to be accepted by it under section 154 so as to supersede another undertaking given to it under that section;
 - ^{F899}(ba) any possible variation or release by it of an enforcement undertaking accepted by it;
 - (bb) any possible new enforcement undertaking to be accepted by it so as to supersede another enforcement undertaking given to it;
 - (bc) any possible variation or revocation by it of an enforcement order made by it;

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- (bd) any possible enforcement undertaking to be accepted by it instead of an enforcement order or any possible enforcement order to be made by it instead of an enforcement undertaking;] or
 - (c) the enforcement by it by virtue of section 167(6) of any enforcement undertaking or enforcement order.
- (5) The [^{F900}CMA] shall keep under review the effectiveness of enforcement undertakings accepted under this Part and enforcement orders made under this Part.
- (6) The [^{F900}CMA] shall, whenever requested to do so by the Secretary of State and otherwise from time to time, prepare a report of its findings under subsection (5).
- (7) The [^{F901}CMA] shall—
- ^{F902}(a)
 - (b) give a copy of the report to the Secretary of State; and
 - (c) publish [^{F903}any report prepared by it under subsection (6)].
- (8) In this Part—
- “enforcement order” means an order made under section 158, 160 or 161; and
 - “enforcement undertaking” means an undertaking accepted under section 154, 157 or 159.

Textual Amendments

- F890** Word in s. 162 heading substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 194(7)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F891** Word in s. 162(1)(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 194(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F892** Word in s. 162(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 194(3)(a)(i)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F893** Words in s. 162(3) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 194(3)(a)(ii)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F894** Words in s. 162(3)(a) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 194(3)(b)(i)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F895** Words in s. 162(3)(a) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 194(3)(b)(ii)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F896** Words in s. 162(3)(b)-(d) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 194(3)(c)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F897** Words in s. 162(3)(e) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 194(3)(d)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F898** Word in s. 162(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 194(4)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F899** S. 162(4)(ba)-(bd) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 194(4)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F900** Word in s. 162(5)(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 194(5)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F901** Word in s. 162(7) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 194(6)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F902** S. 162(7)(a) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 194(6)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F903** Words in s. 162(7)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 194(6)(c)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C434** Ss. 91(3), 92(1)(a), 162(1), 166(3) modified (20.6.2003) by 1977 c. 37, s. 50A(7) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 8(2)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C435** Ss. 162(1), 166(3) modified (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1982/1080 (N.I. 12), art. 23(6) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 12(2)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C436** Ss. 162(1), 166(3) modified (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1982/1080 (N.I. 12), art. 42(5A) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para 12(3)(e)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)

163 ^{F904}Role of CMA in relation to undertakings and orders in public interest cases: Part 4]

- (1) Subsections (2) and (3) apply where ^{F905}... the Secretary of State ^{F906}... is considering whether to accept undertakings under section 157 or 159.
- (2) The [^{F907}Secretary of State] may require the [^{F908}CMA] to consult with such persons as the [^{F907}Secretary of State] considers appropriate with a view to discovering whether they will offer undertakings which the [^{F907}Secretary of State] would be prepared to accept under section 157 or (as the case may be) 159.
- (3) The [^{F909}Secretary of State] may require the [^{F910}CMA] to report to the [^{F909}Secretary of State] on the outcome of the [^{F911}CMA's] consultations within such period as the [^{F909}Secretary of State] may require.
- (4) A report under subsection (3) shall, in particular, contain advice from the [^{F912}CMA] as to whether any undertakings offered should be accepted by the [^{F913}Secretary of State] under section 157 or (as the case may be) 159.
- (5) The powers conferred on the [^{F914}Secretary of State] by subsections (1) to (4) are without prejudice to the power of the [^{F914}Secretary of State] to consult the persons concerned ^{F915}....
- (6) If asked by the [^{F916}Secretary of State] for advice in relation to the taking of enforcement action (whether or not by way of undertakings) in a particular case, the [^{F917}CMA] shall give such advice as it considers appropriate.

Textual Amendments

- F904** S. 163 heading substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 195(8)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F905** Words in s. 163(1) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 195(2)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F906** Words in s. 163(1) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 195(2)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F907** Words in s. 163(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 195(3)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F908** Word in s. 163(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 195(3)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F909** Words in s. 163(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 195(4)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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- F910** Word in s. 163(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 195(4)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F911** Word in s. 163(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 195(4)(c)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F912** Word in s. 163(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 195(5)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F913** Words in s. 163(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 195(5)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F914** Words in s. 163(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 195(6)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F915** Word in s. 163(5) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 195(6)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F916** Words in s. 163(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 195(7)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F917** Word in s. 163(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 195(7)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Supplementary

164 Enforcement undertakings and orders under this Part: general provisions

- (1) The provision which may be contained in an enforcement undertaking is not limited to the provision which is permitted by Schedule 8.
- (2) The following enactments in Part 3 shall apply in relation to enforcement orders under this Part as they apply in relation to enforcement orders under that Part—
 - (a) section 86(1) to (5) (enforcement orders: general provisions); and
 - (b) section 87 (power of directions conferred by enforcement order).
- (3) An enforcement order under section 160 or 161 or any explanatory material accompanying the order shall state—
 - (a) the actions that the persons or description of persons to whom the order is addressed must do or (as the case may be) refrain from doing;
 - (b) the date on which the order comes into force;
 - (c) the possible consequences of not complying with the order; and
 - (d) the section of this Part under which a review can be sought in relation to the order.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C437** Ss. 75(4)(a), 83(4)(a), 84(2)(a), 89(1), 160(4)(a), 161(3)(a), 164(1), Sch. 7 paras. 5, 10, 11 modified (20.6.2003) by 1988 c. 48, s. 144(2) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 18(2)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C438** Ss. 75(4)(a), 83(4)(a), 84(2)(a), 89(1), 160(4)(a), 161(3)(a), 164(1), Sch. 7 paras. 5, 10, 11 modified (20.6.2003) by 1988 c. 48, s. 238(2) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40) ss. 278, 279, {Sch. 25 para. 18(4)}); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C439** Ss. 75(4)(a), 83(4)(a), 84(2)(a), 89(1), 160(4)(a), 161(3)(a), 164(1), Sch. 7 paras. 5, 10, 11 modified (20.6.2003) by 1988 c. 48, **Sch. 2A para. 17(2)** (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 18(5)(a)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)

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C440 Ss. 160(4)(a), 161(3)(a), 164(1) modified (20.6.2003) by 1993 c. 21, s. 33(2A) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 29(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)

C441 Ss. 160(4)(a), 161(3)(a), 164(1) modified (20.6.2003) by 1994 c. 17, s. 33(2A) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 31(3)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)

165 Procedural requirements for certain undertakings and orders: Part 4

Schedule 10 (procedural requirements for certain undertakings and orders), other than paragraph 9 of that Schedule, shall apply in relation to undertakings under section 159 and orders under section 160 or 161 as it applies in relation to undertakings under section 82 and orders under section 83 or 84.

166 Register of undertakings and orders: Part 4

- (1) The [^{F918}CMA] shall compile and maintain a register for the purposes of this Part.
- (2) The register shall be kept in such form as the [^{F918}CMA] considers appropriate.
- (3) The [^{F919}CMA] shall ensure that the following matters are entered in the register—
 - (a) the provisions of any enforcement undertaking accepted by virtue of this Part ^{F920} ...;
 - (b) the provisions of any enforcement order made by virtue of this Part ^{F921} ...; and
 - (c) the details of any variation, release or revocation of such an undertaking or order.
- (4) The duty in subsection (3) does not extend to anything of which the [^{F922}CMA] is unaware.
- (5) The ^{F923} ... Secretary of State and any relevant sectoral regulator shall inform the [^{F924}CMA] of any matters which are to be included in the register by virtue of subsection (3) and which relate to enforcement undertakings accepted by them or enforcement orders made by them.
- (6) The [^{F925}CMA] shall ensure that the contents of the register are available to the public—
 - (a) during (as a minimum) such hours as may be specified in an order made by the Secretary of State; and
 - (b) subject to such reasonable fees (if any) as the [^{F925}CMA] may determine.
- (7) If requested by any person to do so and subject to such reasonable fees (if any) as the [^{F925}CMA] may determine, the [^{F925}CMA] shall supply the person concerned with a copy (certified to be true) of the register or of an extract from it.

Textual Amendments

F918 Word in s. 166(1)(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 196(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F919 Word in s. 166(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 196(3)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F920 Words in s. 166(3)(a) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 196(3)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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- F921** Words in s. 166(3)(b) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 196(3)(c)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F922** Word in s. 166(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 196(4)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F923** Words in s. 166(5) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 196(5)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F924** Word in s. 166(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 196(5)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F925** Word in s. 166(6)(7) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 196(6)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C442** Ss. 91(3), 92(1)(a), 162(1), 166(3) modified (20.6.2003) by 1977 c. 37, s. 50A(7) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 8(2)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C443** Ss. 162(1), 166(3) modified (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1982/1080 (N.I. 12), art. 23(6) (as substituted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para. 12(2)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)
- C444** Ss. 162(1), 166(3) modified (20.6.2003) by S.I. 1982/1080 (N.I. 12), art. 42(5A) (as inserted by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278, 279, **Sch. 25 para 12(3)(e)**); S.I. 2003/1397, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. (with art. 8)

167 Rights to enforce undertakings and orders under this Part

- (1) This section applies to any enforcement undertaking or enforcement order.
- (2) Any person to whom such an undertaking or order relates shall have a duty to comply with it.
- (3) The duty shall be owed to any person who may be affected by a contravention of the undertaking or (as the case may be) order.
- (4) Any breach of the duty which causes such a person to sustain loss or damage shall be actionable by him.
- (5) In any proceedings brought under subsection (4) against a person to whom an enforcement undertaking or enforcement order relates it shall be a defence for that person to show that he took all reasonable steps and exercised all due diligence to avoid contravening the undertaking or (as the case may be) order.
- (6) Compliance with an enforcement undertaking or an enforcement order shall also be enforceable by civil proceedings brought by the [^{F926}CMA] for an injunction or for interdict or for any other appropriate relief or remedy.
- (7) Compliance with an undertaking accepted [^{F927}by the Secretary of State] under section 157 or 159, or an order [^{F928}made by the Secretary of State] under section 158, 160 or 161, shall also be enforceable by civil proceedings brought by the [^{F929}Secretary of State] for an injunction or for interdict or for any other appropriate relief or remedy.
- ^{F930}(8)
- (9) Subsections [^{F931}(6) and (7)] shall not prejudice any right that a person may have by virtue of subsection (4) to bring civil proceedings for contravention or apprehended contravention of an enforcement undertaking or an enforcement order.

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Textual Amendments

- F926** Word in s. 167(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 197\(2\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F927** Words in s. 167(7) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 197\(3\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F928** Words in s. 167(7) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 197\(3\)\(b\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F929** Words in s. 167(7) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 197\(3\)\(c\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F930** S. 167(8) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 197\(4\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F931** Words in s. 167(9) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 197\(5\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

CHAPTER 4

SUPPLEMENTARY

Regulated markets

168 Regulated markets

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where the [^{F932}CMA] or the Secretary of State is considering for the purposes of this Part whether relevant action would be reasonable and practicable for the purpose of remedying, mitigating or preventing an adverse effect on competition or any detrimental effect on customers so far as resulting from such an effect.
- (2) The [^{F932}CMA] or (as the case may be) the Secretary of State shall, in deciding whether such action would be reasonable and practicable, have regard to the relevant statutory functions of the sectoral regulator concerned.
- (3) In this section “relevant action” means—
 - (a) [^{F933}modifying the conditions of a licence granted under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 (c. 12);]
 - ^{F934}(b)
 - (c) modifying the conditions of a licence granted under section 7 [^{F935}or 7A][^{F935}, 7A or 7AB] of the Gas Act 1986 (c. 44);
 - (d) modifying the conditions of a licence granted under section 6 of the Electricity Act 1989 (c. 29);
 - (e) modifying networking arrangements (within the meaning given by [^{F936}section 290 of the Communications Act 2003]);
 - (f) modifying the conditions of a company’s appointment under Chapter 1 of Part 2 of the Water Industry Act 1991 (c. 56);
 - ^{F937}(ff) modifying the conditions of a licence granted under Chapter 1A of Part 2 of the Act of 1991 or modifying the terms and conditions of an agreement under section 66D [^{F938}or 117E] of that Act;]

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- (g) modifying the conditions of a licence granted under article 10 of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1));
 - (h) modifying the conditions of a licence granted under section 8 of the Railways Act 1993 (c. 43);
 - [^{F939}(hh) modifying the conditions of a SNRP issued pursuant to the Railways Infrastructure (Access, Management and Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005;]
 - (i) modifying an access agreement (within the meaning given by section 83(1) of the Act of 1993) or a franchise agreement (within the meaning given by section 23(3) of that Act);
 - (j) modifying conditions in force under Part 4 of the Airports (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 (S.I. 1994/426 (N.I. 1)) other than any conditions imposed or modified in pursuance of article 40(3) or (4) of that Order;
 - (k) modifying the conditions of a licence granted under article 8 of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2));
 - ^{F940}(l)
 - (m) modifying the conditions of a licence granted under section 5 of the Transport Act 2000 (c. 38);
 - [^{F941}(n) modifying the conditions of a company's appointment under Chapter I of Part III of the Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006;]
 - [^{F942}(o) modifying regulatory conditions imposed under Part 3 of the Postal Services Act 2011;]
 - [^{F943}(p) modifying the conditions of a licence issued under section 87 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012;]
 - [^{F944}(q) modifying the conditions of a licence granted under Chapter 1 of Part 1 of the Civil Aviation Act 2012][^{F945}; or
 - (r) modifying the conditions of a licence granted under section 7 of the Energy Act 2023.]
- (4) In this section “relevant statutory functions” means—
- (a) [^{F946}in relation to any licence granted under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984, the duties and obligations of the Director General of Telecommunications imposed on him by or in pursuance of any enactment or other provision mentioned in section 7(5)(a) of that Act;]
 - ^{F947}(b)
 - (c) in relation to any licence granted under section 7 [^{F948}or 7A][^{F948}, 7A or 7AB] of the Gas Act 1986 (c. 44), the objectives and duties of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority under section 4AA and 4AB(2) of that Act;
 - (d) in relation to any licence granted under section 6 of the Electricity Act 1989 (c. 29), the objectives and duties of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority under section 3A and 3B(2) of that Act;
 - [^{F949}(e) in relation to any networking arrangements (within the meaning given by section 290 of the Communications Act 2003), the duty of the Office of Communications under subsection (1) of section 3 of that Act to secure the matters mentioned in subsection (2)(c) of that section;]
 - (f) in relation to a company’s appointment under Chapter 1 of Part 2 of the Water Industry Act 1991 (c. 56), the duties of [^{F950}the Water Services Regulation Authority] under section 2 of that Act;
 - [^{F951}(ff) in relation to a licence granted under Chapter 1A of Part 2 of the Act of 1991 or an agreement under section 66D [^{F952}or 117E] of that Act, the duties of the

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- Authority under section 2 of that Act or under that section and section 66D [F952 or 117E] of that Act (as the case may be);]
- (g) in relation to any licence granted under article 10 of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1)), the duty of the Director General of Electricity Supply for Northern Ireland under article 6 of that Order;
- (h) in relation to any licence granted under section 8 of the Railways Act 1993 (c. 43) [F953 where none of the conditions of the licence relate to consumer protection], the duties of the [F954 Office of Rail and Road] under section 4 of that Act;
- [F955(hh) in relation to a SNRP issued pursuant to the Railways Infrastructure (Access, Management and Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 where none of the conditions of the SNRP relate to consumer protection, the duties of the Department for Regional Development under regulation 36 of those Regulations;]
- (i) [F956 in relation to any licence granted under section 8 of the Act of 1993 where one or more than one condition of the licence relates to consumer protection, the duties of the [F957 Office of Rail Regulation] under section 4 of that Act and the duties of the Strategic Rail Authority under section 207 of the Transport Act 2000 (c. 38);]
- (j) in relation to any access agreement (within the meaning given by section 83(1) of the Act of 1993), the duties of the [F954 Office of Rail and Road] under section 4 of the Act of 1993;
- (k) in relation to any franchise agreement (within the meaning given by section 23(3) of the Act of 1993), the duties of the [F958 Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers and the National Assembly for Wales under section 4 of the Act of 1993];
- (l) in relation to conditions in force under Part 4 of the Airports (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 (S.I. 1994/426 (N.I. 1)) other than any conditions imposed or modified in pursuance of article 40(3) or (4) of that Order, the duties of the Civil Aviation Authority under article 30(2) and (3) of that Order;
- (m) in relation to any licence granted under article 8 of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2)), the duties of the Director General of Gas for Northern Ireland under article 5 of that Order;
- [F959(n)
- (o) in relation to any licence granted under section 5 of the Transport Act 2000, the duties of the Civil Aviation Authority under section 87 of that Act;
- [F960(p) in relation to a company's appointment under Chapter I of Part III of the Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, the duties of the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation under Article 6 of that Order];
- [F961(q) in relation to regulatory conditions imposed under Part 3 of the Postal Services Act 2011, the duty of the Office of Communications under section 29 of that Act;]
- [F962(r) in relation to any licence issued under section 87 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the duties of Monitor under sections 62 and 66 of that Act;]
- [F963(s) in relation to a licence granted under Chapter 1 of Part 1 of the Civil Aviation Act 2012, the duties of the Civil Aviation Authority under section 1 of that Act][F964, and

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- (t) in relation to a licence granted under section 7 of the Energy Act 2023, the objectives and duties of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority under section 1 of that Act].
- (5) In this section “sectoral regulator” means—
- (a) the Civil Aviation Authority;
 - [^{F965}(b) the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation.]
 - (d) [^{F966}the Director General of Telecommunications;]
 - (e) the Water Services Regulation Authority;
 - (f) the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority;
 - [^{F967}(g) the Office of Communications;]
 - ^{F968}(h)
 - (i) the [^{F954}Office of Rail and Road]; ^{F969}. . .
 - [^{F970}(ia) Monitor;]
 - [^{F971}(j) the Secretary of State;
 - (k) the Scottish Ministers; or
 - (l) the National Assembly for Wales][^{F972} or
 - (k) the Department for Regional Development.]
- (6) Subsection (7) applies where the [^{F973}CMA] or the Secretary of State is considering for the purposes of this Part whether modifying the conditions of a licence granted under section 7 [^{F974} or 7A][^{F974}, 7A or 7AB] of the Gas Act 1986 (c. 44) [^{F975}, section 6] of the Electricity Act 1989 (c. 29) [^{F976} or section 7 of the Energy Act 2023] would be reasonable and practicable for the purpose of remedying, mitigating or preventing an adverse effect on competition or any detrimental effect on customers so far as resulting from such an effect.
- (7) The [^{F973}CMA] or (as the case may be) the Secretary of State may, in deciding whether modifying the conditions of such a licence would be reasonable and practicable, have regard to those matters to which the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority may have regard by virtue of section 4AA(4) of the Act of 1986 or (as the case may be) section 3A(4) of the Act of 1989.
- (8) The Secretary of State may by order modify subsection (3), (4), (5), (6) or (7).
- (9) Part 2 of Schedule 9 (which makes provision for functions under this Part to be exercisable by various sectoral regulators) shall have effect.

Textual Amendments

- F932** Word in s. 168(1)(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 198](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F933** S. 168(3)(a) repealed (25.7.2003 for certain purposes and 29.12.2003 for certain purposes) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), ss. 389(1), 411(2)(3), [Sch. 19\(1\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [Sch. 18](#) and [Sch. 19 Note 1](#)); S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1(2), [2\(1\)](#), 3(1), [Sch. 1](#) (with arts. 3-6 (as amended (8.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1(3))); S.I. 2003/3142, [art. 3\(1\)](#) (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F934** S. 168(3)(b) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Civil Aviation Act 2012 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 110(1), [Sch. 9 para. 14\(2\)\(a\)](#) (with [Sch. 10 paras. 12, 17](#)); S.I. 2013/589, art. 5(1)(b)
- F935** Words in s. 168(3)(c) substituted (E.W.S.) (19.9.2012) by [The Electricity and Gas \(Smart Meters Licensable Activity\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2400\)](#), arts. 1, [31](#)

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- F936** Words in s. 168(3)(e) substituted (29.12.2003) by **Communications Act 2003 (c. 21)**, ss. 406(1), 411(2)(3), **Sch. 17 para. 174(5)(a)** (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)** (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F937** S. 168(3)(ff) inserted (1.12.2005) by **Water Act 2003 (c. 37)**, ss. 101(1), 105(3), **Sch. 8 para. 55(2)(a)**; S.I. 2005/2714, **art. 3(c)**
- F938** Words in s. 168(3)(ff) inserted (1.4.2017) by **Water Act 2014 (c. 21)**, s. 94(3), **Sch. 7 para. 129(2)**; S.I. 2017/462, art. 3(k)(xxiv)
- F939** S. 168(3)(hh) inserted (N.I.) (3.1.2006) by **The Railways Infrastructure (Access, Management and Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 (S.R. 2005/537)**, reg. 45, **Sch. 5 Pt. 1 para. 4(a)**
- F940** S. 168(3)(l) omitted (1.10.2011) by virtue of **Postal Services Act 2011 (c. 5)**, s. 93(2)(3), **Sch. 12 para. 164(2)(a)**; S.I. 2011/2329, art. 3
- F941** S. 168(3)(n) added (N.I.) (1.4.2007) by **The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21))**, arts. 1(2)(3), 308, **Sch. 12 para. 46(3)** (with arts. 8(9), 121(3), 307); S.R. 2007/194, **art. 2(2)**, Sch. 1 Pt. II (subject to art. 3, Sch. 2)
- F942** S. 168(3)(o) inserted (1.10.2011) by **Postal Services Act 2011 (c. 5)**, s. 93(2)(3), **Sch. 12 para. 164(2)(b)**; S.I. 2011/2329, art. 3
- F943** S. 168(3)(p) inserted (1.4.2013) by **Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7)**, ss. 74(7)(a), 306(4); S.I. 2013/671, art. 2(3)
- F944** S. 168(3)(q) inserted (6.4.2013) by **Civil Aviation Act 2012 (c. 19)**, s. 110(1), **Sch. 9 para. 14(2)(b)** (with Sch. 10 paras. 12, 17); S.I. 2013/589, art. 2(3)
- F945** S. 168(3)(r) and preceding word inserted (26.12.2023) by **Energy Act 2023 (c. 52)**, s. 334(3)(a), **Sch. 5 para. 8(2)(b)**
- F946** S. 168(4)(a) repealed (25.7.2003 for certain purposes and 29.12.2003 for certain purposes) by **Communications Act 2003 (c. 21)**, ss. 406(7), 411(2)(3), **Sch. 19(1)** (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18 and Sch. 19 Note 1); S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1(2), 2(1), 3(1), Sch. 1 (with arts. 3-6 (as amended (8.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1(3))); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)** (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F947** S. 168(4)(b) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of **Civil Aviation Act 2012 (c. 19)**, s. 110(1), **Sch. 9 para. 14(3)(a)** (with Sch. 10 paras. 12, 17); S.I. 2013/589, art. 5(1)(b)
- F948** Words in s. 168(4)(c) substituted (E.W.S.) (19.9.2012) by **The Electricity and Gas (Smart Meters Licensable Activity) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2400)**, arts. 1, 31
- F949** S. 168(4)(e) substituted (29.12.2003) by **Communications Act 2003 (c. 21)**, ss. 406(1), 411(2)(3), **Sch. 17 para. 174(5)(b)** (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)** (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F950** Words in s. 168(4)(f) substituted (1.4.2006) by **Water Act 2003 (c. 37)**, ss. 101(1), 105(3), **Sch. 7 para. 36(3)(a)**; S.I. 2005/2714, **art. 4(f)**
- F951** S. 168(4)(ff) inserted (1.12.2005) by **Water Act 2003 (c. 37)**, ss. 101(1), 105(3), **Sch. 8 para. 55(2)(b)**; S.I. 2005/2714, **art. 3(c)**
- F952** Words in s. 168(4)(ff) inserted (1.4.2017) by **Water Act 2014 (c. 21)**, s. 94(3), **Sch. 7 para. 129(3)**; S.I. 2017/462, art. 3(k)(xxiv)
- F953** Words in s. 168(4)(h) repealed (E.W.S.) (24.7.2005) by **Railways Act 2005 (c. 14)**, ss. 59, 60, Sch. 12 para. 18(2)(a), **Sch. 13 Pt. 1** (with s. 14(4)(5), Sch. 11 para. 11(2)); S.I. 2005/1909, **art. 2**, Sch.
- F954** Words in s. 168(4)(h)(j)(5)(i) substituted (16.10.2015) by **The Office of Rail Regulation (Change of Name) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/1682)**, reg. 1(2), **Sch. para. 4(q)(ii)**
- F955** S. 168(4)(hh) inserted (N.I.) (3.1.2006) by **The Railways Infrastructure (Access, Management and Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 (S.R. 2005/537)**, reg. 45, **Sch. 5 Pt. 1 para. 4(b)**
- F956** S. 168(4)(i) repealed (E.W.S.) (24.7.2005) by **Railways Act 2005 (c. 14)**, ss. 59, 60, Sch. 12 para. 18(2)(b), **Sch. 13 Pt. 1** (with s. 14(4)(5), Sch. 11 para. 11(2)); S.I. 2005/1909, **art. 2**, Sch.
- F957** Words in s. 168 substituted (5.7.2004) by **Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003 (c. 20)**, ss. 16(5), 120(1), **Sch. 2 para. 19(u)**; S.I. 2004/827, **art. 4(g)**

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- F958** Words in s. 168(4)(k) substituted (E.W.S.) (24.7.2005 for certain purposes and 16.10.2005 otherwise) by Railways Act 2005 (c. 14), ss. 59, 60, **Sch. 12 para. 18(2)(c)**; S.I. 2005/1909, **art. 2**, Sch.; S.I. 2005/2812, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. 1
- F959** S. 168(4)(n) omitted (1.10.2011) by virtue of Postal Services Act 2011 (c. 5), s. 93(2)(3), **Sch. 12 para. 164(3)(a)**; S.I. 2011/2329, art. 3
- F960** S. 168(4)(p) added (N.I.) (1.4.2007) by The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21)), arts. 1(2)(3), 308, **Sch. 12 para. 46(4)** (with arts. 8(9), 121(3), 307); S.R. 2007/194, **art. 2(2)**, Sch. 1 Pt. II (subject to art. 3, Sch. 2)
- F961** S. 168(4)(q) inserted (1.10.2011) by Postal Services Act 2011 (c. 5), s. 93(2)(3), **Sch. 12 para. 164(3)(b)**; S.I. 2011/2329, art. 3
- F962** S. 168(4)(r) inserted (1.4.2013) by Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), ss. 74(7)(b), 306(4); S.I. 2013/671, art. 2(3)
- F963** S. 168(4)(s) inserted (6.4.2013) by Civil Aviation Act 2012 (c. 19), s. 110(1), **Sch. 9 para. 14(3)(b)** (with Sch. 10 paras. 12, 17); S.I. 2013/589, art. 2(3)
- F964** S. 168(4)(t) and preceding word inserted (26.12.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(3)(a), **Sch. 5 para. 8(3)(b)**
- F965** S. 168(5)(b) substituted (N.I.) (1.4.2007) for s. 168(5)(b)(c) by The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21)), arts. 1(2)(3), 308, **Sch. 12 para. 46(5)** (with arts. 8(9), 121(3), 307); S.R. 2007/194, **art. 2(2)**, Sch. 1 Pt. II (subject to art. 3, Sch. 2)
- F966** S. 168(5)(d) repealed (25.7.2003 for certain purposes and 29.12.2003 for certain purposes) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 406(7), 411(2)(3), **Sch. 19(1)** (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18 and Sch. 19 Note 1); S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1(2), **2(1)**, 3(1), Sch. 1 (with arts. 3-6 (as amended (8.12.2003) by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1(3))); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)** (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F967** S. 168(5)(g) substituted (29.12.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), ss. 406(1), 411(2)(3), **Sch. 17 para. 174(5)(c)** (with transitional provisions in Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)** (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- F968** S. 168(5)(h) omitted (1.10.2011) by virtue of Postal Services Act 2011 (c. 5), s. 93(2)(3), **Sch. 12 para. 164(4)**; S.I. 2011/2329, art. 3
- F969** Word in s. 168(5)(i) repealed (16.10.2005 for E.W.S) and omitted (3.1.2006 for N.I.) by virtue of Railways Act 2005 (c. 14), ss. 59, 60, **Sch. 13 Pt. 1**; S.I. 2005/2812, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. 1; S.R. 2005/537, reg. 45, **Sch. 5 Pt. 1 para. 4(c)**
- F970** S. 168(5)(ia) inserted (1.4.2013) by Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), ss. 74(7)(c), 306(4); S.I. 2013/671, art. 2(3)
- F971** S. 168(5)(j)-(l) substituted (E.W.S.) (24.7.2005 for certain purposes and 16.10.2005 otherwise) for s. 168(5)(j) by Railways Act 2005 (c. 14), ss. 59, 60, **Sch. 12 para. 18(3)**; S.I. 2005/1909, **art. 2**, Sch.; S.I. 2005/2812, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. 1
- F972** S. 168(5)(k) inserted (N.I.) (3.1.2006) by The Railways Infrastructure (Access, Management and Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 (S.R. 2005/537), reg. 45, **Sch. 5 Pt. 1 para. 4(c)(ii)**
- F973** Word in s. 168(6)(7) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 198** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F974** Words in s. 168(6) substituted (E.W.S.) (19.9.2012) by The Electricity and Gas (Smart Meters Licensable Activity) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2400), arts. 1, **31**
- F975** Words in s. 168(6) substituted (26.12.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(3)(a), **Sch. 5 para. 8(4)(a)**
- F976** Words in s. 168(6) inserted (26.12.2023) by Energy Act 2023 (c. 52), s. 334(3)(a), **Sch. 5 para. 8(4)(b)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C445** S. 168 applied (with modifications) (28.11.2005) by The Railway (Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/3050), reg. 14, **Sch. 3 para. 1(f)**
- C446** S. 168(3)(h) modified (28.11.2005) by The Railway (Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/3050), reg. 14, **Sch. 3 para. 8(a)**

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- C447** S. 168(4)(h) modified (28.11.2005) by [The Railway \(Licensing of Railway Undertakings\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3050\), reg. 14, Sch. 3 para. 8\(a\)](#)
S. 168(4)(h) modified (28.11.2005) by [The Railway \(Licensing of Railway Undertakings\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3050\), reg. 14, Sch. 3 para. 8\(b\)](#)

Consultation, information and publicity

169 Certain duties of relevant authorities to consult: Part 4

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where the relevant authority is proposing to make a relevant decision in a way which the relevant authority considers is likely to have a substantial impact on the interests of any person.
- (2) The relevant authority shall, so far as practicable, consult that person about what is proposed before making that decision.
- (3) In consulting the person concerned, the relevant authority shall, so far as practicable, give the reasons of the relevant authority for the proposed decision.
- (4) In considering what is practicable for the purposes of this section the relevant authority shall, in particular, have regard to—
 - (a) any restrictions imposed by any timetable for making the decision; and
 - (b) any need to keep what is proposed, or the reasons for it, confidential.
- (5) The duty under this section shall not apply in relation to the making of any decision so far as particular provision is made elsewhere by virtue of this Part for consultation before the making of that decision.
- (6) In this section—

“the relevant authority” means the [^{F977}CMA, the appropriate Minister]^{F978} or the Secretary of State]; and

“relevant decision” means—

 - (a) in the case of the [^{F979}CMA], any decision by the [^{F979}CMA]—
 - (i) [^{F980}to make a reference under section 131 in a case where the CMA has not published a market study notice under section 130A in relation to the matter concerned;
 - (ia) as to whether to accept undertakings under section 154 instead of making any reference under section 131;]
 - (ii) to vary under section 135 such a reference^{F981}; or—
 - (iii) on the questions mentioned in section 134, 141 or 141A; and]
 - (b) in the case of the appropriate Minister [^{F982}(other than the Secretary of State acting alone)], any decision by the appropriate Minister—
 - (i) ^{F983} ... to make a reference under section 132; or
 - (ii) to vary under section 135 such a reference; ^{F984} ...

[^{F985}in the case of the Secretary of State, any decision by the Secretary of State—

 - (i) to make a reference under section 132;
 - (ii) to vary under section 135 such a reference;

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- (iii) in a case where the Secretary of State is required to make a reference under section 140A, whether to make a reference under subsection (5) or (6) of that section; or
- (iv) to vary under section 140B a reference made under section 140A(6).]

(c) ^{F984} ...

Textual Amendments

- F977** Words in s. 169(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 199\(a\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F978** Words in s. 169(6) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 10 para. 29\(a\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F979** Words in s. 169(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 199\(b\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F980** Words in s. 169(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 12 para. 13\(a\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F981** Words in s. 169(6) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 199\(c\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F982** Words in s. 169(6) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 10 para. 29\(b\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F983** Words in s. 169(6) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 12 para. 13\(b\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F984** Words in s. 169(6) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 199\(d\)](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F985** Words in s. 169(6) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 10 para. 29\(c\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

170 General information duties

^{F986}(1)

^{F986}(2)

- (3) The [^{F987}CMA] shall give the Secretary of State or the appropriate Minister so far as he is not the Secretary of State acting alone—
 - (a) such information in [^{F988}its possession] as the Secretary of State or (as the case may be) the appropriate Minister concerned may by direction reasonably require to enable him to carry out his functions under this Part; and
 - (b) any other assistance which the Secretary of State or (as the case may be) the appropriate Minister concerned may by direction reasonably require for the purpose of assisting him in carrying out his functions under this Part and which it is within the power of the [^{F989}CMA] or (as the case may be) the Commission to give.
- (4) The [^{F990}CMA] shall give the Secretary of State or the appropriate Minister so far as he is not the Secretary of State acting alone any information in its possession which has not been requested by the Secretary of State or (as the case may be) the appropriate Minister concerned but which, in the opinion of the [^{F990}CMA], would be appropriate to give to the Secretary of State or (as the case may be) the appropriate Minister concerned for the purpose of assisting him in carrying out his functions under this Part.

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- (5) [^{F991}The Secretary of State] or (as the case may be) the appropriate Minister concerned shall have regard to any information given to him under subsection (3) or (4).
- (6) Any direction given under subsection (3)—
 - (a) shall be in writing; and
 - (b) may be varied or revoked by a subsequent direction.

Textual Amendments

- F986** S. 170(1)(2) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 200(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F987** Words in s. 170(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 200(3)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F988** Words in s. 170(3)(a) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 200(3)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F989** Words in s. 170(3)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 200(3)(c)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F990** Word in s. 170(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 200(4)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F991** Words in s. 170(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 200(5)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

171 Advice and information: Part 4

- (1) [^{F992}... [^{F993}The CMA] shall prepare and publish general advice and information about [^{F994}—
 - (a) the making and consideration by it of market investigation references, and
 - (b) the way in which relevant customer benefits may affect the taking of enforcement action in relation to such references.]
- (2) The [^{F995}CMA] may at any time publish revised, or new, advice or information.
- ^{F996}(3)
- ^{F996}(4)
- (5) Advice and information published under this section shall be prepared with a view to—
 - (a) explaining relevant provisions of this Part to persons who are likely to be affected by them; and
 - (b) indicating how the [^{F997}CMA] expects such provisions to operate.
- ^{F998}(6)
- (7) Advice (or information) published by virtue of subsection (1) ^{F999}... may include advice (or information) about the factors which the [^{F1000}CMA] may take into account in considering whether, and if so how, to exercise a function conferred by this Part.
- (8) Any advice or information published by the [^{F1001}CMA] under this section shall be published in such manner as the [^{F1002}CMA] considers appropriate.
- (9) In preparing any advice or information under this section, the [^{F1003}CMA] shall consult such persons] and such other persons as it considers appropriate.

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F1004(10)

F1005(11)

Textual Amendments

- F992** Words in s. 171(1) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 201(2)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F993** Words in s. 171(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 201(2)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F994** Words in s. 171(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 201(2)(c)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F995** Word in s. 171(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 201(3)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F996** S. 171(3)(4) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 201(4)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F997** Word in s. 171(5)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 201(5)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F998** S. 171(6) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **57**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F999** Words in s. 171(7) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 201(7)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1000** Word in s. 171(7) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 201(7)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1001** Word in s. 171(8) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 201(8)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1002** Word in s. 171(8) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 201(8)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1003** Words in s. 171(9) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 201(9)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1004** S. 171(10) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 201(10)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1005** S. 171(11) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Competition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **57**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

172 Further publicity requirements: Part 4

- (1) The [F1006CMA] shall publish—
- (a) any reference made by it under section 131 [F1007, other than a reference treated as so made by virtue of section 140A(5)(b)];
 - [F1008(aa) any decision not to make a reference under section 131 following a consultation in relation to the matter concerned under section 169;]
 - (b) any variation made by it under section 135 of a reference under section 131;
 - (c) any decision of a kind mentioned in section 149(5)(b); and
 - (d) such information as it considers appropriate about any decision made by it under section 152(1) to bring a case to the attention of the Secretary of State.
- (2) The [F1009CMA] shall also] publish—
- [F1010(za) any extension by it under section 137 of the period within which a report under section 136 is to be prepared and published;

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- (zb) any extension by it under section 138A of the period within which its duty under section 138(2) is to be discharged;]
 - (a) any decision made by it under section 138(2) neither to accept an undertaking under section 159 nor to make an order under section 161;
 - (b) any decision made by it that there has been a material change of circumstances as mentioned in section 138(3) or there is another special reason as mentioned in that section;
 - [^{F1011}(ba) any extension by it under section 144 of the period within which a report under section 142 is to be prepared and action is to be taken in relation to it;]
 - (c) any termination under section 145(1) of an investigation by it;
 - ^{F1012}(d)
 - (e) any enforcement undertaking accepted by it under section 157;
 - (f) any enforcement order made by it under section 158; and
 - (g) any variation, release or revocation of such an undertaking or order.
- (3) The Secretary of State shall publish—
- (a) any reference made by him under section 132;
 - (b) any variation made by him under section 135 of a reference under section 132;
 - (c) any intervention notice given by him;
 - (d) any decision made by him to revoke such a notice;
 - [^{F1013}(da) any reference made by him under section 140A(5) or (6);
 - (db) any variation made by him under section 140B of a reference under section 140A(6);]
 - (e) any decision made by him under section 147(2) [^{F1014}or (as the case may be) 147A(2)] neither to accept an undertaking under section 159 nor to make an order under section 161;
 - (f) any enforcement undertaking accepted by him under section 157;
 - (g) any variation or release of such an undertaking; and
 - (h) any direction given by him under section 170(3) in connection with the exercise by him of his functions under section 132(3).
- (4) The appropriate Minister (other than the Secretary of State acting alone) shall publish—
- (a) any reference made by him under section 132;
 - (b) any variation made by him under section 135 of a reference under section 132; and
 - (c) any direction given by him under section 170(3) in connection with the exercise by him of his functions under section 132(3).
- (5) Where any person is under an obligation by virtue of subsection (1), (2), (3) or (4) to publish the result of any action taken by that person or any decision made by that person, the person concerned shall, subject to subsections (6) and (7), also publish that person's reasons for the action concerned or (as the case may be) the decision concerned.
- (6) Such reasons need not, if it is not reasonably practicable to do so, be published at the same time as the result of the action concerned or (as the case may be) as the decision concerned.
- (7) Subsections (5) and (6) shall not apply in relation to any case falling within subsection (1)(d) ^{F1015}....

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[^{F1016}(7A) Subsection (6) shall not apply in relation to any case falling within subsection (1) (a)] [^{F1017}or (3)(da)].

(8) The Secretary of State shall publish his reasons for—

- (a) any decision made by him under section 146(2) [^{F1018}or 146A(2)]; or
- (b) any decision to make an order under section 153(3) or vary or revoke such an order.

(9) Such reasons may be published after—

- (a) in the case of subsection (8)(a), the publication of the decision concerned; and
- (b) in the case of subsection (8)(b), the making of the order or of the variation or revocation;

if it is not reasonably practicable to publish them at the same time as the publication of the decision or (as the case may be) the making of the order or variation or revocation.

(10) Where the Secretary of State has decided under section 147(2) [^{F1019}or 147A(2)] to accept an undertaking under section 159 or to make an order under section 161, he shall (after the acceptance of the undertaking or (as the case may be) the making of the order) lay details of his decision and his reasons for it, and the [^{F1020}CMA's] report under section 142, before each House of Parliament.

Textual Amendments

- F1006** Word in s. 172(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 202(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1007** Words in s. 172(1)(a) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 30(2)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1008** S. 172(1)(aa) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 12 para. 14(2)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1009** Words in s. 172(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 202(3)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1010** S. 172(2)(za)(zb) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 12 para. 14(3)(a)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1011** S. 172(2)(ba) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 12 para. 14(3)(b)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1012** S. 172(2)(d) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 30(3)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1013** S. 172(3)(da)(db) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 30(4)(a)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1014** Words in s. 172(3)(e) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 30(4)(b)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1015** Words in s. 172(7) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 30(5)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1016** S. 172(7A) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 12 para. 14(4)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1017** Words in s. 172(7A) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 30(6)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1018** Words in s. 172(8)(a) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 30(7)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1019** Words in s. 172(10) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 30(8)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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F1020 Words in s. 172(10) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 202(4)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

173 Defamation: Part 4

For the purposes of the law relating to defamation, absolute privilege attaches to any advice, guidance, notice or direction given, or decision or report made, by the [^{F1021}CMA], [^{F1022}by the Secretary of State or], by the appropriate Minister (other than the Secretary of State acting alone) ^{F1023}... in the exercise of any of their functions under this Part.

Textual Amendments

F1021 Word in s. 173 substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 203(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F1022 Words in s. 173 substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 203(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F1023 Words in s. 173 omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 203(c)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Investigation powers

174 [^{F1024}Attendance of witnesses and production of documents etc.]

- [^{F1025}(1) For the purposes of this section, the permitted purposes are the following—
- (a) assisting the CMA in carrying out its functions under section 5 in relation to a matter in a case where it has published a market study notice;
 - (b) assisting the CMA in carrying out any functions, including enforcement functions, exercisable by it under or by virtue of this Part in connection with a matter that is or has been the subject of a reference under section 131 or 132 or possible reference under section 131;
 - (c) assisting the CMA or the Secretary of State in carrying out any functions, including enforcement functions, of the CMA or (as the case may be) the Secretary of State under or by virtue of this Part in connection with a matter that is or has been the subject of a reference under section 140A(6) or possible reference under section 140A(5) or (6).
- (2) The CMA may exercise any of the powers in subsections (3) to (5) for a permitted purpose.]
- (3) The [^{F1026}CMA] may give notice to any person requiring him—
- (a) to attend at a time and place specified in the notice; and
 - (b) to give evidence to the [^{F1026}CMA] or a person nominated by the [^{F1026}CMA] for the purpose.
- (4) The [^{F1026}CMA] may give notice to any person requiring him—
- (a) to produce any documents which—
 - (i) are specified or described in the notice, or fall within a category of document which is specified or described in the notice; and
 - (ii) are in that person's custody or under his control; and

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- (b) to produce them at a time and place so specified and to a person so specified.
- (5) The [^{F1026}CMA] may give notice to any person who carries on any business requiring him—
- (a) to supply to the [^{F1026}CMA] such estimates, forecasts, returns or other information as may be specified or described in the notice; and
- (b) to supply it at a time and place, and in a form and manner, so specified and to a person so specified.
- (6) A notice under this section shall [^{F1027}—
- (a) specify the permitted purpose for which the notice is given, including the function or functions in question; and
- (b)] include information about the possible consequences of not complying with the notice
- [^{F1028}(6A) The CMA or any person nominated by it for the purpose may, for a permitted purpose, take evidence on oath and for that purpose may administer oaths.]
- (7) The person to whom any document is produced in accordance with a notice under this section may, for [^{F1029}a permitted purpose], copy the document so produced.
- (8) No person shall be required under this section—
- (a) to give any evidence or produce any documents which he could not be compelled to give or produce in civil proceedings before the court; or
- (b) to supply any information which he could not be compelled to supply in evidence in such proceedings.
- (9) No person shall be required, in compliance with a notice under this section, to go more than 10 miles from his place of residence unless his necessary travelling expenses are paid or offered to him.
- [^{F1030}(9A) In subsection (1), “enforcement functions” means—
- (a) in relation to the CMA—
- (i) functions conferred by virtue of section 164(2)(b) on the CMA by enforcement orders;
- (ii) functions of the CMA in relation to the variation, supersession or release of enforcement undertakings or the variation or revocation of enforcement orders;
- (iii) functions of the CMA under or by virtue of section 160 or 162 in relation to enforcement undertakings or enforcement orders;
- (b) in relation to the Secretary of State—
- (i) functions conferred by virtue of section 164(2)(b) on the Secretary of State by enforcement orders;
- (ii) functions of the Secretary of State in relation to the variation, supersession or release of enforcement undertakings or the variation or revocation of enforcement orders;
- (iii) functions of the Secretary of State under or by virtue of section 160 in relation to enforcement undertakings or enforcement orders.]
- (10) Any reference in this section to the production of a document includes a reference to the production of a legible and intelligible copy of information recorded otherwise than in legible form.

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- (11) In this section “the court” means—
- (a) in relation to England and Wales or Northern Ireland, the High Court; and
 - (b) in relation to Scotland, the Court of Session.

Textual Amendments

- F1024**S. 174 heading substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), ss. 36\(7\), 103\(3\); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2\(1\)\(b\) \(with Sch.\)](#)
- F1025**S. 174(1)(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), ss. 36\(2\), 103\(3\); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2\(1\)\(b\) \(with Sch.\)](#)
- F1026**Word in s. 174(3)-(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), s. 103\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 204 \(with s. 28\); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2\(1\)\(d\) \(with Sch.\)](#)
- F1027**Words in s. 174(6) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), ss. 36\(3\), 103\(3\); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2\(1\)\(b\) \(with Sch.\)](#)
- F1028**S. 174(6A) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), ss. 36\(4\), 103\(3\); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2\(1\)\(b\) \(with Sch.\)](#)
- F1029**Words in s. 174(7) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), ss. 36\(5\), 103\(3\); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2\(1\)\(b\) \(with Sch.\)](#)
- F1030**S. 174(9A) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), ss. 36\(6\), 103\(3\); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2\(1\)\(b\) \(with Sch.\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C448** S. 174 modified by 2007 c. 29, s. 57(5) (as amended (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/892\), art. 1\(1\), Sch. 1 para. 176\(2\)\(b\) \(with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 4\)](#))
- C449** S. 174 savings for effect of 2013 c. 24, s. 36, Sch. 11 (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/892\), art. 1\(1\), Sch. 2 para. 3 \(with art. 3\)](#)

^{F1031}~~174~~ **Enforcement of powers under section 174: general**

- (1) Where the CMA considers that a person has, without reasonable excuse, failed to comply with any requirement of a notice under section 174, it may impose a penalty in accordance with section 174D.
- (2) The CMA may proceed (whether at the same time or at different times) under subsection (1) and section 138A(3) in relation to the same failure.
- (3) Where the CMA considers that a person has intentionally obstructed or delayed another person in the exercise of its powers under section 174(7), it may impose a penalty in accordance with section 174D.
- (4) A person commits an offence if the person intentionally alters, suppresses or destroys any document which the person has been required to produce by a notice under section 174.
- (5) But a person does not commit an offence under subsection (4) in relation to any act which constitutes a failure to comply with a notice under section 174 if the CMA has proceeded against the person under subsection (1) in relation to that failure.
- (6) A person who commits an offence under subsection (4) is liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum;

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- (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to a fine or to both.
- (7) The CMA shall not proceed against a person under subsection (1) in relation to an act which constitutes an offence under subsection (4) if that person has been found guilty of that offence.
- (8) In deciding whether and, if so, how to proceed under subsection (1) or (3) or section 138A(3), the CMA shall have regard to the statement of policy which was most recently published under section 174E at the time the failure or (as the case may be) the obstruction or delay concerned occurred.
- (9) In this section—
 - (a) the reference to the production of a document includes a reference to the production of a legible and intelligible copy of information recorded otherwise than in legible form; and
 - (b) the reference to suppressing a document includes a reference to destroying the means of reproducing information recorded otherwise than in legible form.

Textual Amendments

F1031 Ss. 174A-174E inserted (25.4.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(1)(i)(3), [Sch. 11 para. 1](#); [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

174B Restriction on powers to impose penalties under section 174A

- (1) No penalty shall be imposed by virtue of section 174A(1) or (3) if more than 4 weeks have passed since the day which is the relevant day in the case in question; but this subsection shall not apply in relation to any variation or substitution of the penalty which is permitted by virtue of this Part.
- (2) In the following provisions of this section, “the section 174 power” means the power under section 174 to which the failure or (as the case may be) the obstruction or delay in question relates.
- (3) Where the section 174 power is exercised for the purpose mentioned in section 174(1)
 - (a), the relevant day is the day when the CMA finally concludes the carrying out of its section 5 functions.
- (4) Where the section 174 power is exercised in connection with an enforcement function (within the meaning of that section), the relevant day is the day when the enforcement undertaking concerned is superseded or released or (as the case may be) the enforcement order concerned is revoked.
- (5) Except where subsection (3) or (4) applies, the relevant day is the day determined in accordance with the following provisions of this section.
- (6) Where the section 174 power is exercised for the purpose mentioned in section 174(1)
 - (b) in connection with a matter that is the subject of a possible reference under section 131, the relevant day is the day when the CMA finally decides whether to make the reference.

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- (7) Where the section 174 power is exercised for the purpose mentioned in section 174(1) (b) in connection with a matter that is the subject of a reference under section 131 or 132, the relevant day is the day when the reference is finally determined (see section 183).
- (8) Where the section 174 power is exercised for the purpose mentioned in section 174(1) (c) in connection with a matter that is the subject of a possible reference under section 140A(5) or (6), the relevant day is the day when the Secretary of State makes the reference.
- (9) Where the section 174 power is exercised for the purpose mentioned in section 174(1) (c) in connection with a matter that is the subject of a reference under section 140A(6), the relevant day is the day when the reference is finally determined (see section 183).

Textual Amendments

F1031 Ss. 174A-174E inserted (25.4.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(1)(i)(3), **Sch. 11 para. 1**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C450 S. 174B modified by 2007 c. 29, s. 57(5A) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/892\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 176(3)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 4))

C451 S. 174B modified by 2000 c. 8, s. 140D(2) (as inserted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/892\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 124(4)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 4))

174C Section 174B: supplementary provision

- (1) For the purpose of section 174B(3), the CMA finally concludes the carrying out of its section 5 functions if—
 - (a) the CMA publishes the market study report under section 131B(4) or (as the case may be) gives it to the Secretary of State under section 140A(3)(b); or
 - (b) the period permitted for the preparation by the CMA of the market study report and for the report to be published under section 131B(4) or (as the case may be) given to the Secretary of State under section 140A(3)(b) expires and no such report has been so prepared or no such action has been taken.
- (2) For the purpose of section 174B(3), the time when the CMA finally concludes the carrying out of its section 5 functions is—
 - (a) in a case falling within subsection (1)(a), the publication of the report or (as the case may be) the giving of it to the Secretary of State;
 - (b) in a case falling within subsection (1)(b), the expiry of the period concerned.
- (3) For the purpose of section 174B(6), the CMA finally decides whether to make a reference under section 131 if—
 - (a) the CMA makes such a reference;
 - (b) the CMA accepts an undertaking under section 154 instead of making such a reference;

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- (c) the CMA publishes notice that it has otherwise decided not to make such a reference; or
 - (d) the period permitted for the preparation by the CMA of a market study report in relation to the matter and for the report to be published under section 131B(4) has expired and no such report has been so prepared or published.
- (4) For the purpose of section 174B(6), the time when the CMA finally decides whether to make a reference under section 131 is—
- (a) in a case falling within subsection (3)(a), the making of the reference;
 - (b) in a case falling within subsection (3)(b), the acceptance of the undertaking concerned;
 - (c) in a case falling within subsection (3)(c), the publication of the notice concerned;
 - (d) in a case falling within subsection (3)(d), the expiry of the period concerned.
- (5) In subsection (4)(b) the reference to the acceptance of the undertaking concerned shall, in a case where the CMA has accepted a group of undertakings under section 154, be treated as a reference to the acceptance of the last undertaking in the group; but undertakings which vary, supersede or revoke earlier undertakings shall be disregarded for the purposes of subsections (3)(b) and (4)(b).

Textual Amendments

F1031 Ss. 174A-174E inserted (25.4.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(1)(i)(3), [Sch. 11 para. 1](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

174D Penalties

- (1) A penalty imposed under section 174A(1) or (3) shall be of such amount as the CMA considers appropriate.
- (2) In the case of a penalty imposed under section 174A(1), the amount may be—
 - (a) a fixed amount;
 - (b) an amount calculated by reference to a daily rate; or
 - (c) a combination of a fixed amount and an amount calculated by reference to a daily rate.
- (3) In the case of a penalty imposed under section 174A(3), the amount shall be a fixed amount.
- (4) A penalty imposed under section 174A(1) shall not—
 - (a) in the case of a fixed amount, exceed such amount as the Secretary of State may by order specify;
 - (b) in the case of an amount calculated by reference to a daily rate, exceed such amount per day as the Secretary of State may so specify; and
 - (c) in the case of a fixed amount and an amount calculated by reference to a daily rate, exceed such fixed amount and such amount per day as the Secretary of State may so specify.

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- (5) A penalty imposed under section 174A(3) shall not exceed such amount as the Secretary of State may by order specify.
- (6) An order under subsection (4) or (5) shall not specify—
- (a) in the case of a fixed amount, an amount exceeding £30,000;
 - (b) in the case of an amount calculated by reference to a daily rate, an amount per day exceeding £15,000; and
 - (c) in the case of a fixed amount and an amount calculated by reference to a daily rate, a fixed amount exceeding £30,000 and an amount per day exceeding £15,000.
- (7) Before making an order under subsection (4) or (5), the Secretary of State shall consult—
- (a) the CMA; and
 - (b) such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (8) In imposing a penalty by reference to a daily rate—
- (a) no account is to be taken of any days before the service on the person concerned of notice of the penalty under section 112 (as applied by subsection (10)); and
 - (b) unless the CMA determines an earlier date (whether before or after the penalty is imposed), the amount payable ceases to accumulate at the beginning of the earliest of the days mentioned in subsection (9).
- (9) Those days are—
- (a) the day on which the requirement of the notice concerned under section 174 is satisfied;
 - (b) the day which is the relevant day in the case in question for the purposes of section 174B.
- (10) Sections 112 to 115 apply in relation to a penalty imposed under section 174A(1) or (3) as they apply in relation to a penalty imposed under section 110(1) or (3).

Textual Amendments

F1031 Ss. 174A-174E inserted (25.4.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(1)(i)(3), [Sch. 11 para. 1](#); [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

174E Statement of policy on penalties

- (1) The CMA shall prepare and publish a statement of policy in relation to the enforcement of notices given under section 174.
- (2) The statement shall, in particular, include a statement about the considerations relevant to the determination of the nature and amount of any penalty imposed under section 174A(1) or (3).
- (3) The CMA may revise its statement of policy and, where it does so, it shall publish the revised statement.

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- (4) The CMA shall consult such persons as it considers appropriate when preparing or revising its statement of policy.]

Textual Amendments

F1031 Ss. 174A-174E inserted (25.4.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(1)(i)(3), **Sch. 11 para. 1**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F1032 175 Enforcement of powers under section 174: offences

Textual Amendments

F1032 S. 175 omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 11 para. 3**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C452 S. 175 savings for effects of 2013 c. 24, s. 36, Sch. 11 (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 2 para. 3** (with art. 3)

F1033 176 Investigation powers of the Commission

Textual Amendments

F1033 S. 176 omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 11 para. 4**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Reports

177 Excisions from reports: Part 4

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where the Secretary of State is under a duty to publish a report of the ^{F1034}CMA under section 142.
- (2) The Secretary of State may exclude a matter from the report if he considers that publication of the matter would be inappropriate.
- (3) In deciding what is inappropriate for the purposes of subsection (2) the Secretary of State shall have regard to the considerations mentioned in section 244.
- (4) The ^{F1035}CMA shall advise the Secretary of State as to the matters (if any) which it considers should be excluded by him under subsection (2).

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- (5) References in sections 136(4) to (6)^{F1036}... and 172(10) to the giving or laying of a report of the [F1037CMA] shall be construed as references to the giving or laying of the report as published.

Textual Amendments

- F1034** Word in s. 177(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 205** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1035** Word in s. 177(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 205** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1036** Words in s. 177(5) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 31**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1037** Word in s. 177(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 205** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

178 Minority reports of [F1038CMA]: Part 4

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where, on a market investigation reference, a member of a group constituted in connection with the reference ^{F1039}..., disagrees with any decisions contained in the report of the [F1040CMA] under this Part as the decisions of the [F1040CMA].
- (2) The report shall, if the member so wishes, include a statement of his disagreement and of his reasons for disagreeing.

Textual Amendments

- F1038** Word in s. 178 heading substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 206(3)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1039** Words in s. 178(1) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 206(2)(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1040** Word in s. 178(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 206(2)(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Other

179 Review of decisions under Part 4

- (1) Any person aggrieved by a decision of the [F1041CMA], the appropriate Minister, [F1042or the Secretary of State] in connection with a reference or possible reference under this Part may apply to the Competition Appeal Tribunal for a review of that decision.
- (2) For this purpose “decision”—
- [F1043(z)] does not include a decision whether to carry out functions under section 5 in a case where the CMA is, or would have been, required to publish a market study notice (see section 130A(1));]
- (a) does not include a decision to impose a penalty under [F1044section 174A(1) or (3)]; but

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- (b) includes a failure to take a decision permitted or required by this Part in connection with a reference or possible reference.
- (3) Except in so far as a direction to the contrary is given by the Competition Appeal Tribunal, the effect of the decision is not suspended by reason of the making of the application.
- (4) In determining such an application the Competition Appeal Tribunal shall apply the same principles as would be applied by a court on an application for judicial review.
- (5) The Competition Appeal Tribunal may—
 - (a) dismiss the application or quash the whole or part of the decision to which it relates; and
 - (b) where it quashes the whole or part of that decision, refer the matter back to the original decision maker with a direction to reconsider and make a new decision in accordance with the ruling of the Competition Appeal Tribunal.
- (6) An appeal lies on any point of law arising from a decision of the Competition Appeal Tribunal under this section to the appropriate court.
- (7) An appeal under subsection (6) requires the permission of the Tribunal or the appropriate court.
- (8) In this section—
 - “the appropriate court” means the Court of Appeal or, in the case of Tribunal proceedings in Scotland, the Court of Session; and
 - “Tribunal rules” has the meaning given by section 15(1).

Textual Amendments

F1041 Word in s. 179(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 207(a)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F1042 Words in s. 179(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 207(b)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F1043 S. 179(2)(za) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 12 para. 15**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F1044 Words in s. 179(2)(a) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 11 para. 5**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

180 Offences

- (1) Sections 117 (false or misleading information) and 125 (offences by bodies corporate) shall apply, with the modifications mentioned in subsection (2) below, for the purposes of this Part as they apply for the purposes of Part 3.
- (2) Section 117 shall, in its application by virtue of subsection (1) above, have effect as if references to the Secretary of State included references to the appropriate Minister so far as he is not the Secretary of State acting alone [^{F1045}and as if the references to OFCOM were omitted] .

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Textual Amendments

F1045 Words in s. 180(2) inserted (29.12.2003) by **Communications Act 2003 (c. 21)**, ss. 389(1), 411(2)(3), **Sch. 16 para. 26** (with transitional provisions in **Sch. 18**); S.I. 2003/3142, **art. 3(1)**, **Sch. 1** (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)

181 Orders under Part 4

- (1) Any power of the Secretary of State to make an order under this Part shall be exercisable by statutory instrument.
- (2) Any power of the Secretary of State to make an order under this Part—
 - (a) may be exercised so as to make different provision for different cases or different purposes;
 - (b) includes power to make such incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitory, transitional or saving provision as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (3) The power of the Secretary of State under section [F1046] 131C(1), 136(9), 137(3), 138B(6)], 144(2), 153(3) or 168(8) as extended by subsection (2) above may be exercised by modifying any enactment comprised in or made under this Act, or any other enactment.
- (4) An order made by the Secretary of State under section [F1047] 131C(1), 137(3), 138B(6)], 144(2), 158, 160 [F1048], 161, 174D(4) or (5), or under section 114(3)(b) or (4)(b) as applied by section 174D], shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (5) No order shall be made by the Secretary of State under section 136(9) or 168(8), or section 128(6) as applied by section 183(2), unless a draft of it has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.
- (6) An order made by the Secretary of State under section 153(3) shall be laid before Parliament after being made and shall cease to have effect unless approved, within the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which it is made, by a resolution of each House of Parliament.
- (7) In calculating the period of 28 days mentioned in subsection (6), no account shall be taken of any time during which Parliament is dissolved or prorogued or during which both Houses are adjourned for more than four days.
- (8) If an order made by the Secretary of State ceases to have effect by virtue of subsection (6), any modification made by it of an enactment is repealed (and the previous enactment revived) but without prejudice to the validity of anything done in connection with that modification before the order ceased to have effect and without prejudice to the making of a new order.
- (9) If, apart from this subsection, an order made by the Secretary of State under section 153(3) would be treated for the purposes of the standing orders of either House of Parliament as a hybrid instrument, it shall proceed in that House as if it were not such an instrument.

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- (10) References in this section to an order made under this Part include references to an order made under section ^{F1049}... 114(3)(b) or (4)(b) as applied by section [^{F1050}174D] and an order made under section 128(6) as applied by section 183(2).

Textual Amendments

- F1046** Words in s. 181(3) substituted (25.4.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(1)(i)(3), Sch. 12 para. 16(2); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1047** Words in s. 181(4) substituted (25.4.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(1)(i)(3), Sch. 12 para. 16(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1048** Words in s. 181(4) substituted (25.4.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(1)(i)(3), Sch. 11 para. 6(2); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1049** Words in s. 181(10) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), Sch. 11 para. 6(3)(a); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1050** Word in s. 181(10) substituted (25.4.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(1)(i)(3), Sch. 11 para. 6(3)(b); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

182 Service of documents: Part 4

Section 126 shall apply for the purposes of this Part as it applies for the purposes of Part 3.

183 Interpretation: Part 4

- (1) In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires—

“action” includes omission; and references to the taking of action include references to refraining from action;

“business” includes a professional practice and includes any other undertaking which is carried on for gain or reward or which is an undertaking in the course of which goods or services are supplied otherwise than free of charge;

“change of circumstances” includes any discovery that information has been supplied which is false or misleading in a material respect;

“consumer” means any person who is—

- (a) a person to whom goods are or are sought to be supplied (whether by way of sale or otherwise) in the course of a business carried on by the person supplying or seeking to supply them; or
- (b) a person for whom services are or are sought to be supplied in the course of a business carried on by the person supplying or seeking to supply them;

and who does not receive or seek to receive the goods or services in the course of a business carried on by him;

“customer” includes a customer who is not a consumer;

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“enactment” includes an Act of the Scottish Parliament, Northern Ireland legislation and an enactment comprised in subordinate legislation, and includes an enactment whenever passed or made;

“goods” includes buildings and other structures, and also includes ships, aircraft and hovercraft;

“Minister of the Crown” means the holder of an office in Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and includes the Treasury;

“modify” includes amend or repeal;

“notice” means notice in writing;

“subordinate legislation” has the same meaning as in the Interpretation Act 1978 (c. 30) and also includes an instrument made under an Act of the Scottish Parliament and an instrument made under Northern Ireland legislation; and

“supply”, in relation to the supply of goods, includes supply by way of sale, lease, hire or hire-purchase, and, in relation to buildings or other structures, includes the construction of them by a person for another person.

(2) Sections 127(1)(b) and (4) to (6) and 128 shall apply for the purposes of this Part as they apply for the purposes of Part 3.

(3) For the purposes of this Part a market investigation reference is finally determined if—

(a) ^{F1051}where the reference is made under section 131 or 132—]

(i) the period permitted by section 137 for preparing and publishing a report under section 136 has expired and no such report has been prepared and published;

(ii) such a report has been prepared and published within the period permitted by section 137 and contains the decision that there is no adverse effect on competition;

(iii) the ^{F1052}CMA] has decided under section 138(2) neither to accept undertakings under section 159 nor to make an order under section 161; or

(iv) the ^{F1052}CMA] has accepted an undertaking under section 159 or made an order under section 161;

(b) ^{F1053}where the reference is a restricted PI reference or a full PI reference—]

(i) the period permitted by section 144 for the preparation of the report of the ^{F1052}CMA] under section 142 and for action to be taken in relation to it under section 143(1) or (3) ^{F1054}or (as the case may be) 143A(2) or (3)] has expired while the intervention notice is still in force and no such report has been so prepared or no such action has been taken;

(ii) the ^{F1052}CMA] has terminated under section 145(1) its investigation and the reference is finally determined under paragraph (a) above ^{F1055}...;

(iii) the report of the ^{F1052}CMA] has been prepared under section 142 and published under section 143(1) ^{F1056}or (as the case may be) 143A(2)] within the period permitted by section 144;

(iv) the intervention notice was revoked and the reference is finally determined under paragraph (a) above ^{F1057}...;

^{F1058}(v) the Secretary of State has failed to make and publish a decision under subsection (2) of section 146 within the period permitted by subsection (3) of that section or (as the case may be) under subsection (2) of section 146A within the period permitted by

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- subsection (6) of that section and the reference is finally determined under paragraph (a) above;]
- (vi) the Secretary of State has decided under section 146(2) that no eligible public interest consideration is relevant and the reference is finally determined under paragraph (a) above ^{F1059} ...;
- [^{F1060}(via) the Secretary of State has made no finding at all under section 146A(2) and the reference is finally determined under paragraph (a) above;]
- (vii) the Secretary of State has decided under 146(2) that a public interest consideration is relevant but has decided under section 147(2) neither to accept an undertaking under section 159 nor to make an order under section 161; ^{F1061} ...
- [^{F1062}(viiia) the Secretary of State has made an adverse public interest finding under section 146A(2) but has decided under section 147A(2) neither to accept an undertaking under section 159 nor to make an order under section 161;]
- (viii) the Secretary of State has decided under section 146(2) that a public interest consideration is relevant and has accepted an undertaking under section 159 or made an order under section 161 [^{F1063}; or
- (ix) the Secretary of State has made an adverse public interest finding under section 146A(2) and has accepted an undertaking under section 159 or made an order under section 161.]
- (4) For the purposes of this Part the time when a market investigation reference is finally determined is—
- (a) in a case falling within subsection (3)(a)(i) or (b)(i), the expiry of the time concerned;
- (b) in a case falling within subsection (3)(a)(ii) or (b)(iii), the publication of the report;
- (c) in a case falling within subsection (3)(a)(iv) or (b)(viii) [^{F1064} or (ix)], the acceptance of the undertaking concerned or (as the case may be) the making of the order concerned; and
- (d) in any other case, the making of the decision or last decision concerned or the taking of the action concerned.
- (5) The references in subsection (4) to subsections (3)(a)(i), (ii) and (iv) include those enactments as applied by subsection (3)(b)(ii), (iv), (v) [^{F1065}, (vi) or (via)].
- (6) In subsection (4)(c) the reference to the acceptance of the undertaking concerned or the making of the order concerned shall, in a case where the enforcement action concerned involves the acceptance of a group of undertakings, the making of a group of orders or the acceptance and making of a group of undertakings and orders, be treated as a reference to the acceptance or making of the last undertaking or order in the group; but undertakings or orders which vary, supersede or revoke earlier undertakings or orders shall be disregarded for the purposes of subsections (3)(a)(iv) and (b)(viii) [^{F1066} and (ix)] and (4)(c).
- (7) Any duty to publish which is imposed on a person by this Part shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be construed as a duty on that person to publish in such manner as that person considers appropriate for the purpose of bringing the matter concerned to the attention of those likely to be affected by it.

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- F1051** Words in s. 183(3)(a) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 32(2)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1052** Word in s. 183(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 208** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1053** Words in s. 183(3)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 32(3)(a)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1054** Words in s. 183(3)(b)(i) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 32(3)(b)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1055** Words in s. 183(3)(b)(ii) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 32(3)(c)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1056** Words in s. 183(3)(b)(iii) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 32(3)(d)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1057** Words in s. 183(3)(b)(iv) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 32(3)(e)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1058** S. 183(3)(b)(v) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 32(3)(f)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1059** Words in s. 183(3)(b)(vi) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 32(3)(g)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1060** S. 183(3)(b)(via) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 32(3)(h)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1061** Word in s. 183(3)(b) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 32(3)(i)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1062** S. 183(3)(b)(viiia) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 32(3)(j)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1063** S. 183(3)(b)(ix) and word inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 32(3)(k)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1064** Words in s. 183(4)(c) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 32(4)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1065** Words in s. 183(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 32(5)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1066** Words in s. 183(6) inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 32(6)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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In this Part, the expressions listed in the left-hand column have the meaning given by, or are to be interpreted in accordance with, the provisions listed in the right-hand column.

<i>Expression</i>	<i>Provision of this Act</i>
Action (and the taking of action)	Section 183(1)
Adverse effect on competition	Section 134(2) [^{F1067} and (2A)]
[^{F1068} Adverse public interest finding	Section 146A(3)]
Appropriate Minister	Section 132(5)
Business	Section 183(1)
Change of circumstances	Section 183(1)

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[^{F1069} The CMA	Section 273]
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Consumer	Section 183(1)
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Date of market investigation reference	Section 137(7)
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Enactment	Section 183(1)
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[^{F1072} Full PI reference	Section 140A(12)]
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[^{F1073} Market study notice	Section 130A(1)
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[^{F1074} Ordinary reference	Section 131(6)]
Public interest consideration	Section 139(5)
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[^{F1075} Public interest expert	Section 141B(4)]
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Relevant sectoral enactment	Section 136(7)
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Reports of the [^{F1076} CMA]	Section 177(5)
[^{F1077} Restricted PI reference	Section 140A(12)]
Subordinate legislation	Section 183(1)
Supply (in relation to the supply of goods)	Section 183(1)
The supply of services (and a market for services etc.)	Section 183(2)

Textual Amendments

- F1067** Words in s. 184 table inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 9 para. 9(2)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1068** Words in s. 184 table inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 33(2)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1069** Words in s. 184 table inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 209(2)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1070** Words in s. 184 table omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 209(3)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1071** Words in s. 184 table inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 9 para. 9(3)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1072** Words in s. 184 table inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 33(3)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1073** Words in s. 184 table inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 12 para. 17**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1074** Words in s. 184 table inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 9 para. 9(4)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1075** Words in s. 184 table inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 33(4)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1076** Word in s. 184 table substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 209(4)** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1077** Words in s. 184 table inserted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 10 para. 33(5)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

PART 5

THE COMPETITION COMMISSION

^{F1078}185 The Commission

Textual Amendments

- F1078** Ss. 185-187 omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 225** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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F1078 186 Annual report of Commission

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Textual Amendments

F1078Ss. 185-187 omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 225](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F1078 187 Commission rules of procedure

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Textual Amendments

F1078Ss. 185-187 omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 225](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

PART 6

CARTEL OFFENCE

Cartel offence

188 Cartel offence

- (1) An individual is guilty of an offence if he ^{F1079}... agrees with one or more other persons to make or implement, or to cause to be made or implemented, arrangements of the following kind relating to at least two undertakings (A and B).
- (2) The arrangements must be ones which, if operating as the parties to the agreement intend, would—
 - (a) directly or indirectly fix a price for the supply by A in the United Kingdom (otherwise than to B) of a product or service,
 - (b) limit or prevent supply by A in the United Kingdom of a product or service,
 - (c) limit or prevent production by A in the United Kingdom of a product,
 - (d) divide between A and B the supply in the United Kingdom of a product or service to a customer or customers,
 - (e) divide between A and B customers for the supply in the United Kingdom of a product or service, or
 - (f) be bid-rigging arrangements.
- (3) Unless subsection (2)(d), (e) or (f) applies, the arrangements must also be ones which, if operating as the parties to the agreement intend, would—
 - (a) directly or indirectly fix a price for the supply by B in the United Kingdom (otherwise than to A) of a product or service,
 - (b) limit or prevent supply by B in the United Kingdom of a product or service, or
 - (c) limit or prevent production by B in the United Kingdom of a product.

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- (4) In subsections (2)(a) to (d) and (3), references to supply or production are to supply or production in the appropriate circumstances (for which see section 189).
- (5) “Bid-rigging arrangements” are arrangements under which, in response to a request for bids for the supply of a product or service in the United Kingdom, or for the production of a product in the United Kingdom—
- (a) A but not B may make a bid, or
 - (b) A and B may each make a bid but, in one case or both, only a bid arrived at in accordance with the arrangements.

^{F1080}(6)

(7) “Undertaking” has the same meaning as in Part 1 of the 1998 Act.

[^{F1081}(8) This section is subject to section 188A.]

Textual Amendments

F1079 Word in s. 188(1) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), [ss. 47\(2\), 103\(3\)](#) (with s. 47(8)); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)

F1080 S. 188(6) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), [ss. 47\(3\), 103\(3\)](#) (with s. 47(8)); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)

F1081 S. 188(8) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), [ss. 47\(4\), 103\(3\)](#) (with s. 47(8)); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)

[^{F1082}188] **Circumstances in which cartel offence not committed**

- (1) An individual does not commit an offence under section 188(1) if, under the arrangements—
- (a) in a case where the arrangements would (operating as the parties intend) affect the supply in the United Kingdom of a product or service, customers would be given relevant information about the arrangements before they enter into agreements for the supply to them of the product or service so affected,
 - (b) in the case of bid-rigging arrangements, the person requesting bids would be given relevant information about them at or before the time when a bid is made, or
 - (c) in any case, relevant information about the arrangements would be published, before the arrangements are implemented, in the manner specified at the time of the making of the agreement in an order made by the Secretary of State.
- (2) In subsection (1), “relevant information” means—
- (a) the names of the undertakings to which the arrangements relate,
 - (b) a description of the nature of the arrangements which is sufficient to show why they are or might be arrangements of the kind to which section 188(1) applies,
 - (c) the products or services to which they relate, and
 - (d) such other information as may be specified in an order made by the Secretary of State.
- (3) An individual does not commit an offence under section 188(1) if the agreement is made in order to comply with a legal requirement.

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- (4) In subsection (3), “legal requirement” has the same meaning as in paragraph 5 of Schedule 3 to the Competition Act 1998.
- (5) A power to make an order under this section—
 - (a) is exercisable by statutory instrument,
 - (b) may be exercised so as to make different provision for different cases or different purposes, and
 - (c) includes power to make such incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitory, transitional or saving provision as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (6) A statutory instrument containing an order under this section is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.]

Textual Amendments

F1082S. 188A inserted (25.4.2013 for specified purposes, 1.4.2014 in so far as not already in force) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), ss. 47\(5\), 103\(1\)\(i\)\(3\)](#) (with s. 47(8)); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)

[^{F1083}188B] Defences to commission of cartel offence

- (1) In a case where the arrangements would (operating as the parties intend) affect the supply in the United Kingdom of a product or service, it is a defence for an individual charged with an offence under section 188(1) to show that, at the time of the making of the agreement, he or she did not intend that the nature of the arrangements would be concealed from customers at all times before they enter into agreements for the supply to them of the product or service.
- (2) It is a defence for an individual charged with an offence under section 188(1) to show that, at the time of the making of the agreement, he or she did not intend that the nature of the arrangements would be concealed from the CMA.
- (3) It is a defence for an individual charged with an offence under section 188(1) to show that, before the making of the agreement, he or she took reasonable steps to ensure that the nature of the arrangements would be disclosed to professional legal advisers for the purposes of obtaining advice about them before their making or (as the case may be) their implementation.]

Textual Amendments

F1083S. 188B inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\), ss. 47\(6\), 103\(3\)](#) (with s. 47(8)); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)

189 Cartel offence: supplementary

- (1) For section 188(2)(a), the appropriate circumstances are that A’s supply of the product or service would be at a level in the supply chain at which the product or service would at the same time be supplied by B in the United Kingdom.

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- (2) For section 188(2)(b), the appropriate circumstances are that A's supply of the product or service would be at a level in the supply chain—
 - (a) at which the product or service would at the same time be supplied by B in the United Kingdom, or
 - (b) at which supply by B in the United Kingdom of the product or service would be limited or prevented by the arrangements.
- (3) For section 188(2)(c), the appropriate circumstances are that A's production of the product would be at a level in the production chain—
 - (a) at which the product would at the same time be produced by B in the United Kingdom, or
 - (b) at which production by B in the United Kingdom of the product would be limited or prevented by the arrangements.
- (4) For section 188(2)(d), the appropriate circumstances are that A's supply of the product or service would be at the same level in the supply chain as B's.
- (5) For section 188(3)(a), the appropriate circumstances are that B's supply of the product or service would be at a level in the supply chain at which the product or service would at the same time be supplied by A in the United Kingdom.
- (6) For section 188(3)(b), the appropriate circumstances are that B's supply of the product or service would be at a level in the supply chain—
 - (a) at which the product or service would at the same time be supplied by A in the United Kingdom, or
 - (b) at which supply by A in the United Kingdom of the product or service would be limited or prevented by the arrangements.
- (7) For section 188(3)(c), the appropriate circumstances are that B's production of the product would be at a level in the production chain—
 - (a) at which the product would at the same time be produced by A in the United Kingdom, or
 - (b) at which production by A in the United Kingdom of the product would be limited or prevented by the arrangements.

190 Cartel offence: penalty and prosecution

- (1) A person guilty of an offence under section 188 is liable—
 - (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to a fine, or to both;
 - (b) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, or to both.
- (2) In England and Wales and Northern Ireland, proceedings for an offence under section 188 may be instituted only—
 - (a) by the Director of the Serious Fraud Office, or
 - (b) by or with the consent of the ^{F1084}CMA].
- (3) No proceedings may be brought for an offence under section 188 in respect of an agreement outside the United Kingdom, unless it has been implemented in whole or in part in the United Kingdom.

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- (4) Where, for the purpose of the investigation or prosecution of offences under section 188, the [^{F1085}CMA] gives a person written notice under this subsection, no proceedings for an offence under section 188 that falls within a description specified in the notice may be brought against that person in England and Wales or Northern Ireland except in circumstances specified in the notice.

Textual Amendments

- F1084** Word in s. 190(2)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 210](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F1085** Word in s. 190(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 210](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

[^{F1086}190] **Cartel offence: prosecution guidance**

- (1) The CMA must prepare and publish guidance on the principles to be applied in determining, in any case, whether proceedings for an offence under section 188(1) should be instituted.
- (2) The CMA may at any time issue revised or new guidance.
- (3) Guidance published by the CMA under this section is to be published in such manner as it considers appropriate.
- (4) In preparing guidance under this section the CMA must consult—
- (a) the Director of the Serious Fraud Office;
 - (b) the Lord Advocate; and
 - (c) such other persons as it considers appropriate.]

Textual Amendments

- F1086** S. 190A inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), [ss. 47\(7\)](#), 103(3) (with s. 47(8)); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)

191 Extradition

^{F1087}

Textual Amendments

- F1087** S. 191 repealed (1.1.2004) by [Extradition Act 2003 \(c. 41\)](#), [ss. 219](#), 220, 221, [Sch. 3 para. 14](#), [Sch. 4](#); S.I. 2003/3103, [art. 2](#) (subject to savings in [arts. 3-5](#) (as amended by S.I. 2003/3258, [art. 3\(2\)](#) and S.I. 2003/3312, [art. 2\(2\)\)\)](#)

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Criminal investigations by OFT

192 Investigation of offences under section 188

- (1) The [F1088CMA] may conduct an investigation if there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that an offence under section 188 has been committed.
- (2) The powers of the [F1088CMA] under sections 193 and 194 are exercisable, but only for the purposes of an investigation under subsection (1), in any case where it appears to the [F1088CMA] that there is good reason to exercise them for the purpose of investigating the affairs, or any aspect of the affairs, of any person (“the person under investigation”).

Textual Amendments

F1088 Word in s. 192(1)(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 211](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

193 Powers when conducting an investigation

- (1) The [F1089CMA] may by notice in writing require the person under investigation, or any other person who it has reason to believe has relevant information, to answer questions, or otherwise provide information, with respect to any matter relevant to the investigation at a specified place and either at a specified time or forthwith.
- (2) The [F1089CMA] may by notice in writing require the person under investigation, or any other person, to produce, at a specified place and either at a specified time or forthwith, specified documents, or documents of a specified description, which appear to the [F1089CMA] to relate to any matter relevant to the investigation.
- (3) If any such documents are produced, the [F1089CMA] may—
 - (a) take copies or extracts from them;
 - (b) require the person producing them to provide an explanation of any of them.
- (4) If any such documents are not produced, the [F1089CMA] may require the person who was required to produce them to state, to the best of his knowledge and belief, where they are.
- (5) A notice under subsection (1) or (2) must indicate—
 - (a) the subject matter and purpose of the investigation; and
 - (b) the nature of the offences created by section 201.

Textual Amendments

F1089 Words in s. 193(1)-(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 212](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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PROSPECTIVE

194 Power to enter premises under a warrant

- (1) [^{F1090}On an application made to it by the CMA or, in Scotland, the procurator fiscal, the appropriate body may issue a warrant if it is satisfied] that there are reasonable grounds for believing—
- (a) that there are on any premises documents which the [^{F1091}CMA] has power under section 193 to require to be produced for the purposes of an investigation; and
 - (b) that—
 - (i) a person has failed to comply with a requirement under that section to produce the documents;
 - (ii) it is not practicable to serve a notice under that section in relation to them; or
 - (iii) the service of such a notice in relation to them might seriously prejudice the investigation.

[^{F1092}(1A) In subsection (1), “appropriate body” means—

- (a) in England and Wales and Northern Ireland, the High Court or the Competition Appeal Tribunal;
 - (b) in Scotland, the sheriff.]
- (2) A warrant under this section shall authorise a named officer of the [^{F1091}CMA], and any other officers of the [^{F1091}CMA] whom the [^{F1091}CMA] has authorised in writing to accompany the named officer—
- (a) to enter the premises, using such force as is reasonably necessary for the purpose;
 - (b) to search the premises and—
 - (i) take possession of any documents appearing to be of the relevant kind, or
 - (ii) take, in relation to any documents appearing to be of the relevant kind, any other steps which may appear to be necessary for preserving them or preventing interference with them;
 - (c) to require any person to provide an explanation of any document appearing to be of the relevant kind or to state, to the best of his knowledge and belief, where it may be found;
 - (d) to require any information which is stored in any electronic form and is accessible from the premises and which the named officer considers relates to any matter relevant to the investigation, to be produced in a form—
 - (i) in which it can be taken away, and
 - (ii) in which it is visible and legible or from which it can readily be produced in a visible and legible form.
- (3) Documents are of the relevant kind if they are of a kind in respect of which the application under subsection (1) was granted.
- (4) A warrant under this section may authorise persons specified in the warrant to accompany the named officer who is executing it.

[^{F1093}(4A) An application for a warrant under this section must be made—

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- (a) in the case of an application to the High Court or the sheriff, in accordance with rules of court;
- (b) in the case of an application to the Competition Appeal Tribunal, in accordance with rules made under section 15.]
- (5) In Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (c. 16) (powers of seizure to which section 50 of that Act applies), after paragraph 73 there is inserted—

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73B The power of seizure conferred by section 194(2) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (seizure of documents for the purposes of an investigation under section 192(1) of that Act).”

Textual Amendments

F1090 Words in s. 194(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), **ss. 48(2)**, 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)

F1091 Word in s. 194(1)(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 213** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F1092 S. 194(1A) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), **ss. 48(3)**, 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)

F1093 S. 194(4A) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), **ss. 48(4)**, 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)

195 Exercise of powers by authorised person

- (1) The [^{F1094}CMA] may authorise any competent person who is not an officer of the [^{F1094}CMA] to exercise on its behalf all or any of the powers conferred by section 193 or 194.
- (2) No such authority may be granted except for the purpose of investigating the affairs, or any aspect of the affairs, of a person specified in the authority.
- (3) No person is bound to comply with any requirement imposed by a person exercising powers by virtue of any authority granted under this section unless he has, if required to do so, produced evidence of his authority.

Textual Amendments

F1094 Word in s. 195(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 5 para. 214** (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

196 Privileged information etc.

- (1) A person may not under section 193 or 194 be required to disclose any information or produce any document which he would be entitled to refuse to disclose or produce on grounds of legal professional privilege in proceedings in the High Court, except that a lawyer may be required to provide the name and address of his client.

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- (2) A person may not under section 193 or 194 be required to disclose any information or produce any document in respect of which he owes an obligation of confidence by virtue of carrying on any banking business unless—
- (a) the person to whom the obligation of confidence is owed consents to the disclosure or production; or
 - (b) the [^{F1095}CMA] has authorised the making of the requirement.
- (3) In the application of this section to Scotland, the reference in subsection (1)—
- (a) to proceedings in the High Court is to be read as a reference to legal proceedings generally; and
 - (b) to an entitlement on grounds of legal professional privilege is to be read as a reference to an entitlement by virtue of any rule of law whereby—
 - (i) communications between a professional legal adviser and his client, or
 - (ii) communications made in connection with or in contemplation of legal proceedings and for the purposes of those proceedings,are in such proceedings protected from disclosure on the ground of confidentiality.

Textual Amendments

F1095 Word in s. 196(2)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 215](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

197 Restriction on use of statements in court

- (1) A statement by a person in response to a requirement imposed by virtue of section 193 or 194 may only be used in evidence against him—
- (a) on a prosecution for an offence under section 201(2); or
 - (b) on a prosecution for some other offence where in giving evidence he makes a statement inconsistent with it.
- (2) However, the statement may not be used against that person by virtue of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) unless evidence relating to it is adduced, or a question relating to it is asked, by or on behalf of that person in the proceedings arising out of the prosecution.

198 Use of statements obtained under Competition Act 1998

In the 1998 Act, after section 30 there is inserted—

“30A Use of statements in prosecution

A statement made by a person in response to a requirement imposed by virtue of any of sections 26 to 28 may not be used in evidence against him on a prosecution for an offence under section 188 of the Enterprise Act 2002 unless, in the proceedings—

- (a) in giving evidence, he makes a statement inconsistent with it, and
- (b) evidence relating to it is adduced, or a question relating to it is asked, by him or on his behalf.”

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199 Surveillance powers

- (1) The Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (c. 23) is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 32 (authorisation of intrusive surveillance)—
 - (a) after subsection (3) there is inserted—
 - “(3A) In the case of an authorisation granted by the chairman of the OFT, the authorisation is necessary on grounds falling within subsection (3) only if it is necessary for the purpose of preventing or detecting an offence under section 188 of the Enterprise Act 2002 (cartel offence).”;
 - (b) in subsection (6) after paragraph (m) there is inserted “; and
 - (n) the chairman of the OFT.”
- (3) In section 33 (rules for grant of authorisations) after subsection (4) there is inserted—
 - “(4A) The chairman of the OFT shall not grant an authorisation for the carrying out of intrusive surveillance except on an application made by an officer of the OFT.”
- (4) In subsection (5)(a) of that section, after “officer” there is inserted “ or the chairman or an officer of the OFT ”.
- (5) In section 34 (grant of authorisation in the senior officer’s absence)—
 - (a) in subsection (1)(a), after “or by” there is inserted “ an officer of the OFT or ”;
 - (b) in subsection (2)(a), after “may be,” there is inserted “ as chairman of the OFT or ”;
 - (c) in subsection (4), after paragraph (l) there is inserted—
 - “(m) a person is entitled to act for the chairman of the OFT if he is an officer of the OFT designated by it for the purposes of this paragraph as a person entitled so to act in an urgent case.”
- (6) In section 35 (notification of authorisations for intrusive surveillance)—
 - (a) in subsections (1) and (10), for “or customs” there is substituted “ , customs or OFT ”;
 - (b) in subsection (10), after paragraph (b) there is inserted—
 - “(ba) the chairman of the OFT; or”;
 - (c) in paragraph (c) of that subsection, at the end there is inserted “ or for a person falling within paragraph (ba). ”
- (7) In section 36 (approval required for authorisations to take effect)—
 - (a) in subsection (1), after paragraph (d) there is inserted “; or
 - (e) an officer of the OFT.”;
 - (b) in subsection (6), after paragraph (g) there is inserted “; and
 - (h) where the authorisation was granted by the chairman of the OFT or a person entitled to act for him by virtue of section 34(4)(m), that chairman.”
- (8) In section 37 (quashing of police and customs authorisations etc.) in subsection (1), after paragraph (d) there is inserted “; or
 - (e) an officer of the OFT.”

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- (9) In section 40 (information to be provided to Surveillance Commissioners) after paragraph (d) there is inserted “, and
(e) every officer of the OFT.”
- (10) In section 46 (restrictions on authorisations extending to Scotland), in subsection (3), after paragraph (d) there is inserted—
“(da) the OFT.”
- (11) In section 48 (interpretation of Part 2), in subsection (1), after the entry relating to “directed” and “intrusive” there is inserted—
““OFT” means the Office of Fair Trading.”

200 Authorisation of action in respect of property

- (1) Part 3 of the Police Act 1997 (c. 50) (authorisation of action in respect of property) is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 93 (authorisation to interfere with property etc.)—
- (a) in subsection (1B), after “customs officer” there is inserted “ or an officer of the Office of Fair Trading ”;
- (b) after subsection (2A) there is inserted—
“(2AA) Where the authorising officer is the chairman of the Office of Fair Trading, the only purpose falling within subsection (2)(a) is the purpose of preventing or detecting an offence under section 188 of the Enterprise Act 2002.”;
- (c) in subsection (3), after paragraph (d) there is inserted “, or
(e) if the authorising officer is within subsection (5)(i), by an officer of the Office of Fair Trading.”;
- (d) in subsection (5), after paragraph (h) there is inserted “; or
(i) the chairman of the Office of Fair Trading.”
- (3) In section 94 (authorisation given in absence of authorising officer) in subsection (2), after paragraph (f) there is inserted—
“(g) where the authorising officer is within paragraph (i) of that subsection, by an officer of the Office of Fair Trading designated by it for the purposes of this section.”

201 Offences

- (1) Any person who without reasonable excuse fails to comply with a requirement imposed on him under section 193 or 194 is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or to both.
- (2) A person who, in purported compliance with a requirement under section 193 or 194—
- (a) makes a statement which he knows to be false or misleading in a material particular; or
- (b) recklessly makes a statement which is false or misleading in a material particular,
- is guilty of an offence.

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- (3) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (2) is liable—
- (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine or to both; and
 - (b) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, or to both.
- (4) Where any person—
- (a) knows or suspects that an investigation by the Serious Fraud Office or the [F1096CMA] into an offence under section 188 is being or is likely to be carried out; and
 - (b) falsifies, conceals, destroys or otherwise disposes of, or causes or permits the falsification, concealment, destruction or disposal of documents which he knows or suspects are or would be relevant to such an investigation,
- he is guilty of an offence unless he proves that he had no intention of concealing the facts disclosed by the documents from the persons carrying out such an investigation.
- (5) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (4) is liable—
- (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or to a fine or to both; and
 - (b) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, or to both.
- (6) A person who intentionally obstructs a person in the exercise of his powers under a warrant issued under section 194 is guilty of an offence and liable—
- (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to a fine or to both; and
 - (b) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum.

Textual Amendments

F1096 Word in s. 201(4)(a) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 216](#) (with s. 28); [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

202 Interpretation of sections 192 to 201

In sections 192 to 201—

“documents” includes information recorded in any form and, in relation to information recorded otherwise than in a form in which it is visible and legible, references to its production include references to producing it in a form in which it is visible and legible or from which it can readily be produced in a visible and legible form;

“person under investigation” has the meaning given in section 192(2).

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PART 7

MISCELLANEOUS COMPETITION PROVISIONS

Powers of entry under 1998 Act

203 Powers of entry

- (1) The 1998 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 28 (power to enter premises under a warrant), after subsection (3) there is inserted—
 - “(3A) A warrant under this section may authorise persons specified in the warrant to accompany the named officer who is executing it.”
- (3) In section 62 (power to enter premises: Commission investigations), after subsection (5) there is inserted—
 - “(5A) A warrant under this section may authorise persons specified in the warrant to accompany the named officer who is executing it.”
- (4) In section 63 (power to enter premises: Director’s special investigations), after subsection (5) there is inserted—
 - “(5A) A warrant under this section may authorise persons specified in the warrant to accompany the named authorised officer who is executing it.”

Directors disqualification

204 Disqualification

- (1) The Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 (c. 46) is amended as follows.
- (2) The following sections are inserted after section 9 (matters for determining unfitness in certain cases)—

“Disqualification for competition infringements

9A Competition disqualification order

- (1) The court must make a disqualification order against a person if the following two conditions are satisfied in relation to him.
- (2) The first condition is that an undertaking which is a company of which he is a director commits a breach of competition law.
- (3) The second condition is that the court considers that his conduct as a director makes him unfit to be concerned in the management of a company.
- (4) An undertaking commits a breach of competition law if it engages in conduct which infringes any of the following—

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- (a) the Chapter 1 prohibition (within the meaning of the Competition Act 1998) (prohibition on agreements, etc. preventing, restricting or distorting competition);
 - (b) the Chapter 2 prohibition (within the meaning of that Act) (prohibition on abuse of a dominant position);
 - (c) Article 81 of the Treaty establishing the European Community (prohibition on agreements, etc. preventing, restricting or distorting competition);
 - (d) Article 82 of that Treaty (prohibition on abuse of a dominant position).
- (5) For the purpose of deciding under subsection (3) whether a person is unfit to be concerned in the management of a company the court—
- (a) must have regard to whether subsection (6) applies to him;
 - (b) may have regard to his conduct as a director of a company in connection with any other breach of competition law;
 - (c) must not have regard to the matters mentioned in Schedule 1.
- (6) This subsection applies to a person if as a director of the company—
- (a) his conduct contributed to the breach of competition law mentioned in subsection (2);
 - (b) his conduct did not contribute to the breach but he had reasonable grounds to suspect that the conduct of the undertaking constituted the breach and he took no steps to prevent it;
 - (c) he did not know but ought to have known that the conduct of the undertaking constituted the breach.
- (7) For the purposes of subsection (6)(a) it is immaterial whether the person knew that the conduct of the undertaking constituted the breach.
- (8) For the purposes of subsection (4)(a) or (c) references to the conduct of an undertaking are references to its conduct taken with the conduct of one or more other undertakings.
- (9) The maximum period of disqualification under this section is 15 years.
- (10) An application under this section for a disqualification order may be made by the OFT or by a specified regulator.
- (11) Section 60 of the Competition Act 1998 (c. 41) (consistent treatment of questions arising under United Kingdom and Community law) applies in relation to any question arising by virtue of subsection (4)(a) or (b) above as it applies in relation to any question arising under Part 1 of that Act.

9B Competition undertakings

- (1) This section applies if—
- (a) the OFT or a specified regulator thinks that in relation to any person an undertaking which is a company of which he is a director has committed or is committing a breach of competition law,
 - (b) the OFT or the specified regulator thinks that the conduct of the person as a director makes him unfit to be concerned in the management of a company, and

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- (c) the person offers to give the OFT or the specified regulator (as the case may be) a disqualification undertaking.
- (2) The OFT or the specified regulator (as the case may be) may accept a disqualification undertaking from the person instead of applying for or proceeding with an application for a disqualification order.
- (3) A disqualification undertaking is an undertaking by a person that for the period specified in the undertaking he will not—
 - (a) be a director of a company;
 - (b) act as receiver of a company's property;
 - (c) in any way, whether directly or indirectly, be concerned or take part in the promotion, formation or management of a company;
 - (d) act as an insolvency practitioner.
- (4) But a disqualification undertaking may provide that a prohibition falling within subsection (3)(a) to (c) does not apply if the person obtains the leave of the court.
- (5) The maximum period which may be specified in a disqualification undertaking is 15 years.
- (6) If a disqualification undertaking is accepted from a person who is already subject to a disqualification undertaking under this Act or to a disqualification order the periods specified in those undertakings or the undertaking and the order (as the case may be) run concurrently.
- (7) Subsections (4) to (8) of section 9A apply for the purposes of this section as they apply for the purposes of that section but in the application of subsection (5) of that section the reference to the court must be construed as a reference to the OFT or a specified regulator (as the case may be).

9C Competition investigations

- (1) If the OFT or a specified regulator has reasonable grounds for suspecting that a breach of competition law has occurred it or he (as the case may be) may carry out an investigation for the purpose of deciding whether to make an application under section 9A for a disqualification order.
- (2) For the purposes of such an investigation sections 26 to 30 of the Competition Act 1998 (c. 41) apply to the OFT and the specified regulators as they apply to the OFT for the purposes of an investigation under section 25 of that Act.
- (3) Subsection (4) applies if as a result of an investigation under this section the OFT or a specified regulator proposes to apply under section 9A for a disqualification order.
- (4) Before making the application the OFT or regulator (as the case may be) must—
 - (a) give notice to the person likely to be affected by the application, and
 - (b) give that person an opportunity to make representations.

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9D Co-ordination

- (1) The Secretary of State may make regulations for the purpose of co-ordinating the performance of functions under sections 9A to 9C (relevant functions) which are exercisable concurrently by two or more persons.
- (2) Section 54(5) to (7) of the Competition Act 1998 (c. 41) applies to regulations made under this section as it applies to regulations made under that section and for that purpose in that section—
 - (a) references to Part 1 functions must be read as references to relevant functions;
 - (b) references to a regulator must be read as references to a specified regulator;
 - (c) a competent person also includes any of the specified regulators.
- (3) The power to make regulations under this section must be exercised by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (4) Such a statutory instrument may—
 - (a) contain such incidental, supplemental, consequential and transitional provision as the Secretary of State thinks appropriate;
 - (b) make different provision for different cases.

9E Interpretation

- (1) This section applies for the purposes of sections 9A to 9D.
 - (2) Each of the following is a specified regulator for the purposes of a breach of competition law in relation to a matter in respect of which he or it has a function—
 - (a) the Director General of Telecommunications;
 - (b) the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority;
 - (c) the Director General of Water Services;
 - (d) the Rail Regulator;
 - (e) the Civil Aviation Authority.
 - (3) The court is the High Court or (in Scotland) the Court of Session.
 - (4) Conduct includes omission.
 - (5) Director includes shadow director.”
- (3) In section 1(1) (general provision about disqualification orders) for “section 6” substitute “ sections 6 and 9A ”.
 - (4) In section 8A (variation etc of disqualification undertaking) after subsection (2) there is inserted the following subsection—

“(2A) Subsection (2) does not apply to an application in the case of an undertaking given under section 9B, and in such a case on the hearing of the application whichever of the OFT or a specified regulator (within the meaning of section 9E) accepted the undertaking—

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- (a) must appear and call the attention of the court to any matters which appear to it or him (as the case may be) to be relevant;
 - (b) may give evidence or call witnesses.”
- (5) In section 8A for subsection (3) there is substituted—
 - “(3) In this section “the court”—
 - (a) in the case of an undertaking given under section 9B means the High Court or (in Scotland) the Court of Session;
 - (b) in any other case has the same meaning as in section 7(2) or 8 (as the case may be).”
- (6) In section 16(3) for “the Secretary of State or the official receiver or the liquidator” substitute “ a person falling within subsection (4) ”.
- (7) In section 16 after subsection (3) there is inserted the following subsection—
 - “(4) The following fall within this subsection—
 - (a) the Secretary of State;
 - (b) the official receiver;
 - (c) the OFT;
 - (d) the liquidator;
 - (e) a specified regulator (within the meaning of section 9E).”
- (8) In section 17 (applications for leave under an order or undertaking) after subsection (3) there is inserted the following subsection—
 - “(3A) Where a person is subject to a disqualification undertaking accepted at any time under section 9B any application for leave for the purposes of section 9B(4) must be made to the High Court or (in Scotland) the Court of Session.”
- (9) In section 17(4) for “or 1A(1)(a)” substitute “ 1A(1)(a) or 9B(4) ”.
- (10) In section 17 after subsection (5) there are inserted the following subsections—
 - “(6) Subsection (5) does not apply to an application for leave for the purposes of section 1(1)(a) if the application for the disqualification order was made under section 9A.
 - (7) In such a case and in the case of an application for leave for the purposes of section 9B(4) on the hearing of the application whichever of the OFT or a specified regulator (within the meaning of section 9E) applied for the order or accepted the undertaking (as the case may be)—
 - (a) must appear and draw the attention of the court to any matters which appear to it or him (as the case may be) to be relevant;
 - (b) may give evidence or call witnesses.”
- (11) In section 18 (register of disqualification orders and undertakings) for subsection (2A) substitute—
 - “(2A) The Secretary of State must include in the register such particulars as he considers appropriate of—
 - (a) disqualification undertakings accepted by him under section 7 or 8;

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- (b) disqualification undertakings accepted by the OFT or a specified regulator under section 9B;
- (c) cases in which leave has been granted as mentioned in subsection (1)
- (d).”

Miscellaneous

205 Super-complaints to regulators other than ^{F1097}CMA]

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order provide that section 11 is to apply to complaints made to a specified regulator in relation to a market of a specified description as it applies to complaints made to the ^{F1098}CMA], with such modifications as may be specified.
- (2) An order under this section—
 - (a) shall be made by statutory instrument, and
 - (b) shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (3) In this section—
 - “regulator” has the meaning given in section 54(1) of the 1998 Act; and
 - “specified” means specified in the order.

Textual Amendments

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206 Power to modify Schedule 8

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument modify Schedule 8.
- (2) An order under this section may make—
 - (a) different provision for different cases or different purposes;
 - (b) such incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitory, transitional or saving provision as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (3) An order under this section may, in particular, modify that Schedule in its application by virtue of Part 3 of this Act, in its application by virtue of Part 4 of this Act, in its application by virtue of any other enactment (whether by virtue of Part 4 of this Act as applied by that enactment or otherwise) or in its application by virtue of every enactment that applies it.
- (4) An order under this section as extended by subsection (2) may modify any enactment comprised in or made under this Act, or any other enactment.
- (5) No order shall be made under this section unless a draft of it has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.

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- (6) No modification of Schedule 8 in its application by virtue of Part 3 of this Act shall be made by an order under this section if the modification relates to a relevant merger situation or (as the case may be) a special merger situation which has been created before the coming into force of the order.
- (7) No modification shall be made by an order under this section of Schedule 8 in its application in relation to references made under section 22, 33, 45 or 62 before the coming into force of the order.
- (8) No modification shall be made by an order under this section of Schedule 8 in its application in relation to references made under section 131 or 132 before the coming into force of the order (including references made under section 131 as applied by another enactment).
- (9) Before making an order under this section, the Secretary of State shall consult the ^{F1099}CMA].
- (10) Expressions used in this section which are also used in Part 3 of this Act have the same meaning in this section as in that Part.

Textual Amendments

F1099 Word in s. 206(9) substituted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/892\)](#), art. 1(1), [Sch. 1 para. 5](#) (with art. 3)

207 Repeal of Schedule 4 to the 1998 Act

Section 3(1)(d) of and Schedule 4 to the 1998 Act (which provide for the exclusion from the Chapter 1 prohibition in cases involving designated professional rules) shall cease to have effect.

208 Repeal of Part 6 of Fair Trading Act 1973

Sections 78 to 80 of the 1973 Act (references to Commission other than monopoly and merger references) shall cease to have effect.

^{F1101}209 Reform of [^{F1100}EU competition law]

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Textual Amendments

F1100 Words in s. 209 heading substituted (1.8.2012) by [The Treaty of Lisbon \(Changes in Terminology or Numbering\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/1809\)](#), art. 2(1), [Sch. Pt. 1](#) (with art. 2(2))

F1101 S. 209 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/93\)](#), regs. 1(1), [58](#) (with [Sch. 4 para. 35](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1343](#), regs. 1(1), [35-59](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

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PART 8

ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN CONSUMER LEGISLATION

Introduction

210 Consumers

- (1) In this Part references to consumers must be construed in accordance with this section.
- (2) In relation to a domestic infringement a consumer is an individual in respect of whom the first and second conditions are satisfied.
- (3) The first condition is that—
 - (a) goods are or are sought to be supplied to the individual (whether by way of sale or otherwise) in the course of a business carried on by the person supplying or seeking to supply them, or
 - (b) services are or are sought to be supplied to the individual in the course of a business carried on by the person supplying or seeking to supply them.
- (4) The second condition is that—
 - (a) the individual receives or seeks to receive the goods or services otherwise than in the course of a business carried on by him, or
 - (b) the individual receives or seeks to receive the goods or services with a view to carrying on a business but not in the course of a business carried on by him.
- ^{F1102}(5)
- (6) In relation to a [^{F1103}Schedule 13 infringement] a consumer is a person who is a consumer for the purposes of [^{F1104}the listed enactment concerned].
- ^{F1105}(6A) An enactment is a listed enactment if it is specified in Schedule 13 or to the extent that it is so specified.
- (6B) References to an enactment include—
 - (a) references to subordinate legislation (within the meaning of the Interpretation Act 1978);
 - (b) for the purposes of paragraph 6 of Schedule 13, references to a rule of law in Scotland;
 - (c) for the purposes of paragraph 16 of Schedule 13, references to rules forming part of the law of any part of the United Kingdom made other than under an Act.]
- ^{F1106}(7)
- ^{F1107}(7A)
- (8) A business includes—
 - (a) a professional practice;
 - (b) any other undertaking carried on for gain or reward;
 - (c) any undertaking in the course of which goods or services are supplied otherwise than free of charge.
- (9) The Secretary of State may by order modify Schedule 13.

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- (10) An order under this section must be made by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

Textual Amendments

- F1102** S. 210(5) omitted (1.10.2015) by virtue of [Consumer Rights Act 2015 \(c. 15\), s. 100\(5\), Sch. 7 para. 2](#) (with [s. 79\(2\)](#)); [S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3\(i\)](#)
- F1103** Words in s. 210(6) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\), regs. 1, 3\(2\)\(a\)\(i\)](#) (with [reg. 9](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1\(3\), 3\(8\)](#)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F1104** Words in s. 210(6) substituted for s. 210(6)(a)(b) (31.12.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\), regs. 1, 3\(2\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) (with [reg. 9](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1\(3\), 3\(8\)](#)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F1105** S. 210(6A)(6B) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\), regs. 1, 3\(2\)\(b\)](#) (with [reg. 9](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1\(3\), 3\(8\)](#)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F1106** S. 210(7) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\), regs. 1, 3\(2\)\(c\)](#) (with [reg. 9](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1\(3\), 3\(8\)](#)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F1107** S. 210(7A) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\), regs. 1, 3\(2\)\(c\)](#) (with [reg. 9](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1\(3\), 3\(8\)](#)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

211 Domestic infringements

- (1) In this Part a domestic infringement is an act or omission which—
- is done or made by a person in the course of a business,
 - falls within subsection (2), and
 - harms the collective interests of consumers^{F1108}....

[^{F1109}(1A) But an act or omission which satisfies the conditions in subsection (1) is a domestic infringement only if at least one of the following is satisfied—

- the person supplying (or seeking to supply) goods or services has a place of business in the United Kingdom, or
- the goods or services are supplied (or sought to be supplied) to or for a person in the United Kingdom (see section 232).]

- (2) An act or omission falls within this subsection if it is of a description specified by the Secretary of State by order and consists of any of the following—

- a contravention of an enactment which imposes a duty, prohibition or restriction enforceable by criminal proceedings;
- an act done or omission made in breach of contract;
- an act done or omission made in breach of a non-contractual duty owed to a person by virtue of an enactment or rule of law and enforceable by civil proceedings;
- an act or omission in respect of which an enactment provides for a remedy or sanction enforceable by civil proceedings;
- an act done or omission made by a person supplying or seeking to supply goods or services as a result of which an agreement or security relating to the supply is void or unenforceable to any extent;

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- (f) an act or omission by which a person supplying or seeking to supply goods or services purports or attempts to exercise a right or remedy relating to the supply in circumstances where the exercise of the right or remedy is restricted or excluded under or by virtue of an enactment;
 - (g) an act or omission by which a person supplying or seeking to supply goods or services purports or attempts to avoid (to any extent) liability relating to the supply in circumstances where such avoidance is restricted or prevented under an enactment.
- (3) But an order under this section may provide that any description of act or omission falling within subsection (2) is not a domestic infringement.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (2) it is immaterial—
- (a) whether or not any duty, prohibition or restriction exists in relation to consumers as such;
 - (b) whether or not any remedy or sanction is provided for the benefit of consumers as such;
 - (c) whether or not any proceedings have been brought in relation to the act or omission;
 - (d) whether or not any person has been convicted of an offence in respect of the contravention mentioned in subsection (2)(a);
 - (e) whether or not there is a waiver in respect of the breach of contract mentioned in subsection (2)(b).
- (5) References to an enactment include references to subordinate legislation (within the meaning of the Interpretation Act 1978 (c. 30)).
- (6) The power to make an order under this section must be exercised by statutory instrument.
- (7) But no such order may be made unless a draft of it has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House.

Textual Amendments

F1108 Words in s. 211(1)(c) omitted (1.10.2015) by virtue of [Consumer Rights Act 2015 \(c. 15\), s. 100\(5\), Sch. 7 para. 3\(2\)](#) (with s. 79(2)); S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i)

F1109 S. 211(1A) inserted (1.10.2015) by [Consumer Rights Act 2015 \(c. 15\), s. 100\(5\), Sch. 7 para. 3\(3\)](#) (with s. 79(2)); S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i)

[^{F1110}212] Schedule 13 infringements

- (1) In this Part a Schedule 13 infringement is an act or omission which contravenes a listed enactment and which harms the collective interests of consumers.
- (2) References to a listed enactment must be construed in accordance with section 210.]

Textual Amendments

F1110 S. 212 substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\), regs. 1, 3\(3\)](#) (with reg. 9) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1(3), 3(8)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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213 Enforcers

- (1) Each of the following is a general enforcer—
 - (a) the ^{F1111}CMA];
 - (b) every local weights and measures authority in Great Britain;
 - (c) the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment in Northern Ireland.
- (2) A designated enforcer is any person or body (whether or not incorporated) which the Secretary of State—
 - (a) thinks has as one of its purposes the protection of the collective interests of consumers, and
 - (b) designates by order.
- (3) The Secretary of State may designate a public body only if he is satisfied that it is independent.
- (4) The Secretary of State may designate a person or body which is not a public body only if the person or body (as the case may be) satisfies such criteria as the Secretary of State specifies by order.
- ^{F1112}(5)
- ^{F1113}(5A) Each of the following ^{F1114}is a Schedule 13 enforcer]—
 - (a) the ^{F1115}CMA];
 - (b) the Civil Aviation Authority;
 - (c) the ^{F1116}Financial Conduct Authority];
 - (d) the Secretary of State for Health ^{F1117}and Social Care];
 - (e) the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety in Northern Ireland;
 - (f) the Office of Communications;
 - (g) the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment in Northern Ireland;
 - (h) every local weights and measures authority in Great Britain;
 - ^{F1118}(i) an enforcement authority within the meaning of section 120(15) of the Communications Act 2003 (regulation of premium rate services);]
 - ^{F1119}(j) the Information Commissioner][^{F1120};
 - ^{F1121}(k) the Department for Infrastructure;
 - (l) the Maritime and Coastguard Agency;
 - (m) the Office of Rail and Road;
 - (n) the Office for the Traffic Commissioner.]
- (6) An order under this section may designate an enforcer in respect of—
 - (a) all infringements;
 - (b) infringements of such descriptions as are specified in the order.
- (7) An order under this section may make different provision for different purposes.
- (8) The designation of a body by virtue of subsection (3) is conclusive evidence for the purposes of any question arising under this Part that the body is a public body.
- (9) An order under this section must be made by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- ^{F1122}(10)

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F1123(11)

Textual Amendments

- F1111** Word in s. 213(1)(a) substituted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/892\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 6** (with art. 3)
- F1112** S. 213(5) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\)](#), regs. 1, **3(4)(a)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1(3), 3(8)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F1113** S. 213(5A) inserted (8.1.2007) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Amendment\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/3363\)](#), **reg. 11**
- F1114** Words in s. 213(5A) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\)](#), regs. 1, **3(4)(b)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1(3), **3(3)(a)(8)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F1115** Word in s. 213(5A)(a) substituted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/892\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 6** (with art. 3)
- F1116** Words in s. 213(5A)(c) substituted (1.4.2013) by [Financial Services Act 2012 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 122(3), **Sch. 18 para. 95(2)** (with Sch. 20); S.I. 2013/423, art. 3, Sch.
- F1117** Words in s. 213(5A)(d) inserted (11.4.2018) by [The Secretaries of State for Health and Social Care and for Housing, Communities and Local Government and Transfer of Functions \(Commonhold Land\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/378\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 11** (with art. 14)
- F1118** S. 213(5A)(i) substituted (1.10.2015) by [Consumer Rights Act 2015 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 100(5), **Sch. 7 para. 4** (with s. 79(2)); S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i)
- F1119** S. 213(5A)(j) inserted (26.5.2011) by [The Privacy and Electronic Communications \(EC Directive\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1208\)](#), regs. 1(1), **16(a)**
- F1120** Semi-colon in s. 213(5A)(j) substituted (2.6.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/484\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(2)(b)** (with reg. 8)
- F1121** S. 213(5A)(k)-(n) inserted (2.6.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/484\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(2)(c)** (with reg. 8)
- F1122** S. 213(10) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\)](#), regs. 1, **3(4)(c)** (with reg. 9); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F1123** S. 213(11) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\)](#), regs. 1, **3(4)(c)** (with reg. 9); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

[^{F1124}Enforcement orders and interim enforcement orders]

Textual Amendments

- F1124** S. 214 cross-heading substituted (2.6.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/484\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(3)** (with reg. 8)

214 Consultation

- ^{F1125}(1) An enforcer must not make an application for an enforcement order unless—
- (a) the enforcer has engaged in appropriate consultation with the person against whom the enforcement order would be made, and

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- (b) if the enforcer is not the [F1126CMA], the enforcer has given notice to the [F1126CMA] of the enforcer's intention to apply for the enforcement order, and the appropriate minimum period has elapsed.
- (1A) The appropriate minimum period is—
- (a) in the case of an enforcement order, 14 days beginning with the day on which notice under subsection (1)(b) is given;
 - (b) in the case of an interim enforcement order, seven days beginning with the day on which notice under subsection (1)(b) is given.]
- (2) Appropriate consultation is consultation for the purpose of—
- (a) achieving the cessation of the infringement in a case where an infringement is occurring;
 - (b) ensuring that there will be no repetition of the infringement in a case where the infringement has occurred;
 - (c) ensuring that there will be no repetition of the infringement in a case where the cessation of the infringement is achieved under paragraph (a);
 - (d) ensuring that the infringement does not take place in the case of a [F1127Schedule 13 infringement] which the enforcer believes is likely to take place.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not apply if the [F1128CMA] thinks that an application for an enforcement order should be made without delay.
- (4) [F1129Subsection (1)(a)] ceases to apply—
- (a) for the purposes of an application for an enforcement order at the end of the period of 14 days [F1130or, where subsection (4A) applies, 28 days] beginning with the day after the person against whom the enforcement order would be made receives a request for consultation from the enforcer;
 - (b) for the purposes of an application for an interim enforcement order at the end of the period of seven days beginning with the day after the person against whom the interim enforcement order would be made receives a request for consultation from the enforcer.
- [F1131(4A) This subsection applies where the person against whom the enforcement order would be made is a member of, or is represented by, a representative body, and that body operates a consumer code which has been approved by—
- (a) an enforcer, other than a designated enforcer which is not a public body,
 - (b) a body which represents an enforcer mentioned in paragraph (a),
 - (c) a group of enforcers mentioned in paragraph (a), or
 - (d) a community interest company whose objects include the approval of consumer codes.
- (4B) In subsection (4A)—
- “consumer code” means a code of practice or other document (however described) intended, with a view to safeguarding or promoting the interests of consumers, to regulate by any means the conduct of persons engaged in the supply of goods or services to consumers (or the conduct of their employees or representatives), and
- “representative body” means an organisation established to represent the interests of two or more businesses in a particular sector or area, and for this purpose “business” has the meaning it bears in section 210.]

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- (5) The Secretary of State may by order make rules in relation to consultation under this section.
- (6) Such an order must be made by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (7) In this section [^{F1132}(except subsections (1A) and (4))] and in sections 215 and 216 references to an enforcement order include references to an interim enforcement order.

Textual Amendments

- F1125** S. 214(1)(1A) substituted for s. 214(1) (28.3.2013) by [The Public Bodies \(The Office of Fair Trading Transfer of Consumer Advice Scheme Function and Modification of Enforcement Functions\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/783\)](#), arts. 1(2), **9(2)**
- F1126** Word in s. 214(1)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/892\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 7** (with art. 3)
- F1127** Words in s. 214(2)(d) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\)](#), regs. 1, **3(5)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1(3), 3(8)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F1128** Word in s. 214(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/892\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 7** (with art. 3)
- F1129** Words in s. 214(4) substituted (28.3.2013) by [The Public Bodies \(The Office of Fair Trading Transfer of Consumer Advice Scheme Function and Modification of Enforcement Functions\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/783\)](#), arts. 1(2), **9(3)**
- F1130** Words in s. 214(4)(a) inserted (1.10.2015) by [Consumer Rights Act 2015 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 100(5), **Sch. 7 para. 5(2)** (with s. 79(2)); S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i)
- F1131** S. 214(4A)(4B) inserted (1.10.2015) by [Consumer Rights Act 2015 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 100(5), **Sch. 7 para. 5(3)** (with s. 79(2)); S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i)
- F1132** Words in s. 214(7) substituted (28.3.2013) by [The Public Bodies \(The Office of Fair Trading Transfer of Consumer Advice Scheme Function and Modification of Enforcement Functions\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/783\)](#), arts. 1(2), **9(4)**

215 Applications

- (1) An application for an enforcement order must name the person the enforcer thinks—
 - (a) has engaged or is engaging in conduct which constitutes a domestic or a [^{F1133}Schedule 13 infringement], or
 - (b) is likely to engage in conduct which constitutes a [^{F1133}Schedule 13 infringement].
- (2) A general enforcer may make an application for an enforcement order in respect of any infringement.
- (3) A designated enforcer may make an application for an enforcement order in respect of an infringement to which his designation relates.

^{F1134}(4)

[^{F1135}(4A) A [^{F1136}Schedule 13 enforcer] may make an application for an enforcement order in respect of a [^{F1137}Schedule 13 infringement].]

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- (5) The following courts have jurisdiction to make an enforcement order—
- ^{F1138}(za) the High Court or the county court if the person against whom the order is sought carries on business or has a place of business in England and Wales;
 - (a) the High Court or a county court if the person against whom the order is sought carries on business or has a place of business in ^{F1139}...Northern Ireland;
 - (b) the Court of Session or the sheriff if the person against whom the order is sought carries on business or has a place of business in Scotland.

^{F1140}(6)

^{F1141}(7)

^{F1142}(8)

- (9) An enforcer which is not the [^{F1143}CMA] must notify the [^{F1143}CMA] of the result of an application under this section.

Textual Amendments

F1133 Words in s. 215(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Consumer Protection (Enforcement) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/203), regs. 1, **3(6)(a)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1(3), 3(8)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F1134 S. 215(4) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Consumer Protection (Enforcement) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/203), regs. 1, **3(6)(b)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1(3), 3(8)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F1135 S. 215(4A) inserted (8.1.2007) by The Enterprise Act 2002 (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/3363), **reg. 12**

F1136 Words in s. 215(4A) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Consumer Protection (Enforcement) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/203), regs. 1, **3(6)(c)(i)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1(3), 3(8)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F1137 Words in s. 215(4A) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Consumer Protection (Enforcement) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/203), regs. 1, **3(6)(c)(ii)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1(3), 3(8)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F1138 S. 215(5)(za) inserted (22.4.2014) by Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c. 22), s. 61(3), **Sch. 9 para. 81(c)**; S.I. 2014/954, art. 2(c) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/956, arts. 3-11)

F1139 Words in s. 215(5)(a) omitted (22.4.2014) by virtue of Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c. 22), s. 61(3), **Sch. 9 para. 81(b)**; S.I. 2014/954, art. 2(c) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/956, arts. 3-11)

F1140 S. 215(6) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Consumer Protection (Enforcement) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/203), regs. 1, **3(6)(d)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1(3), 3(8)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F1141 S. 215(7) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Consumer Protection (Enforcement) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/203), regs. 1, **3(6)(d)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1(3), 3(8)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F1142 S. 215(8) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Consumer Protection (Enforcement) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/203), regs. 1, **3(6)(d)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1(3), 3(8)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F1143 Word in s. 215(9) substituted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 8** (with art. 3)

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216 Applications: directions by ^{F1144}CMA]

- (1) This section applies if the ^{F1145}CMA] believes that an enforcer other than the ^{F1145}CMA] intends to apply for an enforcement order.
- (2) In such a case the ^{F1145}CMA] may direct that if an application in respect of a particular infringement is to be made it must be made—
 - (a) only by the ^{F1145}CMA], or
 - (b) only by such other enforcer as the ^{F1145}CMA] directs.
- (3) If the ^{F1145}CMA] directs that only it may make an application that does not prevent—
 - (a) the ^{F1145}CMA] or any enforcer from accepting an undertaking under section 219, or
 - (b) the ^{F1145}CMA] from taking such other steps it thinks appropriate (apart from making an application) for the purpose of securing that the infringement is not committed, continued or repeated.
- (4) The ^{F1145}CMA] may vary or withdraw a direction given under this section.
- (5) The ^{F1145}CMA] must take such steps as it thinks appropriate to bring a direction (or a variation or withdrawal of a direction) to the attention of enforcers it thinks may be affected by it.

^{F1146}(6)

Textual Amendments

F1144 Word in s. 216 heading substituted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/892\)](#), art. 1(1), [Sch. 1 para. 9](#) (with art. 3)

F1145 Word in s. 216(1)-(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/892\)](#), art. 1(1), [Sch. 1 para. 9](#) (with art. 3)

F1146 S. 216(6) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\)](#), regs. 1, [3\(7\)](#) (with reg. 9) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1(3), 3(8)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

217 Enforcement orders

- (1) This section applies if an application for an enforcement order is made under section 215 and the court finds that the person named in the application has engaged in conduct which constitutes the infringement.
- (2) This section also applies if such an application is made in relation to a ^{F1147}Schedule 13 infringement] and the court finds that the person named in the application is likely to engage in conduct which constitutes the infringement.
- (3) If this section applies the court may make an enforcement order against the person.
- (4) In considering whether to make an enforcement order the court must have regard to whether the person named in the application—
 - (a) has given an undertaking under section 219 in respect of conduct such as is mentioned in subsection (3) of that section;
 - (b) has failed to comply with the undertaking.

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- (5) An enforcement order must—
 - (a) indicate the nature of the conduct to which the finding under subsection (1) or (2) relates, and
 - (b) direct the person to comply with subsection (6).
- (6) A person complies with this subsection if he—
 - (a) does not continue or repeat the conduct;
 - (b) does not engage in such conduct in the course of his business or another business;
 - (c) does not consent to or connive in the carrying out of such conduct by a body corporate with which he has a special relationship (within the meaning of section 222(3)).
- (7) But subsection (6)(a) does not apply in the case of a finding under subsection (2).
- (8) An enforcement order may require a person against whom the order is made to publish in such form and manner and to such extent as the court thinks appropriate for the purpose of eliminating any continuing effects of the infringement—
 - (a) the order;
 - (b) a corrective statement.
- (9) If the court makes a finding under subsection (1) or (2) it may accept an undertaking by the person—
 - (a) to comply with subsection (6), or
 - (b) to take steps which the court believes will secure that he complies with subsection (6).
- (10) An undertaking under subsection (9) may include a further undertaking by the person to publish in such form and manner and to such extent as the court thinks appropriate for the purpose of eliminating any continuing effects of the infringement—
 - (a) the terms of the undertaking;
 - (b) a corrective statement.
- [^{F1148}(10A) An enforcement order may require a person against whom the order is made to take enhanced consumer measures (defined in section 219A) within a period specified by the court.
- (10B) An undertaking under subsection (9) may include a further undertaking by the person to take enhanced consumer measures within a period specified in the undertaking.
- (10C) Subsections (10A) and (10B) are subject to section 219C in a case where the application for the enforcement order was made by a designated enforcer which is not a public body.
- (10D) Where a person is required by an enforcement order or an undertaking under this section to take enhanced consumer measures, the order or undertaking may include requirements as to the provision of information or documents to the court by the person in order that the court may determine if the person is taking those measures.]
- (11) If the court—
 - (a) makes a finding under subsection (1) or (2), and
 - (b) accepts an undertaking under subsection (9),

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it must not make an enforcement order in respect of the infringement to which the undertaking relates.

[^{F1149}(12) An enforcement order made in a part of the United Kingdom by a court specified in relation to that part in the second or third column of the table has effect in another part of the United Kingdom as if made by a court specified in relation to that other part in the same column of the table—

England and Wales	The High Court	The county court
Scotland	The Court of Session	The sheriff
Northern Ireland	The High Court	A county court]

Textual Amendments

F1147 Words in s. 217(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\)](#), regs. 1, **3(8)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1(3), 3(8)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F1148 S. 217(10A)-(10D) inserted (1.10.2015) by [Consumer Rights Act 2015 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 100(5), **Sch. 7 para. 6** (with s. 79(2)); S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i)

F1149 S. 217(12) substituted (26.11.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1347\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(2)**

218 Interim enforcement order

- (1) The court may make an interim enforcement order against a person named in the application for the order if it appears to the court—
 - (a) that it is alleged that the person is engaged in conduct which constitutes a domestic or [^{F1150}Schedule 13 infringement] or is likely to engage in conduct which constitutes a [^{F1150}Schedule 13 infringement],
 - (b) that if the application had been an application for an enforcement order it would be likely to be granted,
 - (c) that it is expedient that the conduct is prohibited or prevented (as the case may be) immediately, and
 - (d) if no notice of the application has been given to the person named in the application that it is appropriate to make an interim enforcement order without notice.
- (2) An interim enforcement order must—
 - (a) indicate the nature of the alleged conduct, and
 - (b) direct the person to comply with subsection (3).
- (3) A person complies with this subsection if he—
 - (a) does not continue or repeat the conduct;
 - (b) does not engage in such conduct in the course of his business or another business;
 - (c) does not consent to or connive in the carrying out of such conduct by a body corporate with which he has a special relationship (within the meaning of section 222(3)).

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- (4) But subsection (3)(a) does not apply in so far as the application is made in respect of an allegation that the person is likely to engage in conduct which constitutes a ^[F1151]Schedule 13 infringement].
- (5) An application for an interim enforcement order against a person may be made at any time before an application for an enforcement order against the person in respect of the same conduct is determined.
- (6) An application for an interim enforcement order must refer to all matters—
- (a) which are known to the applicant, and
 - (b) which are material to the question whether or not the application is granted.
- (7) If an application for an interim enforcement order is made without notice the application must state why no notice has been given.
- (8) The court may vary or discharge an interim enforcement order on the application of—
- (a) the enforcer who applied for the order;
 - (b) the person against whom it is made.
- (9) An interim enforcement order against a person is discharged on the determination of an application for an enforcement order made against the person in respect of the same conduct.
- (10) If it appears to the court as mentioned in subsection (1)(a) to (c) the court may instead of making an interim enforcement order accept an undertaking from the person named in the application—
- (a) to comply with subsection (3), or
 - (b) to take steps which the court believes will secure that he complies with subsection (3).
- ^[F1152](11) An interim enforcement order made in a part of the United Kingdom by a court specified in relation to that part in the second or third column of the table has effect in another part of the United Kingdom as if made by a court specified in relation to that other part in the same column of the table—

England and Wales	The High Court	The county court
Scotland	The Court of Session	The sheriff
Northern Ireland	The High Court	A county court]

Textual Amendments

F1150 Words in s. 218(1)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/203), regs. 1, **3(9)(a)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1(3), 3(8)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F1151 Words in s. 218(4) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/203), regs. 1, **3(9)(b)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1(3), 3(8)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F1152 S. 218(11) substituted (26.11.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020](#) (S.I. 2020/1347), regs. 1(2), **2(3)**

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^{F1153}Online interface orders and interim online interface orders

Textual Amendments

F1153 S. 218ZA cross-heading inserted (2.6.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/484\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(4)** (with reg. 8)

^{F1154}218ZA Applications

- (1) The CMA may apply for an online interface order or an interim online interface order if the CMA thinks that there has been or is likely to be a ^{F1155}Schedule 13 infringement].
- (2) An online interface order or an interim online interface order may be sought against the person the CMA thinks has engaged, is engaging or is likely to engage in conduct which constitutes the ^{F1156}Schedule 13 infringement] or against another person.
- (3) The following courts have jurisdiction to make an online interface order or an interim online interface order—
 - (a) the High Court or the county court if the person against whom the order is sought carries on business or has a place of business in England and Wales;
 - (b) the High Court or a county court if the person against whom the order is sought carries on business or has a place of business in Northern Ireland;
 - (c) the Court of Session or the sheriff if the person against whom the order is sought carries on business or has a place of business in Scotland.

Textual Amendments

F1154 Ss. 218ZA-218ZD inserted (2.6.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/484\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(5)** (with reg. 8)

F1155 Words in s. 218ZA(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\)](#), regs. 1, **3(9A)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1347](#), regs. 1(3), **3(3)(b)(8)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

F1156 Words in s. 218ZA(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\)](#), regs. 1, **3(9A)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1347](#), regs. 1(3), **3(3)(b)(8)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

218ZB Online interface orders

- (1) The court may make an online interface order on an application under section 218ZA if it finds that—
 - (a) there has been or is likely to be a ^{F1157}Schedule 13 infringement],
 - (b) there are no other available means of bringing about the cessation or prohibition of the infringement which, by themselves, would be wholly effective, and
 - (c) it is necessary to make the order to avoid the risk of serious harm to the collective interests of consumers.
- (2) An online interface order must direct the person against whom it is made to do, or to co-operate with another person so that other person may do, one or more of the following—
 - (a) remove content from or modify content on an online interface;

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- (b) disable or restrict access to an online interface;
 - (c) display a warning to consumers accessing an online interface;
 - (d) delete a fully qualified domain name and take any steps necessary to facilitate the registration of that domain name by the CMA.
- (3) Where an online interface order is made, the CMA may publish in such form and manner as it thinks appropriate for the purpose of eliminating any continuing effects of the ^{F1158}Schedule 13 infringement] to which the order relates—
- (a) the online interface order, and
 - (b) where known, the identity of the person who has engaged, is engaging or is likely to engage in conduct which constitutes the infringement.
- ^{F1159}(4) An online interface order made in a part of the United Kingdom by a court specified in relation to that part in the second or third column of the table has effect in another part of the United Kingdom as if made by a court specified in relation to that other part in the same column of the table—

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Textual Amendments

- F1154** Ss. 218ZA-218ZD inserted (2.6.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/484\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(5)** (with reg. 8)
- F1157** Words in s. 218ZB(1)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\)](#), regs. 1, **3(9B)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1347](#), regs. 1(3), **3(3)(b)(8)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F1158** Words in s. 218ZB(3) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\)](#), regs. 1, **3(9B)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1347](#), regs. 1(3), **3(3)(b)(8)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F1159** S. 218ZB(4) substituted (26.11.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1347\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(4)**

218ZC Interim online interface orders

- (1) The court may make an interim online interface order on an application under section 218ZA if it appears to the court—
- (a) that it is alleged that there has been or is likely to be a ^{F1160}Schedule 13 infringement],
 - (b) that if the application had been an application for an online interface order it would be likely to be granted,
 - (c) that it is expedient to bring about the cessation or prohibition of the ^{F1161}Schedule 13 infringement] immediately, and
 - (d) if no notice of the application has been given to the person against whom the order is sought that it is appropriate to make an interim online interface order without notice.

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- (2) An interim online interface order must direct the person against whom it is made to do, or to co-operate with another person so that person may do, one or more of the following—
- (a) remove content from or modify content on an online interface;
 - (b) disable or restrict access to an online interface;
 - (c) display a warning to consumers accessing an online interface;
 - (d) delete a fully qualified domain name and take any steps necessary to facilitate the registration of that domain name by the CMA.
- (3) An application for an interim online interface order against a person may be made at any time before an application for an online interface order against the person in respect of the same infringement is determined.
- (4) An application for an interim online interface order must refer to all matters—
- (a) which are known to the CMA, and
 - (b) which are material to the question whether or not the application is granted.
- (5) If an application for an interim online interface order is made without notice the application must state why no notice has been given.
- (6) The court may vary or discharge an interim online interface order on the application of—
- (a) the CMA;
 - (b) the person against whom it is made.
- (7) An interim online interface order against a person is discharged on the determination of an application for an online interface order made against the person in respect of the same infringement.
- [^{F1162}(8) An interim online interface order made in a part of the United Kingdom by a court specified in relation to that part in the second or third column of the table has effect in another part of the United Kingdom as if made by a court specified in relation to that other part in the same column of the table—

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Textual Amendments

F1154 Ss. 218ZA-218ZD inserted (2.6.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/484\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(5)** (with reg. 8)

F1160 Words in s. 218ZC(1)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\)](#), regs. 1, **3(9C)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1(3), **3(3)(b)(8)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

F1161 Words in s. 218ZC(1)(c) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\)](#), regs. 1, **3(9C)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1(3), **3(3)(b)(8)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

F1162 S. 218ZC(8) substituted (26.11.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1347\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(5)**

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218ZD Online interface orders: supplementary

- (1) In sections 218ZA to 218ZC, “online interface” means any software, including a website, part of a website or an application, that is operated by or on behalf of a trader, and which serves to give consumers access to the trader’s goods and services.
- (2) In subsection (1), “trader” means a person acting for purposes relating to that person’s trade, business, craft or profession, whether acting personally or through another person acting in the trader’s name or on the trader’s behalf.
- (3) Nothing in sections 218ZA to 218ZC limits the operation of any provisions of this Part relating to—
 - (a) enforcement orders,
 - (b) interim enforcement orders, or
 - (c) undertakings,in respect of [^{F1163}Schedule 13 infringements].]

Textual Amendments

F1154 Ss. 218ZA-218ZD inserted (2.6.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/484\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(5)** (with reg. 8)

F1163 Words in s. 218ZD(3) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\)](#), regs. 1, **3(9D)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1347](#), regs. 1(3), **3(3)(b)(8)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**)

[^{F1164}Enforcement procedure: supplementary]

Textual Amendments

F1164 S. 218A crossheading inserted (2.6.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/484\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(6)** (with reg. 8)

^{F1165}218A Unfair commercial practices: substantiation of claims

- (1) This section applies where an application for [^{F1166}an enforcement order, an interim enforcement order, an online interface order or an interim online interface order] is made in respect of a [^{F1167}Schedule 13 infringement] involving a contravention of [^{F1168}the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008].
- (2) For the purposes of considering the application the court may require [^{F1169}the relevant person] to provide evidence as to the accuracy of any factual claim made as part of a commercial practice of that person if, taking into account the legitimate interests of that person and any other party to the proceedings, it appears appropriate in the circumstances.

[In subsection (2), “the relevant person”, in relation to an application, means—

- ^{F1170}(2A)
- (a) where the application is for an enforcement order or an interim enforcement order, the person named in the application under section 215(1);
 - (b) where the application is for an online interface order or an interim online interface order, the person alleged by the CMA to have engaged, be engaging or be likely to engage in conduct which constitutes the [^{F1171}Schedule 13

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infringement], provided that person is either the person against whom the order is sought or otherwise a party to the proceedings.]

- (3) If, having been required under subsection (2) to provide evidence as to the accuracy of a factual claim, a person—
- (a) fails to provide such evidence, or
 - (b) provides evidence as to the accuracy of the factual claim that the court considers inadequate,
- the court may consider that the factual claim is inaccurate.
- (4) In this section “commercial practice” has the meaning given by regulation 2 of the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008.]

Textual Amendments

- F1165** S. 218A inserted (26.5.2008) by [The Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1277\)](#), regs. 1, **27** (with reg. 28(2)(3))
- F1166** Words in s. 218A(1) substituted (2.6.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/484\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(7)(a)** (with reg. 8)
- F1167** Words in s. 218A(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\)](#), regs. 1, **3(10)(a)(i)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1347](#), regs. 1(3), **3(3)(c)(8)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F1168** Words in s. 218A(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\)](#), regs. 1, **3(10)(a)(ii)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1347](#), regs. 1(3), **3(3)(c)(8)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F1169** Words in s. 218A(2) substituted (2.6.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/484\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(7)(b)** (with reg. 8)
- F1170** S. 218A(2A) inserted (2.6.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/484\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(7)(c)** (with reg. 8)
- F1171** Words in s. 218A(2A)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\)](#), regs. 1, **3(10)(b)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1347](#), regs. 1(3), **3(3)(c)(8)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

219 Undertakings

- (1) This section applies if an enforcer has power to make an application [^{F1172}for an enforcement order or an interim enforcement order under section 215 or for an online interface order or an interim online interface order under section 218ZA].
- (2) In such a case the enforcer may accept from a person to whom subsection (3) applies an undertaking that the person will comply with subsection (4).
- (3) This subsection applies to a person who the enforcer believes—
- (a) has engaged in conduct which constitutes an infringement;
 - (b) is engaging in such conduct;
 - (c) is likely to engage in conduct which constitutes a [^{F1173}Schedule 13 infringement].
- (4) A person complies with this subsection if he—
- (a) does not continue or repeat the conduct;
 - (b) does not engage in such conduct in the course of his business or another business;

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- (c) does not consent to or connive in the carrying out of such conduct by a body corporate with which he has a special relationship (within the meaning of section 222(3)).
- (5) But subsection (4)(a) does not apply in the case of an undertaking given by a person in so far as subsection (3) applies to him by virtue of paragraph (c).
- [^{F1174}(5ZA) An undertaking under this section may include a further undertaking by the person—
- (a) to take enhanced consumer measures (defined in section 219A) within a period specified in the undertaking, and
 - (b) where such measures are included, to provide information or documents to the enforcer in order that the enforcer may determine if the person is taking those measures.
- (5ZB) Subsection (5ZA) is subject to section 219C in a case where the enforcer is a designated enforcer which is not a public body.]
- [^{F1175}(5A) A [^{F1176}Schedule 13 enforcer] who has accepted an undertaking under this section may—
- (a) accept a further undertaking from the person concerned to publish the terms of the undertaking; or
 - (b) take steps itself to publish the undertaking.
- (5B) In each case the undertaking shall be published in such form and manner and to such extent as the [^{F1177}Schedule 13 enforcer] thinks appropriate for the purpose of eliminating any continuing effects of the [^{F1178}Schedule 13 infringement].]
- (6) If an enforcer accepts an undertaking under this section it must notify the [^{F1179}CMA]—
- (a) of the terms of the undertaking;
 - (b) of the identity of the person who gave it.

Textual Amendments

- F1172** Words in s. 219(1) substituted (2.6.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/484\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(8)** (with reg. 8)
- F1173** Words in s. 219(3)(c) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\)](#), regs. 1, **3(11)(a)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1(3), 3(8)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F1174** S. 219(5ZA)(5ZB) inserted (1.10.2015) by [Consumer Rights Act 2015 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 100(5), **Sch. 7 para. 7** (with s. 79(2)); S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i)
- F1175** S. 219(5A)(5B) inserted (8.1.2007) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Amendment\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/3363\)](#), **reg. 13**
- F1176** Words in s. 219(5A) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\)](#), regs. 1, **3(11)(b)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1(3), 3(8)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F1177** Words in s. 219(5B) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\)](#), regs. 1, **3(11)(c)(i)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1(3), 3(8)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F1178** Words in s. 219(5B) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\)](#), regs. 1, **3(11)(c)(ii)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1(3), 3(8)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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F1179 Word in s. 219(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/892\)](#), art. 1(1), [Sch. 1 para. 10](#) (with art. 3)

[^{F1180}219] Definition of enhanced consumer measures

- (1) In this Part, enhanced consumer measures are measures (not excluded by subsection (5)) falling within—
 - (a) the redress category described in subsection (2),
 - (b) the compliance category described in subsection (3), or
 - (c) the choice category described in subsection (4).
- (2) The measures in the redress category are—
 - ^{F1181}(a) measures offering compensation or other redress to consumers—
 - (i) who have suffered loss as a result of the conduct which has given rise to the enforcement order or undertaking, or
 - (ii) where that conduct constitutes a [^{F1182}Schedule 13 infringement], who have been affected in any other way by that conduct.]
 - ^{F1183}(b) where the conduct which has given rise to the enforcement order or undertaking relates to a contract, measures offering consumers falling within paragraph (a)(i) or (ii) the option to terminate (but not vary) that contract,]
 - (c) where [^{F1184}consumers falling within paragraph (a)(i) or (ii)] cannot be identified, or cannot be identified without disproportionate cost to the subject of the enforcement order or undertaking, measures intended to be in the collective interests of consumers.
- (3) The measures in the compliance category are measures intended to prevent or reduce the risk of the occurrence or repetition of the conduct to which the enforcement order or undertaking relates (including measures with that purpose which may have the effect of improving compliance with consumer law more generally).
- (4) The measures in the choice category are measures intended to enable consumers to choose more effectively between persons supplying or seeking to supply goods or services.
- (5) The following are not enhanced consumer measures—
 - (a) a publication requirement included in an enforcement order as described in section 217(8),
 - (b) a publication requirement included in an undertaking accepted by the court as described in section 217(10), or
 - (c) a publication requirement included in an undertaking accepted by a [^{F1185}Schedule 13 enforcer] as described in section 219(5A)(a).

Textual Amendments

F1180 Ss. 219A-219C inserted (1.10.2015) by [Consumer Rights Act 2015 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 100(5), [Sch. 7 para. 8](#) (with s. 79(2)); [S.I. 2015/1630](#), art. 3(i)

F1181 S. 219A(2)(a) substituted (2.6.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/484\)](#), regs. 1(2), [2\(9\)\(a\)](#) (with reg. 8)

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- F1182** Words in s. 219A(2)(a)(ii) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Consumer Protection (Enforcement) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/203), regs. 1, **3(12)(a)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1(3), **3(3)(d)(8)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F1183** S. 219A(2)(b) substituted (2.6.2020) by The Consumer Protection (Enforcement) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/484), regs. 1(2), **2(9)(b)** (with reg. 8)
- F1184** Words in s. 219A(2)(c) substituted (2.6.2020) by The Consumer Protection (Enforcement) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/484), regs. 1(2), **2(9)(c)** (with reg. 8)
- F1185** Words in s. 219A(5)(c) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Consumer Protection (Enforcement) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/203), regs. 1, **3(12)(b)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1(3), **3(3)(d)(8)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

219B Inclusion of enhanced consumer measures etc.

- (1) An enforcement order or undertaking may include only such enhanced consumer measures as the court or enforcer (as the case may be) considers to be just and reasonable.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1) the court or enforcer must in particular consider whether any proposed enhanced consumer measures are proportionate, taking into account—
 - (a) the likely benefit of the measures to consumers,
 - (b) the costs likely to be incurred by the subject of the enforcement order or undertaking, and
 - (c) the likely cost to consumers of obtaining the benefit of the measures.
- (3) The costs referred to in subsection (2)(b) are—
 - (a) the cost of the measures, and
 - (b) the reasonable administrative costs associated with taking the measures.
- (4) ^{F1186}Where the conduct which has given rise to an enforcement order or undertaking constitutes a domestic infringement and not a ^{F1187}Schedule 13 infringement], the enforcement order or undertaking may include enhanced consumer measures in the redress category—
 - (a) only in a loss case, and
 - (b) only if the court or enforcer (as the case may be) is satisfied that the cost of such measures to the subject of the enforcement order or undertaking is unlikely to be more than the sum of the losses suffered by consumers as a result of the conduct which has given rise to the enforcement order or undertaking.

^{F1188}(4A) [Where the conduct which has given rise to an enforcement order or undertaking constitutes a ^{F1189}Schedule 13 infringement], the enforcement order or undertaking may include enhanced consumer measures in the redress category for the benefit of consumers who have been affected by that conduct.]

- (5) The cost referred to in subsection (4)(b) does not include the administrative costs associated with taking the measures.
- (6) Subsection (7) applies if an enforcement order or undertaking includes enhanced consumer measures offering compensation and a settlement agreement is entered into in connection with the payment of compensation.

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- (7) A waiver of a person's rights in the settlement agreement is not valid if it is a waiver of the right to bring civil proceedings in respect of conduct other than the conduct which has given rise to the enforcement order or undertaking.
- (8) The following definitions apply for the purposes of subsection (4)(a).
- (9) In the case of an enforcement order or undertaking under section 217, “a loss case” means a case in which—
 - (a) subsection (1) of that section applies (a finding that a person has engaged in conduct which constitutes an infringement), and
 - (b) consumers have suffered loss as a result of that conduct.
- (10) In the case of an undertaking under section 219, “a loss case” means a case in which—
 - (a) subsection (3)(a) or (b) of that section applies (a belief that a person has engaged or is engaging in conduct which constitutes an infringement), and
 - (b) consumers have suffered loss as a result of that conduct.

Textual Amendments

- F1180** Ss. 219A-219C inserted (1.10.2015) by Consumer Rights Act 2015 (c. 15), s. 100(5), **Sch. 7 para. 8** (with s. 79(2)); S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i)
- F1186** Words in s. 219B(4) substituted (2.6.2020) by The Consumer Protection (Enforcement) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/484), regs. 1(2), **2(10)(a)** (with reg. 8)
- F1187** Words in s. 219B(4) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Consumer Protection (Enforcement) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/203), regs. 1, **3(12A)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1(3), **3(3)(e)(8)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F1188** S. 219B(4A) inserted (2.6.2020) by The Consumer Protection (Enforcement) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/484), regs. 1(2), **2(10)(b)** (with reg. 8)
- F1189** Words in s. 219B(4A) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Consumer Protection (Enforcement) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/203), regs. 1, **3(12A)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1(3), **3(3)(e)(8)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**

219C Availability of enhanced consumer measures to private enforcers

- (1) An enforcement order made on the application of a designated enforcer which is not a public body may require a person to take enhanced consumer measures only if the following conditions are satisfied.
- (2) An undertaking given under section 217(9) following an application for an enforcement order made by a designated enforcer which is not a public body, or an undertaking given to such an enforcer under section 219, may include a further undertaking by a person to take enhanced consumer measures only if the following conditions are satisfied.
- (3) The first condition is that the enforcer is specified for the purposes of this section by order made by the Secretary of State.
- (4) The second condition is that the enhanced consumer measures do not directly benefit the enforcer or an associated undertaking.
- (5) Enhanced consumer measures which directly benefit an enforcer or an associated undertaking include, in particular, measures which—
 - (a) require a person to pay money to the enforcer or associated undertaking,

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- (b) require a person to participate in a scheme which is designed to recommend persons supplying or seeking to supply goods or services to consumers and which is administered by the the enforcer or associated undertaking, or
 - (c) would give the enforcer or associated undertaking a commercial advantage over any of its competitors.
- (6) The Secretary of State may make an order under subsection (3) specifying an enforcer only if the Secretary of State is satisfied that to do so is likely to—
 - (a) improve the availability to consumers of redress for infringements to which the enforcer's designation relates,
 - (b) improve the availability to consumers of information which enables them to choose more effectively between persons supplying or seeking to supply goods or services, or
 - (c) improve compliance with consumer law.
- (7) The Secretary of State may make an order under subsection (3) specifying an enforcer only if the functions of the enforcer under this Part have been specified under section 24 of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 (functions to which principles under section 21 and code of practice under section 22 apply), to the extent that they are capable of being so specified.
- (8) The power to make an order under subsection (3)—
 - (a) is exercisable by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament;
 - (b) includes power to make incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional, transitory or saving provision.
- (9) Subsection (10) applies if—
 - (a) an enforcer exercises a function in relation to a person by virtue of subsection (1) or (2),
 - (b) that function is a relevant function for the purposes of Part 2 (co-ordination of regulatory enforcement) of the Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Act 2008, and
 - (c) a primary authority (within the meaning of that Part) has given advice or guidance under section 27(1) of that Act—
 - (i) to that person in relation to that function, or
 - (ii) to other local authorities (within the meaning of that Part) with that function as to how they should exercise it in relation to that person.
- (10) The enforcer must, in exercising the function in relation to that person, act consistently with that advice or guidance.
- (11) In this section “associated undertaking”, in relation to a designated enforcer, means—
 - (a) a parent undertaking or subsidiary undertaking of the enforcer, or
 - (b) a subsidiary undertaking of a parent undertaking of the enforcer,and for this purpose “parent undertaking” and “subsidiary undertaking” have the meanings given by section 1162 of the Companies Act 2006.]

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Textual Amendments

F1180 Ss. 219A-219C inserted (1.10.2015) by [Consumer Rights Act 2015 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 100(5), [Sch. 7 para. 8](#) (with s. 79(2)); S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i)

220 Further proceedings

- (1) This section applies if the court—
 - (a) makes an enforcement order under section 217,
 - (b) makes an interim enforcement order under section 218, ^{F1190}...
 - (c) accepts an undertaking under either of those sections ^{F1191}... ^{F1192}, or
 - ^{F1193}(d) makes an online interface order under section 218ZB or an interim online interface order under section 218ZC.]
- ^{F1194}(1A) This section does not apply in the case of a failure to comply with an order or undertaking which consists only of a failure to provide information or documents required by the order or undertaking as described in section 217(10D).]
- (2) [^{F1195}Any [^{F1196}Schedule 13 enforcer]] has the same right to apply to the court in respect of a failure to comply with [^{F1197}an order (apart from an online interface order or an interim online interface order)] or undertaking as the enforcer who made the application for the order.
- (3) An application to the court in respect of a failure to comply with an undertaking may include an application for [^{F1198}an enforcement order, an interim enforcement order, an online interface order or an interim online interface order].
- (4) If the court finds that an undertaking is not being complied with it may make [^{F1199}an enforcement order, an interim enforcement order, an online interface order or an interim online interface order] (instead of making any other order it has power to make).
- (5) In the case of an application for an enforcement order or for an interim enforcement order as mentioned in subsection (3) sections 214 and 216 must be ignored and [^{F1200}sections 215, 217 or 218 (as the case may be) and 219A, 219B and 219C] apply subject to the following modifications—
 - (a) section 215(1)(b) must be ignored;
 - (b) section 215(5) must be ignored and the application must be made to the court which accepted the undertaking;
 - ^{F1201}(c) section 217(9), (10), (10B) and (11) must be ignored, and section 217(10C) and (10D) must be ignored to the extent that they relate to an undertaking under section 217(9);]
 - (d) section 218(10) must be ignored.
 - ^{F1202}(e) sections 219A, 219B and 219C must be ignored to the extent that they relate to an undertaking under section 217(9) or 219.]
- ^{F1203}(5A) In the case of an application for an online interface order or an interim online interface order as mentioned in subsection (3), section 218ZA applies subject to the following modifications—
 - (a) in section 218ZA(1), the words “or is likely to be” must be ignored;
 - (b) in section 218ZA(2), the reference to the person the CMA thinks has engaged, is engaging or is likely to engage in conduct which constitutes the

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- [^{F1204}Schedule 13 infringement] is to be read as a reference to the person the CMA thinks has engaged or is engaging in such conduct;
- (c) section 218ZA(3) must be ignored and the application must be made to the court which accepted the undertaking.]
- (6) If an enforcer which is not the [^{F1205}CMA] makes an application in respect of the failure of a person to comply with an enforcement order, an interim enforcement order or an undertaking given under section 217 or 218 the enforcer must notify the [^{F1205}CMA]—
- (a) of the application;
- (b) of any order made by the court on the application.

Textual Amendments

- F1190** Word in s. 220(1)(b) omitted (2.6.2020) by virtue of The Consumer Protection (Enforcement) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/484), regs. 1(2), **2(11)(a)** (with reg. 8)
- F1191** S. 220(1)(c) full stop omitted (2.6.2020) by virtue of The Consumer Protection (Enforcement) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/484), regs. 1(2), **2(11)(b)** (with reg. 8)
- F1192** Word in s. 220(1)(c) inserted (2.6.2020) by The Consumer Protection (Enforcement) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/484), regs. 1(2), **2(11)(b)** (with reg. 8)
- F1193** S. 220(1)(d) inserted (2.6.2020) by The Consumer Protection (Enforcement) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/484), regs. 1(2), **2(11)(c)** (with reg. 8)
- F1194** S. 220(1A) inserted (1.10.2015) by Consumer Rights Act 2015 (c. 15), s. 100(5), **Sch. 7 para. 9(2)** (with s. 79(2)); S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i)
- F1195** Words in s. 220(2) substituted (1.10.2015) by Consumer Rights Act 2015 (c. 15), s. 100(5), **Sch. 7 para. 9(3)** (with s. 79(2)); S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i)
- F1196** Words in s. 220(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Consumer Protection (Enforcement) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/203), regs. 1, **3(13)(a)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1(3), **3(3)(f)(8)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F1197** Words in s. 220(2) substituted (2.6.2020) by The Consumer Protection (Enforcement) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/484), regs. 1(2), **2(11)(d)** (with reg. 8)
- F1198** Words in s. 220(3) substituted (2.6.2020) by The Consumer Protection (Enforcement) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/484), regs. 1(2), **2(11)(e)** (with reg. 8)
- F1199** Words in s. 220(4) substituted (2.6.2020) by The Consumer Protection (Enforcement) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/484), regs. 1(2), **2(11)(f)** (with reg. 8)
- F1200** Words in s. 220(5) substituted (1.10.2015) by Consumer Rights Act 2015 (c. 15), s. 100(5), **Sch. 7 para. 9(4)(a)** (with s. 79(2)); S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i)
- F1201** S. 220(5)(c) substituted (1.10.2015) by Consumer Rights Act 2015 (c. 15), s. 100(5), **Sch. 7 para. 9(4)(b)** (with s. 79(2)); S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i)
- F1202** S. 220(5)(e) inserted (1.10.2015) by Consumer Rights Act 2015 (c. 15), s. 100(5), **Sch. 7 para. 9(4)(c)** (with s. 79(2)); S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i)
- F1203** S. 220(5A) inserted (2.6.2020) by The Consumer Protection (Enforcement) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/484), regs. 1(2), **2(11)(g)** (with reg. 8)
- F1204** Words in s. 220(5A)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Consumer Protection (Enforcement) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/203), regs. 1, **3(13)(b)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1(3), **3(3)(f)(8)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F1205** Word in s. 220(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 11** (with art. 3)

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222 Bodies corporate: accessories

- (1) This section applies if the person whose conduct constitutes a domestic infringement or a ^{F1207}Schedule 13 infringement] is a body corporate.
- (2) If the conduct takes place with the consent or connivance of a person (an accessory) who has a special relationship with the body corporate, the consent or connivance is also conduct which constitutes the infringement.
- (3) A person has a special relationship with a body corporate if he is—
 - (a) a controller of the body corporate, or
 - (b) a director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate or a person purporting to act in such a capacity.
- (4) A person is a controller of a body corporate if—
 - (a) the directors of the body corporate or of another body corporate which is its controller are accustomed to act in accordance with the person’s directions or instructions, or
 - (b) either alone or with an associate or associates he is entitled to exercise or control the exercise of one third or more of the voting power at any general meeting of the body corporate or of another body corporate which is its controller.
- (5) ^{F1208}An enforcement order, an interim enforcement order, an online interface order or an interim online interface order] may be made against an accessory in respect of an infringement whether or not such an order is made against the body corporate.
- (6) The court may accept an undertaking under section 217(9) or 218(10) from an accessory in respect of an infringement whether or not it accepts such an undertaking from the body corporate.
- (7) An enforcer may accept an undertaking under section 219 from an accessory in respect of an infringement whether or not it accepts such an undertaking from the body corporate.
- (8) Subsection (9) applies if—
 - (a) ^{F1209}an enforcement order or an interim enforcement order] is made as mentioned in subsection (5), or
 - (b) an undertaking is accepted as mentioned in subsection (6) or (7).
- (9) In such a case for subsection (6) of section 217, subsection (3) of section 218 or subsection (4) of section 219 (as the case may be) there is substituted the following subsection—
 - “(0) A person complies with this subsection if he—
 - (a) does not continue or repeat the conduct;

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- (b) does not in the course of any business carried on by him engage in conduct such as that which constitutes the infringement committed by the body corporate mentioned in section 222(1);
 - (c) does not consent to or connive in the carrying out of such conduct by another body corporate with which he has a special relationship (within the meaning of section 222(3)).”
- (10) A person is an associate of an individual if—
- (a) he is the spouse [^{F1210}or civil partner] of the individual;
 - (b) he is a relative of the individual;
 - (c) he is a relative of the individual’s spouse [^{F1210}or civil partner];
 - (d) he is the spouse [^{F1210}or civil partner] of a relative of the individual;
 - (e) he is the spouse [^{F1210}or civil partner] of a relative of the individual’s spouse [^{F1210}or civil partner] ;
 - (f) he lives in the same household as the individual otherwise than merely because he or the individual is the other’s employer, tenant, lodger or boarder;
 - (g) he is a relative of a person who is an associate of the individual by virtue of paragraph (f);
 - (h) he has at some time in the past fallen within any of paragraphs (a) to (g).
- (11) A person is also an associate of—
- (a) an individual with whom he is in partnership;
 - (b) an individual who is an associate of the individual mentioned in paragraph (a);
 - (c) a body corporate if he is a controller of it or he is an associate of a person who is a controller of the body corporate.
- (12) A body corporate is an associate of another body corporate if—
- (a) the same person is a controller of both;
 - (b) a person is a controller of one and persons who are his associates are controllers of the other;
 - (c) a person is a controller of one and he and persons who are his associates are controllers of the other;
 - (d) a group of two or more persons is a controller of each company and the groups consist of the same persons;
 - (e) a group of two or more persons is a controller of each company and the groups may be regarded as consisting of the same persons by treating (in one or more cases) a member of either group as replaced by a person of whom he is an associate.
- (13) A relative is a brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, lineal ancestor or lineal descendant.

Textual Amendments

F1207 Words in s. 222(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\)](#), regs. 1, **3(15)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1347](#), regs. 1(3), 3(8)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F1208 Words in s. 222(5) substituted (2.6.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/484\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(12)(a)** (with reg. 8)

F1209 Words in s. 222(8)(a) substituted (2.6.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/484\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(12)(b)** (with reg. 8)

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F1210 Words in s. 222(10)(a)(c)(d)(e) inserted (5.12.2005) by Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c. 33), ss. 261(1), 263, **Sch. 27 para. 169**; S.I. 2005/3175, **art. 2, Sch. 1**

223 Bodies corporate: orders

- (1) This section applies if a court makes [^{F1211}an enforcement order, an interim enforcement order, an online interface order or an interim online interface order] against a body corporate and—
- (a) at the time the order is made the body corporate is a member of a group of interconnected bodies corporate,
 - (b) at any time when the order is in force the body corporate becomes a member of a group of interconnected bodies corporate, or
 - (c) at any time when the order is in force a group of interconnected bodies corporate of which the body corporate is a member is increased by the addition of one or more further members.
- (2) The court may direct that the order is binding upon all of the members of the group as if each of them were the body corporate against which the order is made.
- (3) A group of interconnected bodies corporate is a group consisting of two or more bodies corporate all of whom are interconnected with each other.
- (4) Any two bodies corporate are interconnected—
- (a) if one of them is a subsidiary of the other, or
 - (b) if both of them are subsidiaries of the same body corporate.
- [^{F1212}(5) In this section “subsidiary” has the meaning given by section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006.]

Textual Amendments

F1211 Words in s. 223(1) substituted (2.6.2020) by The Consumer Protection (Enforcement) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/484), regs. 1(2), **2(13)** (with reg. 8)

F1212 S. 223(5) substituted (1.10.2009) by The Companies Act 2006 (Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/1941), art. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 199(4)** (with art. 10)

Information

^{F1214}**224** [^{F1213}CMA]

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Textual Amendments

F1213 Word in s. 224 heading substituted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 12** (with art. 3)

F1214 S. 224 omitted (1.10.2015) by virtue of Consumer Rights Act 2015 (c. 15), s. 100(5), **Sch. 6 para. 68**; S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i) (with art. 8)

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F1215 225 Other enforcers

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Textual Amendments

F1215S. 225 omitted (1.10.2015) by virtue of Consumer Rights Act 2015 (c. 15), s. 100(5), **Sch. 6 para. 69**; S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i) (with art. 8)

F1216 226 Notices: procedure

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Textual Amendments

F1216S. 226 omitted (1.10.2015) by virtue of Consumer Rights Act 2015 (c. 15), s. 100(5), **Sch. 6 para. 70**; S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i) (with art. 8)

F1217 227 Notices: enforcement

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Textual Amendments

F1217S. 227 omitted (1.10.2015) by virtue of Consumer Rights Act 2015 (c. 15), s. 100(5), **Sch. 6 para. 71**; S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i) (with art. 8)

F1218 227A Power to enter premises without warrant

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Textual Amendments

F1218S. 227A omitted (1.10.2015) by virtue of Consumer Rights Act 2015 (c. 15), s. 100(5), **Sch. 6 para. 72**; S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i) (with art. 8)

F1219 227B Powers exercisable on the premises

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Textual Amendments

F1219S. 227B omitted (1.10.2015) by virtue of Consumer Rights Act 2015 (c. 15), s. 100(5), **Sch. 6 para. 73**; S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i) (with art. 8)

F1220 227C Power to enter premises with warrant

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Textual Amendments

F1220S. 227C omitted (1.10.2015) by virtue of [Consumer Rights Act 2015 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 100(5), **Sch. 6 para. 74**; S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i) (with art. 8)

F1221 ~~227A~~ **Ancillary provisions about powers of entry**

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Textual Amendments

F1221S. 227D omitted (1.10.2015) by virtue of [Consumer Rights Act 2015 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 100(5), **Sch. 6 para. 75**; S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i) (with art. 8)

F1222 ~~227B~~ **Obstructing, or failing to co-operate with, powers of entry**

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Textual Amendments

F1222S. 227E omitted (1.10.2015) by virtue of [Consumer Rights Act 2015 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 100(5), **Sch. 6 para. 76**; S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i) (with art. 8)

F1223 ~~227C~~ **Retention of documents and goods**

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Textual Amendments

F1223S. 227F omitted (1.10.2015) by virtue of [Consumer Rights Act 2015 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 100(5), **Sch. 6 para. 77**; S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i) (with art. 8)

Miscellaneous

[F1224 ~~223A~~ **Investigatory powers**

For the investigatory powers available to enforcers for the purposes of enforcers' functions under this Part, see Schedule 5 to the Consumer Rights Act 2015.]

Textual Amendments

F1224S. 223A inserted (1.10.2015) by [Consumer Rights Act 2015 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 100(5), **Sch. 6 para. 78**; S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i)

228 Evidence

(1) Proceedings under this Part are civil proceedings for the purposes of—

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- (a) section 11 of the Civil Evidence Act 1968 (c. 64) (convictions admissible as evidence in civil proceedings);
 - (b) section 10 of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1968 (c. 70) (corresponding provision in Scotland);
 - (c) section 7 of the Civil Evidence Act (Northern Ireland) 1971 (c. 36 (N.I.)) (corresponding provision in Northern Ireland).
- (2) In proceedings under this Part any finding by a court in civil proceedings that an act or omission mentioned in section 211(2)(b), (c) or (d) or 212(1) has occurred—
- (a) is admissible as evidence that the act or omission occurred;
 - (b) unless the contrary is proved, is sufficient evidence that the act or omission occurred.
- (3) But subsection (2) does not apply to any finding—
- (a) which has been reversed on appeal;
 - (b) which has been varied on appeal so as to negative it.

^{F1225}(4)

Textual Amendments

F1225S. 228(4) omitted (1.10.2015) by virtue of [Consumer Rights Act 2015 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 100(5), [Sch. 6 para. 79](#); [S.I. 2015/1630](#), art. 3(i) (with art. 8)

229 Advice and information

- (1) [^{F1226}The CMA] must prepare and publish advice and information with a view to—
- (a) explaining the provisions of this Part to persons who are likely to be affected by them, and
 - (b) indicating how the [^{F1227}CMA] expects such provisions to operate.
- [^{F1228}(1A) As soon as is reasonably practicable after the commencement of Schedule 5 to the Consumer Rights Act 2015 (investigatory powers etc.) the CMA must prepare and publish advice and information with a view to—
- (a) explaining the provisions of that Schedule, so far as they relate to investigatory powers exercised for the purposes set out in paragraphs 13(2) and (3) and 19 of that Schedule, to persons who are likely to be affected by them, and
 - (b) indicating how the CMA expects such provisions to operate.]
- (2) The [^{F1229}CMA] may at any time publish revised or new advice or information.
- (3) Advice or information published in pursuance of subsection (1)(b) may include advice or information about the factors which the [^{F1229}CMA] may take into account in considering how to exercise the functions conferred on it by this Part.
- (4) Advice or information published by the [^{F1229}CMA] under this section is to be published in such form and in such manner as it considers appropriate.
- (5) In preparing advice or information under this section the [^{F1229}CMA] must consult such persons as it thinks are representative of persons affected by this Part.
- (6) If any proposed advice or information relates to a matter in respect of which another [^{F1230}enforcer] may act the persons to be consulted must include that enforcer.

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Textual Amendments

- F1226** Words in s. 229(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/892\)](#), art. 1(1), [Sch. 1 para. 14\(2\)\(a\)](#) (with art. 3)
- F1227** Word in s. 229(1)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/892\)](#), art. 1(1), [Sch. 1 para. 14\(2\)\(b\)](#) (with art. 3)
- F1228** S. 229(1A) inserted (1.10.2015) by [Consumer Rights Act 2015 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 100(5), [Sch. 7 para. 10](#) (with s. 79(2)); S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i)
- F1229** Word in s. 229(2)-(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/892\)](#), art. 1(1), [Sch. 1 para. 14\(3\)](#) (with art. 3)
- F1230** Word in s. 229(6) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\)](#), regs. 1, [3\(16\)](#) (with reg. 9) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1(3), 3(8)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

230 Notice to OFT of intended prosecution

- (1) This section applies if a local weights and measures authority in England and Wales intends to start proceedings for an offence under an enactment or subordinate legislation specified by the Secretary of State by order for the purposes of this section.
- (2) The authority must give the [^{F1231}CMA]—
 - (a) notice of its intention to start the proceedings;
 - ^{F1232}(b)
- (3) The authority must not start the proceedings until whichever is the earlier of the following—
 - (a) the end of the period of 14 days starting with the day on which the authority gives the notice;
 - (b) the day on which it is notified by the [^{F1233}CMA] that the [^{F1233}CMA] has received the notice ^{F1234}... given under subsection (2).
- (4) The authority must also notify the [^{F1235}CMA] of the outcome of the proceedings after they are finally determined.
- (5) But such proceedings are not invalid by reason only of the failure of the authority to comply with this section.
- (6) Subordinate legislation has the same meaning as in section 21(1) of the Interpretation Act 1978 (c. 30).
- (7) An order under this section must be made by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

Textual Amendments

- F1231** Word in s. 230(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/892\)](#), art. 1(1), [Sch. 1 para. 15\(2\)\(a\)](#) (with art. 3)

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- F1232S.** 230(2)(b) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 15(2)(b)** (with art. 3)
- F1233**Word in s. 230(3)(b) substituted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 15(3)(a)** (with art. 3)
- F1234**Words in s. 230(3)(b) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 15(3)(b)** (with art. 3)
- F1235**Word in s. 230(4) substituted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 15(4)** (with art. 3)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C453** S. 230 continued (23.2.2011) by The Timeshare, Holiday Products, Resale and Exchange Contracts Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/2960), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 7 para. 2**

231 Notice of convictions and judgments to [^{F1236}CMA]

- (1) This section applies if—
- (a) a person is convicted of an offence by or before a court in the United Kingdom, or
 - (b) a judgment is given against a person by a court in civil proceedings in the United Kingdom.
- (2) The court may make arrangements to bring the conviction or judgment to the attention of the [^{F1237}CMA] if it appears to the court—
- (a) having regard to the functions of the [^{F1237}CMA] under this Part ^{F1238}... that it is expedient for the conviction or judgment to be brought to the attention of the [^{F1237}CMA], and
 - (b) without such arrangements the conviction or judgment may not be brought to the attention of the [^{F1237}CMA].
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2) it is immaterial that the proceedings have been finally disposed of by the court.
- (4) Judgment includes an order or decree and references to the giving of the judgment must be construed accordingly.

Textual Amendments

- F1236**Word in s. 231 heading substituted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 16** (with art. 3)
- F1237**Word in s. 231(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (Competition) (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/892), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 16** (with art. 3)
- F1238**Words in s. 231(2) omitted (31.3.2014) by virtue of The Public Bodies (Abolition of the National Consumer Council and Transfer of the Office of Fair Trading's Functions in relation to Estate Agents etc) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/631), art. 1(5), **Sch. 2 para. 4** (with Sch. 1 para. 28, 2 paras. 13-15)

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Interpretation

232 Goods and services

- (1) References in this Part to goods and services must be construed in accordance with this section.
- (2) Goods include—
 - (a) buildings and other structures;
 - (b) ships, aircraft and hovercraft.
- (3) The supply of goods includes—
 - (a) supply by way of sale, lease, hire or hire purchase;
 - (b) in relation to buildings and other structures, construction of them by one person for another.
- (4) Goods or services which are supplied wholly or partly outside the United Kingdom must be taken to be supplied to or for a person in the United Kingdom if they are supplied in accordance with arrangements falling within subsection (5).
- (5) Arrangements fall within this subsection if they are made by any means and—
 - (a) at the time the arrangements are made the person seeking the supply is in the United Kingdom, or
 - (b) at the time the goods or services are supplied (or ought to be supplied in accordance with the arrangements) the person responsible under the arrangements for effecting the supply is in or has a place of business in the United Kingdom.

233 Person supplying goods

- (1) This section has effect for the purpose of references in this Part to a person supplying or seeking to supply goods under—
 - (a) a hire-purchase agreement;
 - (b) a credit-sale agreement;
 - (c) a conditional sale agreement.
- (2) The references include references to a person who conducts any antecedent negotiations relating to the agreement.
- (3) The following expressions must be construed in accordance with section 189 of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 (c. 39) —
 - (a) hire-purchase agreement;
 - (b) credit-sale agreement;
 - (c) conditional sale agreement;
 - (d) antecedent negotiations.

234 Supply of services

- (1) References in this Part to the supply of services must be construed in accordance with this section.

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- (2) The supply of services does not include the provision of services under a contract of service or of apprenticeship whether it is express or implied and (if it is express) whether it is oral or in writing.
- (3) The supply of services includes—
 - (a) performing for gain or reward any activity other than the supply of goods;
 - (b) rendering services to order;
 - (c) the provision of services by making them available to potential users.
- (4) The supply of services includes making arrangements for the use of computer software or for granting access to data stored in any form which is not readily accessible.
- (5) The supply of services includes making arrangements by means of a relevant agreement [^{F1239}(within the meaning of paragraph 17 of Schedule 3A to the Communications Act 2003 (the electronic communications code)) for sharing the use of electronic communications apparatus.]
- (6) The supply of services includes permitting or making arrangements to permit the use of land in such circumstances as the Secretary of State specifies by order.
- (7) The power to make an order under subsection (6) must be exercised by statutory instrument.
- (8) But no such order may be made unless a draft of it has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House.

Textual Amendments

F1239 Words in s. 234(5) substituted (28.12.2017) by [Digital Economy Act 2017 \(c. 30\), s. 118\(6\), Sch. 3 para. 44](#); S.I. 2017/1286, reg. 2(d)

^{F1240}235 Injunctions Directive

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Textual Amendments

F1240 S. 235 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\), regs. 1, 3\(17\)](#) (with reg. 9) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1(3), [3\(3\)\(g\)\(8\)](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

^{F1241}235 CPC Regulation

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Textual Amendments

F1241 S. 235A omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\), regs. 1, 3\(17\)](#) (with reg. 9) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1347, regs. 1(3), [3\(3\)\(g\)\(8\)](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

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235B Dual enforcers

References in this Part to a general enforcer, a designated enforcer or a [^{F1242}Schedule 13 enforcer] are to be read, in the case of a person or body which is more than one kind of enforcer, as references to that person or body acting in its capacity as a general enforcer, designated enforcer or (as the case may be) [^{F1242}Schedule 13 enforcer].

Textual Amendments

F1242 Words in s. 235B substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/203), regs. 1, **3(18)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1347](#), regs. 1(3), 3(8)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Crown

[^{F1243}236Crown

(1) This Part binds the Crown.

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Textual Amendments

F1243 S. 236 substituted (8.1.2007) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Amendment\) Regulations 2006](#) (S.I. 2006/3363), **reg. 21**

F1244 S. 236(2) omitted (1.10.2015) by virtue of [Consumer Rights Act 2015](#) (c. 15), s. 100(5), **Sch. 6 para. 80**; S.I. 2015/1630, art. 3(i) (with art. 8)

PART 9

INFORMATION

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C454 Pt. 9 modified (1.10.2008) by [Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Act 2007](#) (c. 17), s. **29(3)-(7)**, 66(2) (with s. 6(9)); S.I. 2008/2550, art. 2, Sch.

C455 Pt. 9 restricted (2.3.2009) by [The Payment Services Regulations 2009](#) (S.I. 2009/209), regs. 1(2)(a), **119(3)** (with reg. 3)

C456 Pt. 9 applied (1.5.2009 for specified purposes, 1.11.2009 in so far as not already in force) by [The Payment Services Regulations 2009](#) (S.I. 2009/209), reg. 1(2)(b)(c), **107** (with reg. 3)

C457 Pt. 9 modified (13.8.2017) by [The Payment Services Regulations 2017](#) (S.I. 2017/752), regs. 1(2)(a), **147(3)** (with reg. 3)

C458 Pt. 9 applied (N.I.) (1.4.2003) by [The Energy \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2003](#) (S.I. 2003/419) (N.I. 6), **art. 63**; S.R. 2003/203, **art. 2**, Sch.

Pt. 9 applied (20.6.2003) by [S.I. 1990/1715](#), reg. 5 (as inserted by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Consequential and Supplemental Provisions\) Order 2003](#) (S.I. 2003/1398), art. 2, **Sch. para. 17(5)**)

C459 Pt. 9 (ss. 237-247) modified (prosp.) by [Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Act 2007](#) (c. 17), **ss. 29(3)-(7)**, 66 (with s. 6(9))

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Restrictions on disclosure

237 General restriction

- (1) This section applies to specified information which relates to—
 - (a) the affairs of an individual;
 - (b) any business of an undertaking.
- (2) Such information must not be disclosed—
 - (a) during the lifetime of the individual, or
 - (b) while the undertaking continues in existence,unless the disclosure is permitted under this Part.
- (3) But subsection (2) does not prevent the disclosure of any information if the information has on an earlier occasion been disclosed to the public in circumstances which do not contravene—
 - (a) that subsection;
 - (b) any other enactment or rule of law prohibiting or restricting the disclosure of the information.
- (4) Nothing in this Part authorises a disclosure of information which contravenes [^{F1245}the data protection legislation].
- (5) Nothing in this Part affects the Competition Appeal Tribunal.
- (6) This Part (except section 244) does not affect any power or duty to disclose information which exists apart from this Part.
- [^{F1246}(7) In this section, “the data protection legislation” has the same meaning as in the Data Protection Act 2018 (see section 3 of that Act).]

Textual Amendments

F1245 Words in s. 237(4) substituted (25.5.2018) by Data Protection Act 2018 (c. 12), s. 212(1), **Sch. 19 para. 86(2)** (with ss. 117, 209, 210); S.I. 2018/625, reg. 2(1)(g)

F1246 S. 237(7) inserted (25.5.2018) by Data Protection Act 2018 (c. 12), s. 212(1), **Sch. 19 para. 86(3)** (with ss. 117, 209, 210); S.I. 2018/625, reg. 2(1)(g)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C460 S. 237 restricted (31.10.2003) by Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003 (c. 20), **ss. 115, 120**; S.I. 2003/2681, **art. 2(b)**

238 Information

- (1) Information is specified information if it comes to a public authority in connection with the exercise of any function it has under or by virtue of—
 - (a) Part 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 or 8;
 - (b) an enactment specified in Schedule 14;
 - (c) such subordinate legislation as the Secretary of State may by order specify for the purposes of this subsection.

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- (2) It is immaterial whether information comes to a public authority before or after the passing of this Act.
- (3) Public authority (except in the expression “overseas public authority”) must be construed in accordance with section 6 of the Human Rights Act 1998 (c. 42).
- (4) In subsection (1) the reference to an enactment includes a reference to an enactment contained in—
 - (a) an Act of the Scottish Parliament;
 - (b) Northern Ireland legislation;
 - (c) subordinate legislation.
- (5) The Secretary of State may by order amend Schedule 14.
- (6) The power to make an order under subsection (5) includes power to add, vary or remove a reference to any provision of—
 - (a) an Act of the Scottish Parliament;
 - (b) Northern Ireland legislation.
- (7) An order under this section must be made by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (8) This section applies for the purposes of this Part.

Permitted disclosure

239 Consent

- (1) This Part does not prohibit the disclosure by a public authority of information held by it to any other person if it obtains each required consent.
- (2) If the information was obtained by the authority from a person who had the information lawfully and the authority knows the identity of that person the consent of that person is required.
- (3) If the information relates to the affairs of an individual the consent of the individual is required.
- (4) If the information relates to the business of an undertaking the consent of the person for the time being carrying on the business is required.
- (5) For the purposes of subsection (4) consent may be given—
 - (a) in the case of a company by a director, secretary or other officer of the company;
 - (b) in the case of a partnership by a partner;
 - (c) in the case of an unincorporated body or association by a person concerned in the management or control of the body or association.

^{F1247}240 [^{F613}EU] obligations

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Textual Amendments

- F613** Word in Act substituted (22.4.2011) by [The Treaty of Lisbon \(Changes in Terminology\) Order 2011](#) (S.I. 2011/1043), arts. 2, 3, 6 (with art. 3(2)(3), 4(2), 6(4)(5))
- F1247S.** 240 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Competition \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/93), regs. 1(1), **59** (with Sch. 4 para. 35A) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1343, regs. 1(1), **58**); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

241 Statutory functions

- (1) A public authority which holds information to which section 237 applies may disclose that information for the purpose of facilitating the exercise by the authority of any function it has under or by virtue of this Act or any other enactment.
- (2) If information is disclosed under subsection (1) so that it is not made available to the public it must not be further disclosed by a person to whom it is so disclosed other than with the agreement of the public authority for the purpose mentioned in that subsection.
- [^{F1248}(2A) Information disclosed under subsection (1) so that it is not made available to the public must not be used by the person to whom it is disclosed for any purpose other than that mentioned in subsection (1).]
- (3) A public authority which holds information to which section 237 applies may disclose that information to any other person for the purpose of facilitating the exercise by that person of any function he has under or by virtue of—
 - (a) this Act;
 - (b) an enactment specified in Schedule 15;
 - (c) such subordinate legislation as the Secretary of State may by order specify for the purposes of this subsection.
- (4) Information disclosed under subsection (3) must not be used by the person to whom it is disclosed for any purpose other than a purpose relating to a function mentioned in that subsection.
- (5) In subsection (1) the reference to an enactment includes a reference to an enactment contained in—
 - (a) an Act of the Scottish Parliament;
 - (b) Northern Ireland legislation;
 - (c) subordinate legislation.
- (6) The Secretary of State may by order amend Schedule 15.
- (7) The power to make an order under subsection (6) includes power to add, vary or remove a reference to any provision of—
 - (a) an Act of the Scottish Parliament;
 - (b) Northern Ireland legislation.
- (8) An order under this section must be made by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

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Textual Amendments

F1248S. 241(2A) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), **ss. 55**, 103(3); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(b) (with Sch.)

[^{F1249}241] Civil proceedings

- (1) A public authority which holds prescribed information to which section 237 applies may disclose that information to any person—
 - (a) for the purposes of, or in connection with, prescribed civil proceedings (including prospective proceedings) in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, or
 - (b) for the purposes of obtaining legal advice in relation to such proceedings, or
 - (c) otherwise for the purposes of establishing, enforcing or defending legal rights that are or may be the subject of such proceedings.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to—
 - (a) information which comes to a public authority in connection with an investigation under Part 4, 5 or 6 of the 1973 Act or under section 11 of the Competition Act 1980;
 - ^{F1250}(b)
 - (c) information which comes to a public authority in connection with an investigation under Part 3 or 4 or section 174 of this Act;
 - (d) information which comes to a public authority in connection with an investigation under the Competition Act 1998 (c. 41).
- (3) In subsection (1) “prescribed” means prescribed by order of the Secretary of State.
- (4) An order under this section—
 - (a) may prescribe information, or civil proceedings, for the purposes of this section by reference to such factors as appear to the Secretary of State to be appropriate;
 - (b) may prescribe for the purposes of this section all information, or civil proceedings, or all information or civil proceedings not falling within one or more specified exceptions;
 - (c) must be made by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (5) Information disclosed under this section must not be used by the person to whom it is disclosed for any purpose other than those specified in subsection (1).]

Textual Amendments

F1249S. 241A inserted (6.4.2007) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\)](#), **ss. 1281**, 1300; S.I. 2006/3428, **art. 4(1)** (f) (subject to arts. 5, 6-8, Schs. 1, 5)

F1250S. 241A(2)(b) repealed (1.4.2013) by [Financial Services Act 2012 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 122(3), **Sch. 19** (with Sch. 20); S.I. 2013/423, art. 3, Sch.

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242 Criminal proceedings

- (1) A public authority which holds information to which section 237 applies may disclose that information to any person—
 - (a) in connection with the investigation of any criminal offence in any part of the United Kingdom;
 - (b) for the purposes of any criminal proceedings there;
 - (c) for the purpose of any decision whether to start or bring to an end such an investigation or proceedings.
- (2) Information disclosed under this section must not be used by the person to whom it is disclosed for any purpose other than that for which it is disclosed.
- (3) A public authority must not make a disclosure under this section unless it is satisfied that the making of the disclosure is proportionate to what is sought to be achieved by it.

243 Overseas disclosures

- (1) A public authority which holds information to which section 237 applies (the discloser) may disclose that information to an overseas public authority for the purpose mentioned in subsection (2).
- (2) The purpose is facilitating the exercise by the overseas public authority of any function which it has relating to—
 - (a) carrying out investigations in connection with the enforcement of any relevant legislation by means of civil proceedings;
 - (b) bringing civil proceedings for the enforcement of such legislation or the conduct of such proceedings;
 - (c) the investigation of crime;
 - (d) bringing criminal proceedings or the conduct of such proceedings;
 - (e) deciding whether to start or bring to an end such investigations or proceedings.
- (3) But subsection (1) does not apply to any of the following—
 - (a) information which is held by a person who is designated by virtue of section 213(4) as a designated enforcer for the purposes of Part 8;
 - (b) information which comes to a public authority in connection with an investigation under Part 4, 5 or 6 of the 1973 Act or under section 11 of the Competition Act 1980 (c. 21);
 - ^{F1251}(c)
 - (d) information which comes to a public authority in connection with an investigation under Part ^{F1252}... 4 or section 174 of this Act.
- (4) The Secretary of State may direct that a disclosure permitted by this section must not be made if he thinks that in connection with any matter in respect of which the disclosure could be made it is more appropriate—
 - (a) if any investigation is to be carried out, that it is carried out by an authority in the United Kingdom or in another specified country or territory;
 - (b) if any proceedings are to be brought, that they are brought in a court in the United Kingdom or in another specified country or territory.
- (5) The Secretary of State must take such steps as he thinks are appropriate to bring a direction under subsection (4) to the attention of persons likely to be affected by it.

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- (6) In deciding whether to disclose information under this section a public authority must have regard in particular to the following considerations—
- (a) whether the matter in respect of which the disclosure is sought is sufficiently serious to justify making the disclosure;
 - (b) whether the law of the country or territory to whose authority the disclosure would be made provides appropriate protection against self-incrimination in criminal proceedings;
 - (c) whether the law of that country or territory provides appropriate protection in relation to the storage and disclosure of personal data;
 - (d) whether there are arrangements in place for the provision of mutual assistance as between the United Kingdom and that country or territory in relation to the disclosure of information of the kind to which section 237 applies.
- (7) Protection is appropriate if it provides protection in relation to the matter in question which corresponds to that so provided in any part of the United Kingdom.
- (8) The Secretary of State may by order—
- (a) modify the list of considerations in subsection (6);
 - (b) add to those considerations;
 - (c) remove any of those considerations.
- (9) An order under subsection (8) must be made by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (10) Information disclosed under this section—
- (a) may be disclosed subject to the condition that it must not be further disclosed without the agreement of the discloser, and
 - (b) must not otherwise be used by the overseas public authority to which it is disclosed for any purpose other than that for which it is first disclosed.
- (11) An overseas public authority is a person or body in any country or territory outside the United Kingdom which appears to the discloser to exercise functions of a public nature in relation to any of the matters mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (e) of subsection (2).
- (12) Relevant legislation is—
- (a) this Act, any enactment specified in Schedule 14 and such subordinate legislation as is specified by order for the purposes of section 238(1);
 - (b) any enactment or subordinate legislation specified in an order under section 211(2);
 - (c) any enactment or subordinate legislation specified in [F1253Schedule 13];
 - (d) legislation in any country or territory outside the United Kingdom which appears to the discloser to make provision corresponding to this Act or to any such enactment or subordinate legislation.

Textual Amendments

F1251 S. 243(3)(c) repealed (1.4.2013) by [Financial Services Act 2012 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 122(3), [Sch. 19](#) (with [Sch. 20](#)); [S.I. 2013/423](#), art. 3, [Sch.](#)

F1252 Words in s. 243(3)(d) omitted (1.7.2021) by virtue of [National Security and Investment Act 2021 \(c. 25\)](#), [ss. 59](#), 66(3) (with s. 62); [S.I. 2021/788](#), reg. 2(e) (with reg. 3)

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F1253 Words in s. 243(12)(c) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Consumer Protection \(Enforcement\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/203\)](#), regs. 1, **3(19)** (with reg. 9) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1347](#), regs. 1(3), 3(8)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C461 S. 243(1) excluded (20.6.2003) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1592\)](#), art. 15, **Sch. 3 para. 3**

C462 S. 243(6) applied (with modifications) (1.7.2005) by [Companies \(Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise\) Act 2004 \(c. 27\)](#), ss. **59(6)**, 65; [S.I. 2004/3322](#), art. **2(3)**, Sch. 3

244 Specified information: considerations relevant to disclosure

- (1) A public authority must have regard to the following considerations before disclosing any specified information (within the meaning of section 238(1)).
- (2) The first consideration is the need to exclude from disclosure (so far as practicable) any information whose disclosure the authority thinks is contrary to the public interest.
- (3) The second consideration is the need to exclude from disclosure (so far as practicable)
 - (a) commercial information whose disclosure the authority thinks might significantly harm the legitimate business interests of the undertaking to which it relates, or
 - (b) information relating to the private affairs of an individual whose disclosure the authority thinks might significantly harm the individual's interests.
- (4) The third consideration is the extent to which the disclosure of the information mentioned in subsection (3)(a) or (b) is necessary for the purpose for which the authority is permitted to make the disclosure.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C463 S. 244 excluded (10.5.2018) by [Financial Guidance and Claims Act 2018 \(c. 10\)](#), s. 37(1)(f), **Sch. 5 para. 11**

Offences

245 Offences

- (1) A person commits an offence if he discloses information to which section 237 applies in contravention of section 237(2).
- (2) A person commits an offence if he discloses information in contravention of a direction given under section 243(4).
- (3) A person commits an offence if he uses information disclosed to him under this Part for a purpose which is not permitted under this Part.
- (4) A person who commits an offence under this section is liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or to both;

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- (b) on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine or to both.

General

246 Subordinate legislation

In this Part “subordinate legislation” has the same meaning as in section 21(1) of the Interpretation Act 1978 (c. 30) and includes an instrument made under—

- (a) an Act of the Scottish Parliament;
(b) Northern Ireland legislation.

247 Repeals

The following enactments (which make provision as to the disclosure of certain information) shall cease to have effect—

- (a) section 28(5) and (5A) of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968 (c. 29);
(b) sections 30(3) and 133 of the 1973 Act;
(c) paragraph 12 of the Schedule to the Prices Act 1974 (c. 24);
(d) section 174 of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 (c. 39);
(e) section 10 of the Estate Agents Act 1979 (c. 38);
(f) section 19(1) to (3), (4)(c), (d) and (f) and (5) and (6) of the Competition Act 1980 (c. 21);
(g) section 38 of the Consumer Protection Act 1987 (c. 43);
F1254(h)
(i) paragraph 5 of Schedule 2 to the Timeshare Act 1992 (c. 35);
(j) sections 55 and 56 of and Schedule 11 to the Competition Act 1998 (c. 41);
(k) section 351(1) to (3) and (7) of and Schedule 19 to the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (c. 8).

Textual Amendments

F1254S. 247(h) omitted (1.10.2013) by virtue of [The Property Misdescriptions Act 1991 \(Repeal\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1575\)](#), art. 1, [Sch. para. 9](#)

PART 10

INSOLVENCY

Companies etc.

248 Replacement of Part II of Insolvency Act 1986

- (1) The following shall be substituted for Part II of the Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45) (administration orders)—

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“PART II

ADMINISTRATION

8 Administration

Schedule B1 to this Act (which makes provision about the administration of companies) shall have effect.”

- (2) The Schedule B1 set out in Schedule 16 to this Act shall be inserted after Schedule A1 to the Insolvency Act 1986.
- (3) Schedule 17 (minor and consequential amendments relating to administration) shall have effect.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by order amend an enactment in consequence of this section.
- (5) An order under subsection (4)—
 - (a) must be made by statutory instrument, and
 - (b) shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C464** S. 248: power to modify extended (5.10.2004) by [Energy Act 2004 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 170(2)(a)**, 198(2); S.I. 2004/2575, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. 1
- C465** S. 248 modified (1.10.2011) by [Postal Services Act 2011 \(c. 5\)](#), **ss. 84(a)**, 93(2)(3); S.I. 2011/2329, art. 3
- C466** S. 248 power to modify extended (18.12.2011) by [Energy Act 2011 \(c. 16\)](#), **ss. 100(2)(a)**, 121(3)
- C467** S. 248 modified (5.7.2018) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 114(1)(2)(a)**, 216(3) (with **ss. 116, 117**); S.I. 2018/805, reg. 3(a)
- C468** S. 248 amendment to earlier amending provision 2004 c. 20, s. 170 (23.7.2018) by [Smart Meters Act 2018 \(c. 14\)](#), **ss. 8(3)**, 14(5)
- C469** S. 248 modified (23.7.2018) by [Smart Meters Act 2018 \(c. 14\)](#), **s. 8(1)(2)**, 14(5)
- C470** S. 248 modified (31.1.2019) by [Technical and Further Education Act 2017 \(c. 19\)](#), **ss. 34**, 47(2); S.I. 2018/1161, reg. 3(a)
- C471** S. 248 extended (31.3.2022 for specified purposes, 1.6.2022 in so far as not already in force) by [Nuclear Energy \(Financing\) Act 2022 \(c. 15\)](#), **ss. 37(1)**, 44(1)(c)(2)(c)
- C472** S. 248 power extended (26.12.2023) by [Energy Act 2023 \(c. 52\)](#), **ss. 47(1)(2)**, 334(3)(a)

249 Special administration regimes

- (1) Section 248 shall have no effect in relation to—
 - ^[F1255](a) a company holding an appointment under Chapter I of Part II of the Water Industry Act 1991 (c. 56) (water and sewerage undertakers),]
 - ^[F1255]^[F1256](aa) a qualifying ^[F1257]water supply licensee] within the meaning of subsection (6) of section 23 of the Water Industry Act 1991 (meaning and effect of special administration order) ^[F1258]or a qualifying sewerage licensee within the meaning of subsection (8) of that section],]

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- (b) a protected railway company within the meaning of section 59 of the Railways Act 1993 (c. 43) (railway administration order) (including that section as it has effect by virtue of section 19 of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Act 1996 (c. 61) (administration)),
 - (c) a licence company within the meaning of section 26 of the Transport Act 2000 (c. 38) (air traffic services),
 - (d) a public-private partnership company within the meaning of section 210 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29) (public-private partnership agreement), or
 - (e) a building society within the meaning of section 119 of the Building Societies Act 1986 (c. 53) (interpretation).
- (2) A reference in an Act listed in subsection (1) to a provision of Part II of the Insolvency Act 1986 (or to a provision which has effect in relation to a provision of that Part of that Act) shall, in so far as it relates to a company or society listed in subsection (1), continue to have effect as if it referred to Part II as it had effect immediately before the coming into force of section 248.
- (3) But the effect of subsection (2) in respect of a particular class of company or society may be modified by order of—
- (a) the Treasury, in the case of building societies, or
 - (b) the Secretary of State, in any other case.
- (4) An order under subsection (3) may make consequential amendment of an enactment.
- (5) An order under subsection (3)—
- (a) must be made by statutory instrument, and
 - (b) may not be made unless a draft has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.
- (6) An amendment of the Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45) made by this Act is without prejudice to any power conferred by Part VII of the Companies Act 1989 (c. 40) (financial markets) to modify the law of insolvency.

Textual Amendments

F1255S. 249(1)(a)(aa) cease to have effect (1.10.2010 for specified purposes, 15.3.2024 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of [Flood and Water Management Act 2010 \(c. 29\)](#), s. 49(3), **Sch. 5 para. 6(3)** (with s. 49(1)(6)); S.I. 2010/2169, art. 4, **Sch.**; S.I. 2024/363, **art. 2(b)**

F1256S. 249(1)(aa) inserted (1.12.2005) by [Water Act 2003 \(c. 37\)](#), ss. 101(1), 105(3), **Sch. 8 para. 55(3)**; S.I. 2005/2714, **art. 3(c)**

F1257Words in s. 249(1)(aa) substituted (1.4.2017) by [Water Act 2014 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 94(3), **Sch. 7 para. 130(a)**; S.I. 2017/462, art. 3(k)(xxiv)

F1258Words in s. 249(1)(aa) inserted (1.4.2017) by [Water Act 2014 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 94(3), **Sch. 7 para. 130(b)**; S.I. 2017/462, art. 3(k)(xxiv)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C473 S. 249 extended (16.10.2005) by [Railways Act 2005 \(c. 14\)](#), **ss. 49(11)**, 60; S.I. 2005/2812, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. 1

C474 S. 249 applied (with modifications) (E.W.) (28.6.2013) by [The Water Industry \(Specified Infrastructure Projects\) \(English Undertakers\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1582\)](#), reg. 1(1)(b), **Sch. 1 para. 7(1)** (with reg. 1(1)(c))

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250 Prohibition of appointment of administrative receiver

- (1) The following shall be inserted after Chapter III of Part III of the Insolvency Act 1986 (receivership: receivers' powers)—

“CHAPTER IV

PROHIBITION OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER

72A Floating charge holder not to appoint administrative receiver

- (1) The holder of a qualifying floating charge in respect of a company's property may not appoint an administrative receiver of the company.
- (2) In Scotland, the holder of a qualifying floating charge in respect of a company's property may not appoint or apply to the court for the appointment of a receiver who on appointment would be an administrative receiver of property of the company.
- (3) In subsections (1) and (2)—
- “holder of a qualifying floating charge in respect of a company's property” has the same meaning as in paragraph 14 of Schedule B1 to this Act, and
- “administrative receiver” has the meaning given by section 251.
- (4) This section applies—
- (a) to a floating charge created on or after a date appointed by the Secretary of State by order made by statutory instrument, and
- (b) in spite of any provision of an agreement or instrument which purports to empower a person to appoint an administrative receiver (by whatever name).
- (5) An order under subsection (4)(a) may—
- (a) make provision which applies generally or only for a specified purpose;
- (b) make different provision for different purposes;
- (c) make transitional provision.
- (6) This section is subject to the exceptions specified in sections 72B to 72G.

72B First exception: capital market

- (1) Section 72A does not prevent the appointment of an administrative receiver in pursuance of an agreement which is or forms part of a capital market arrangement if—
- (a) a party incurs or, when the agreement was entered into was expected to incur, a debt of at least £50 million under the arrangement, and
- (b) the arrangement involves the issue of a capital market investment.
- (2) In subsection (1)—
- “capital market arrangement” means an arrangement of a kind described in paragraph 1 of Schedule 2A, and

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“capital market investment” means an investment of a kind described in paragraph 2 or 3 of that Schedule.

72C **Second exception: public-private partnership**

- (1) Section 72A does not prevent the appointment of an administrative receiver of a project company of a project which—
 - (a) is a public-private partnership project, and
 - (b) includes step-in rights.
- (2) In this section “public-private partnership project” means a project—
 - (a) the resources for which are provided partly by one or more public bodies and partly by one or more private persons, or
 - (b) which is designed wholly or mainly for the purpose of assisting a public body to discharge a function.
- (3) In this section—
 - “step-in rights” has the meaning given by paragraph 6 of Schedule 2A, and
 - “project company” has the meaning given by paragraph 7 of that Schedule.

72D **Third exception: utilities**

- (1) Section 72A does not prevent the appointment of an administrative receiver of a project company of a project which—
 - (a) is a utility project, and
 - (b) includes step-in rights.
- (2) In this section—
 - (a) “utility project” means a project designed wholly or mainly for the purpose of a regulated business,
 - (b) “regulated business” means a business of a kind listed in paragraph 10 of Schedule 2A,
 - (c) “step-in rights” has the meaning given by paragraph 6 of that Schedule, and
 - (d) “project company” has the meaning given by paragraph 7 of that Schedule.

72E **Fourth exception: project finance**

- (1) Section 72A does not prevent the appointment of an administrative receiver of a project company of a project which—
 - (a) is a financed project, and
 - (b) includes step-in rights.
- (2) In this section—
 - (a) a project is “financed” if under an agreement relating to the project a project company incurs, or when the agreement is entered into is expected to incur, a debt of at least £50 million for the purposes of carrying out the project,

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- (b) “project company” has the meaning given by paragraph 7 of Schedule 2A, and
- (c) “step-in rights” has the meaning given by paragraph 6 of that Schedule.

72F **Fifth exception: financial market**

Section 72A does not prevent the appointment of an administrative receiver of a company by virtue of—

- (a) a market charge within the meaning of section 173 of the Companies Act 1989 (c. 40),
- (b) a system-charge within the meaning of the Financial Markets and Insolvency Regulations 1996 (S.I. 1996/1469),
- (c) a collateral security charge within the meaning of the Financial Markets and Insolvency (Settlement Finality) Regulations 1999 (S.I. 1999/2979).

72G **Sixth exception: registered social landlord**

Section 72A does not prevent the appointment of an administrative receiver of a company which is registered as a social landlord under Part I of the Housing Act 1996 (c. 52) or under Part 3 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 (asp 10).

72H **Sections 72A to 72G: supplementary**

- (1) Schedule 2A (which supplements sections 72B to 72G) shall have effect.
- (2) The Secretary of State may by order—
 - (a) insert into this Act provision creating an additional exception to section 72A(1) or (2);
 - (b) provide for a provision of this Act which creates an exception to section 72A(1) or (2) to cease to have effect;
 - (c) amend section 72A in consequence of provision made under paragraph (a) or (b);
 - (d) amend any of sections 72B to 72G;
 - (e) amend Schedule 2A.
- (3) An order under subsection (2) must be made by statutory instrument.
- (4) An order under subsection (2) may make—
 - (a) provision which applies generally or only for a specified purpose;
 - (b) different provision for different purposes;
 - (c) consequential or supplementary provision;
 - (d) transitional provision.
- (5) An order under subsection (2)—
 - (a) in the case of an order under subsection (2)(e), shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament,
 - (b) in the case of an order under subsection (2)(d) varying the sum specified in section 72B(1)(a) or 72E(2)(a) (whether or not the order also makes consequential or transitional provision), shall be subject to

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annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament, and

- (c) in the case of any other order under subsection (2)(a) to (d), may not be made unless a draft has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.”

- (2) The Schedule 2A set out in Schedule 18 to this Act shall be inserted after Schedule 2 to the Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45).

Commencement Information

- I3** S. 250 wholly in force at 15.9.2003; s. 250 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 279; s. 250(1) in force for certain purposes at 18.3.2003 by S.I. 2003/765, art. 2, Sch., s. 250 in force at 15.9.2003 by S.I. 2003/2093, art. 2(1), Sch. 1

251 Abolition of Crown preference

- (1) The following paragraphs of Schedule 6 to the Insolvency Act 1986 (categories of preferential debts) shall cease to have effect—
- (a) paragraphs 1 and 2 (debts due to Inland Revenue),
 - (b) paragraphs 3 to 5C (debts due to Customs and Excise), and
 - (c) paragraphs 6 and 7 (social security contributions).
- (2) The following paragraphs of Schedule 3 to the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985 (c. 66) (list of preferred debts) shall cease to have effect—
- (a) paragraph 1 (debts due to Inland Revenue),
 - (b) paragraph 2 (debts due to Customs and Excise), and
 - (c) paragraph 3 (social security contributions).
- (3) In section 386 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (categories of preferential debts) for the parenthetical words after “Schedule 6 to this Act” there shall be substituted “(contributions to occupational pension schemes; remuneration, &c. of employees; levies on coal and steel production)”.

252 Unsecured creditors

The following shall be inserted after section 176 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (winding up: preferential debt)—

“Property subject to floating charge

176A Share of assets for unsecured creditors

- (1) This section applies where a floating charge relates to property of a company—
- (a) which has gone into liquidation,
 - (b) which is in administration,
 - (c) of which there is a provisional liquidator, or
 - (d) of which there is a receiver.
- (2) The liquidator, administrator or receiver—

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- (a) shall make a prescribed part of the company's net property available for the satisfaction of unsecured debts, and
 - (b) shall not distribute that part to the proprietor of a floating charge except in so far as it exceeds the amount required for the satisfaction of unsecured debts.
- (3) Subsection (2) shall not apply to a company if—
 - (a) the company's net property is less than the prescribed minimum, and
 - (b) the liquidator, administrator or receiver thinks that the cost of making a distribution to unsecured creditors would be disproportionate to the benefits.
- (4) Subsection (2) shall also not apply to a company if or in so far as it is disapplied by—
 - (a) a voluntary arrangement in respect of the company, or
 - (b) a compromise or arrangement agreed under section 425 of the Companies Act (compromise with creditors and members).
- (5) Subsection (2) shall also not apply to a company if—
 - (a) the liquidator, administrator or receiver applies to the court for an order under this subsection on the ground that the cost of making a distribution to unsecured creditors would be disproportionate to the benefits, and
 - (b) the court orders that subsection (2) shall not apply.
- (6) In subsections (2) and (3) a company's net property is the amount of its property which would, but for this section, be available for satisfaction of claims of holders of debentures secured by, or holders of, any floating charge created by the company.
- (7) An order under subsection (2) prescribing part of a company's net property may, in particular, provide for its calculation—
 - (a) as a percentage of the company's net property, or
 - (b) as an aggregate of different percentages of different parts of the company's net property.
- (8) An order under this section—
 - (a) must be made by statutory instrument, and
 - (b) shall be subject to annulment pursuant to a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (9) In this section—

“floating charge” means a charge which is a floating charge on its creation and which is created after the first order under subsection (2)

 - (a) comes into force, and

“prescribed” means prescribed by order by the Secretary of State.
- (10) An order under this section may include transitional or incidental provision.”

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253 Liquidator’s powers

The following shall be inserted in Part I of Schedule 4 to the Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45) (liquidator’s powers in winding up: powers exercisable only with sanction) after paragraph 3—

“3A Power to bring legal proceedings under section 213, 214, 238, 239, 242, 243 or 423.”

254 Application of insolvency law to foreign company

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order provide for a provision of the Insolvency Act 1986 to apply (with or without modification) in relation to a company incorporated outside Great Britain.
- (2) An order under this section—
 - (a) may make provision generally or for a specified purpose only,
 - (b) may make different provision for different purposes, and
 - (c) may make transitional, consequential or incidental provision.
- (3) An order under this section—
 - (a) must be made by statutory instrument, and
 - (b) shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C475** S. 254: power to modify extended (5.10.2004) by [Energy Act 2004 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 170(2)(b)**, 198(2); S.I. 2004/2575, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. 1
- C476** S. 254 modified (1.10.2011) by [Postal Services Act 2011 \(c. 5\)](#), **ss. 84(b)**, 93(2)(3); S.I. 2011/2329, **art. 3**
- C477** S. 254 power to modify extended (18.12.2011) by [Energy Act 2011 \(c. 16\)](#), **ss. 100(2)(b)**, 121(3)
- C478** S. 254 modified (5.7.2018) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 114(1)(2)(b)**, 216(3) (with **ss. 116**, 117); S.I. 2018/805, **reg. 3(a)**
- C479** S. 254 modified (23.7.2018) by [Smart Meters Act 2018 \(c. 14\)](#), **s. 8(1)(2)**, 14(5)
- C480** S. 254 amendment to earlier amending provision 2004 c. 20, s. 170 (23.7.2018) by [Smart Meters Act 2018 \(c. 14\)](#), **ss. 8(3)**, 14(5)
- C481** S. 254 power extended (26.12.2023) by [Energy Act 2023 \(c. 52\)](#), **ss. 47(1)(2)**, 334(3)(a)

255 Application of law about company arrangement or administration to non-company

- (1) The Treasury may with the concurrence of the Secretary of State by order provide for a company arrangement or administration provision to apply (with or without modification) in relation to—
 - ^{F1259}(a)
 - (b) a society registered under section 7(1)(b), (c), (d), (e) or (f) of the Friendly Societies Act 1974 (c. 46),
 - (c) a friendly society within the meaning of the Friendly Societies Act 1992 (c. 40), or

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- (d) an unregistered friendly society.
- (2) In subsection (1) “company arrangement or administration provision” means—
- (a) a provision of Part I of the Insolvency Act 1986 (company voluntary arrangements),
 - (b) a provision of Part II of that Act (administration),^{F1260} ...
 - (c) [^{F1261}Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006] (c. 6) (compromise or arrangement with creditors)^{F1262}, and
 - (d) Part 26A of that Act (compromise or arrangement with creditors where company in financial difficulty).]
- (3) An order under this section may not provide for a company arrangement or administration provision to apply in relation to a society which is [^{F1263}—
- (a) a private registered provider of social housing, or
 - (b)] registered as a social landlord under Part I of the Housing Act 1996 (c. 52) or under [^{F1264}Part 2 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010 (asp 17)] .
- (4) An order under this section—
- (a) may make provision generally or for a specified purpose only,
 - (b) may make different provision for different purposes, and
 - (c) may make transitional, consequential or incidental provision.
- (5) Provision by virtue of subsection (4)(c) may, in particular—
- (a) apply an enactment (with or without modification);
 - (b) amend an enactment.
- (6) An order under this section—
- (a) must be made by statutory instrument, and
 - (b) shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

Textual Amendments

F1259S. 255(1)(a) repealed (1.8.2014) by [Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 \(c. 14\)](#), s. 154, [Sch. 7](#) (with [Sch. 5](#))

F1260Word in s. 255(2) omitted (26.6.2020) by virtue of [Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 49(1), [Sch. 9 para. 22](#) (with ss. 2(2), 5(2))

F1261Words in s. 255(2)(c) substituted (6.4.2008) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments etc\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/948\)](#), art. 2(2), [Sch. 1 para. 225](#) (with arts. 6, 11, 12)

F1262S. 255(2)(d) and preceding word inserted (26.6.2020) by [Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 49(1), [Sch. 9 para. 22](#) (with ss. 2(2), 5(2))

F1263Words in s. 255(3) inserted (1.4.2010) by [The Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/866\)](#), art. 1(2), [Sch. 2 para. 119](#) (with art. 6, Sch. 3)

F1264Words in s. 255(3)(b) substituted (1.4.2012) by [The Housing \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(Consequential Provisions and Modifications\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/700\)](#), art. 1(3), [Sch. para. 6](#)

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Individuals

256 Duration of bankruptcy

- (1) The following shall be substituted for section 279 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45) (duration of bankruptcy)—

“279 Duration

- (1) A bankrupt is discharged from bankruptcy at the end of the period of one year beginning with the date on which the bankruptcy commences.
 - (2) If before the end of that period the official receiver files with the court a notice stating that investigation of the conduct and affairs of the bankrupt under section 289 is unnecessary or concluded, the bankrupt is discharged when the notice is filed.
 - (3) On the application of the official receiver or the trustee of a bankrupt’s estate, the court may order that the period specified in subsection (1) shall cease to run until—
 - (a) the end of a specified period, or
 - (b) the fulfilment of a specified condition.
 - (4) The court may make an order under subsection (3) only if satisfied that the bankrupt has failed or is failing to comply with an obligation under this Part.
 - (5) In subsection (3)(b) “condition” includes a condition requiring that the court be satisfied of something.
 - (6) In the case of an individual who is adjudged bankrupt on a petition under section 264(1)(d)—
 - (a) subsections (1) to (5) shall not apply, and
 - (b) the bankrupt is discharged from bankruptcy by an order of the court under section 280.
 - (7) This section is without prejudice to any power of the court to annul a bankruptcy order.”
- (2) Schedule 19 (which makes transitional provision in relation to this section)—
- (a) shall have effect, and
 - (b) is without prejudice to the generality of section 276.

257 Post-discharge restrictions

- (1) The following shall be inserted after section 281 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45) (bankruptcy: effect of discharge)—

“281A Post-discharge restrictions

Schedule 4A to this Act (bankruptcy restrictions order and bankruptcy restrictions undertaking) shall have effect.”

- (2) The Schedule 4A set out in Schedule 20 to this Act shall be inserted after Schedule 4 to the Insolvency Act 1986.

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- (3) The amendments set out in Schedule 21 (which specify the effect of a bankruptcy restrictions order or undertaking) shall have effect.

258 Investigation by official receiver

The following shall be substituted for section 289 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (official receiver’s duty to investigate)—

“289 Investigatory duties of official receiver

- (1) The official receiver shall—
- (a) investigate the conduct and affairs of each bankrupt (including his conduct and affairs before the making of the bankruptcy order), and
 - (b) make such report (if any) to the court as the official receiver thinks fit.
- (2) Subsection (1) shall not apply to a case in which the official receiver thinks an investigation under that subsection unnecessary.
- (3) Where a bankrupt makes an application for discharge under section 280—
- (a) the official receiver shall make a report to the court about such matters as may be prescribed, and
 - (b) the court shall consider the report before determining the application.
- (4) A report by the official receiver under this section shall in any proceedings be prima facie evidence of the facts stated in it.”

259 Income payments order

- (1) Section 310 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (income payments order) shall be amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1) omit “, on the application of the trustee,”.
- (3) After subsection (1) insert—
- “(1A) An income payments order may be made only on an application instituted—
- (a) by the trustee, and
 - (b) before the discharge of the bankrupt.”
- (4) For subsection (6) substitute—
- “(6) An income payments order must specify the period during which it is to have effect; and that period—
- (a) may end after the discharge of the bankrupt, but
 - (b) may not end after the period of three years beginning with the date on which the order is made.
- (6A) An income payments order may (subject to subsection (6)(b)) be varied on the application of the trustee or the bankrupt (whether before or after discharge).”

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260 Income payments agreement

The following shall be inserted after section 310 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45) (income payments order)—

“310A Income payments agreement

- (1) In this section “income payments agreement” means a written agreement between a bankrupt and his trustee or between a bankrupt and the official receiver which provides—
 - (a) that the bankrupt is to pay to the trustee or the official receiver an amount equal to a specified part or proportion of the bankrupt’s income for a specified period, or
 - (b) that a third person is to pay to the trustee or the official receiver a specified proportion of money due to the bankrupt by way of income for a specified period.
- (2) A provision of an income payments agreement of a kind specified in subsection (1)(a) or (b) may be enforced as if it were a provision of an income payments order.
- (3) While an income payments agreement is in force the court may, on the application of the bankrupt, his trustee or the official receiver, discharge or vary an attachment of earnings order that is for the time being in force to secure payments by the bankrupt.
- (4) The following provisions of section 310 shall apply to an income payments agreement as they apply to an income payments order—
 - (a) subsection (5) (receipts to form part of estate), and
 - (b) subsections (7) to (9) (meaning of income).
- (5) An income payments agreement must specify the period during which it is to have effect; and that period—
 - (a) may end after the discharge of the bankrupt, but
 - (b) may not end after the period of three years beginning with the date on which the agreement is made.
- (6) An income payments agreement may (subject to subsection (5)(b)) be varied—
 - (a) by written agreement between the parties, or
 - (b) by the court on an application made by the bankrupt, the trustee or the official receiver.
- (7) The court—
 - (a) may not vary an income payments agreement so as to include provision of a kind which could not be included in an income payments order, and
 - (b) shall grant an application to vary an income payments agreement if and to the extent that the court thinks variation necessary to avoid the effect mentioned in section 310(2).”

261 Bankrupt’s home

- (1) The following shall be inserted after section 283 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (definition of bankrupt’s estate)—

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“283A Bankrupt’s home ceasing to form part of estate

- (1) This section applies where property comprised in the bankrupt’s estate consists of an interest in a dwelling-house which at the date of the bankruptcy was the sole or principal residence of—
 - (a) the bankrupt,
 - (b) the bankrupt’s spouse, or
 - (c) a former spouse of the bankrupt.
- (2) At the end of the period of three years beginning with the date of the bankruptcy the interest mentioned in subsection (1) shall—
 - (a) cease to be comprised in the bankrupt’s estate, and
 - (b) vest in the bankrupt (without conveyance, assignment or transfer).
- (3) Subsection (2) shall not apply if during the period mentioned in that subsection—
 - (a) the trustee realises the interest mentioned in subsection (1),
 - (b) the trustee applies for an order for sale in respect of the dwelling-house,
 - (c) the trustee applies for an order for possession of the dwelling-house,
 - (d) the trustee applies for an order under section 313 in Chapter IV in respect of that interest, or
 - (e) the trustee and the bankrupt agree that the bankrupt shall incur a specified liability to his estate (with or without the addition of interest from the date of the agreement) in consideration of which the interest mentioned in subsection (1) shall cease to form part of the estate.
- (4) Where an application of a kind described in subsection (3)(b) to (d) is made during the period mentioned in subsection (2) and is dismissed, unless the court orders otherwise the interest to which the application relates shall on the dismissal of the application—
 - (a) cease to be comprised in the bankrupt’s estate, and
 - (b) vest in the bankrupt (without conveyance, assignment or transfer).
- (5) If the bankrupt does not inform the trustee or the official receiver of his interest in a property before the end of the period of three months beginning with the date of the bankruptcy, the period of three years mentioned in subsection (2)—
 - (a) shall not begin with the date of the bankruptcy, but
 - (b) shall begin with the date on which the trustee or official receiver becomes aware of the bankrupt’s interest.
- (6) The court may substitute for the period of three years mentioned in subsection (2) a longer period—
 - (a) in prescribed circumstances, and
 - (b) in such other circumstances as the court thinks appropriate.
- (7) The rules may make provision for this section to have effect with the substitution of a shorter period for the period of three years mentioned in subsection (2) in specified circumstances (which may be described by reference to action to be taken by a trustee in bankruptcy).

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- (8) The rules may also, in particular, make provision—
- (a) requiring or enabling the trustee of a bankrupt’s estate to give notice that this section applies or does not apply;
 - (b) about the effect of a notice under paragraph (a);
 - (c) requiring the trustee of a bankrupt’s estate to make an application to the Chief Land Registrar.
- (9) Rules under subsection (8)(b) may, in particular—
- (a) disapply this section;
 - (b) enable a court to disapply this section;
 - (c) make provision in consequence of a disapplication of this section;
 - (d) enable a court to make provision in consequence of a disapplication of this section;
 - (e) make provision (which may include provision conferring jurisdiction on a court or tribunal) about compensation.”
- (2) Section 313 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45) (charge on bankrupt’s home) shall be amended as follows—
- (a) in subsection (2) for “, up to the value from time to time of the property secured,” substitute “, up to the charged value from time to time, ”,
 - (b) after subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) In subsection (2) the charged value means—

 - (a) the amount specified in the charging order as the value of the bankrupt’s interest in the property at the date of the order, plus
 - (b) interest on that amount from the date of the charging order at the prescribed rate.

(2B) In determining the value of an interest for the purposes of this section the court shall disregard any matter which it is required to disregard by the rules.”,

and
 - (c) at the end insert—

“(5) But an order under section 3(5) of that Act may not vary a charged value.”

- (3) The following shall be inserted after section 313 of that Act—

“313A Low value home: application for sale, possession or charge

- (1) This section applies where—
- (a) property comprised in the bankrupt’s estate consists of an interest in a dwelling-house which at the date of the bankruptcy was the sole or principal residence of—
 - (i) the bankrupt,
 - (ii) the bankrupt’s spouse, or
 - (iii) a former spouse of the bankrupt, and

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- (b) the trustee applies for an order for the sale of the property, for an order for possession of the property or for an order under section 313 in respect of the property.
- (2) The court shall dismiss the application if the value of the interest is below the amount prescribed for the purposes of this subsection.
- (3) In determining the value of an interest for the purposes of this section the court shall disregard any matter which it is required to disregard by the order which prescribes the amount for the purposes of subsection (2).”
- (4) The following shall be inserted after section 307(2)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45) (after-acquired property: exclusions)—
 - “(aa) any property vesting in the bankrupt by virtue of section 283A in Chapter II.”
- (5) In section 384(2) of that Act (prescribed amounts) after “section 273;” insert—
 - “section 313A;”.
- (6) In section 418(1) of that Act (monetary limits in bankruptcy) after the entry for section 273 insert—
 - “section 313A (value of property below which application for sale, possession or charge to be dismissed);”.
- (7) In subsection (8)—
 - (a) “pre-commencement bankrupt” means an individual who is adjudged bankrupt on a petition presented before subsection (1) above comes into force, and
 - (b) “the transitional period” is the period of three years beginning with the date on which subsection (1) above comes into force.
- (8) If a pre-commencement bankrupt’s estate includes an interest in a dwelling-house which at the date of the bankruptcy was the sole or principal residence of him, his spouse or a former spouse of his, at the end of the transitional period that interest shall—
 - (a) cease to be comprised in the estate, and
 - (b) vest in the bankrupt (without conveyance, assignment or transfer).
- (9) But subsection (8) shall not apply if before or during the transitional period—
 - (a) any of the events mentioned in section 283A(3) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45) (inserted by subsection (1) above) occurs in relation to the interest or the dwelling-house, or
 - (b) the trustee obtains any order of a court, or makes any agreement with the bankrupt, in respect of the interest or the dwelling-house.
- (10) Subsections 283A(4) to (9) of that Act shall have effect, with any necessary modifications, in relation to the provision made by subsections (7) to (9) above; in particular—
 - (a) a reference to the period mentioned in section 283A(2) shall be construed as a reference to the transitional period,
 - (b) in the application of section 283A(5) a reference to the date of the bankruptcy shall be construed as a reference to the date on which subsection (1) above comes into force, and

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- (c) a reference to the rules is a reference to rules made under section 412 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (for which purpose this section shall be treated as forming part of Parts VIII to XI of that Act).

262 Powers of trustee in bankruptcy

The following shall be inserted in Part I of Schedule 5 to the Insolvency Act 1986 (powers of trustee in bankruptcy: powers exercisable only with sanction) after paragraph 2—

“2A Power to bring legal proceedings under section 339, 340 or 423.”

263 Repeal of certain bankruptcy offences

The following sections of the Insolvency Act 1986 shall cease to have effect—

- (a) section 361 (offence of failure to keep proper accounting records), and
- (b) section 362 (offence of gambling and speculation).

264 Individual voluntary arrangement

- (1) Schedule 22 (which makes provision about individual voluntary arrangements) shall have effect.

F1265(2)

F1265(3)

F1265(4)

Textual Amendments

F1265S. 264(2)-(4) omitted (26.5.2015) by virtue of [Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015](#) (c. 26), [ss. 135\(3\)\(a\)](#), [164\(3\)\(i\)\(iv\)](#) (with s. 135(4))

265 Disqualification from office: justice of the peace

F1266

Textual Amendments

F1266S. 265 repealed (1.4.2005) by [Courts Act 2003](#) (c. 39), [ss. 109\(3\)](#), [110](#), [Sch. 10](#); S.I. 2005/910, [art. 3\(aa\)\(bb\)](#)

266 Disqualification from office: Parliament

- (1) The following shall be inserted before section 427 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45) (the title to which becomes “Disqualification from Parliament (Scotland and Northern Ireland)”)—

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“426A Disqualification from Parliament (England and Wales)

- (1) A person in respect of whom a bankruptcy restrictions order has effect shall be disqualified—
 - (a) from membership of the House of Commons,
 - (b) from sitting or voting in the House of Lords, and
 - (c) from sitting or voting in a committee of the House of Lords or a joint committee of both Houses.
- (2) If a member of the House of Commons becomes disqualified under this section, his seat shall be vacated.
- (3) If a person who is disqualified under this section is returned as a member of the House of Commons, his return shall be void.
- (4) No writ of summons shall be issued to a member of the House of Lords who is disqualified under this section.
- (5) If a court makes a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order in respect of a member of the House of Commons or the House of Lords the court shall notify the Speaker of that House.
- (6) If the Secretary of State accepts a bankruptcy restrictions undertaking made by a member of the House of Commons or the House of Lords, the Secretary of State shall notify the Speaker of that House.

426B Devolution

- (1) If a court makes a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order in respect of a member of the Scottish Parliament, the Northern Ireland Assembly or the National Assembly for Wales, the court shall notify the presiding officer of that body.
- (2) If the Secretary of State accepts a bankruptcy restrictions undertaking made by a member of the Scottish Parliament, the Northern Ireland Assembly or the National Assembly for Wales, the Secretary of State shall notify the presiding officer of that body.

426C Irrelevance of privilege

- (1) An enactment about insolvency applies in relation to a member of the House of Commons or the House of Lords irrespective of any Parliamentary privilege.
- (2) In this section “enactment” includes a provision made by or under—
 - (a) an Act of the Scottish Parliament, or
 - (b) Northern Ireland legislation.”
- (2) In section 427 of the Insolvency Act 1986 the following shall cease to have effect—
 - (a) in subsection (1), the words “England and Wales or”, and
 - (b) subsection (7).
- (3) The Secretary of State may by order—

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- (a) provide for section 426A or 426B of that Act (as inserted by subsection (1) above) to have effect in relation to orders made or undertakings accepted in Scotland or Northern Ireland under a system which appears to the Secretary of State to be equivalent to the system operating under Schedule 4A to that Act (as inserted by section 257 of this Act);
 - (b) make consequential amendment of section 426A or 426B of that Act (as inserted by subsection (1) above);
 - (c) make other consequential amendment of an enactment.
- (4) An order under this section may make transitional, consequential or incidental provision.
- (5) An order under this section—
- (a) must be made by statutory instrument, and
 - (b) may not be made unless a draft has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

267 Disqualification from office: local government

- (1) The following shall be substituted for section 80(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70) (disqualification for membership of local authority: bankrupt)—
- “(b) is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order;”.
- (2) Section 81(1) and (2) of that Act (which amplify the provision substituted by subsection (1) above) shall cease to have effect.

268 Disqualification from office: general

- (1) The Secretary of State may make an order under this section in relation to a disqualification provision.
- (2) A “disqualification provision” is a provision which disqualifies (whether permanently or temporarily and whether absolutely or conditionally) a bankrupt or a class of bankrupts from—
- (a) being elected or appointed to an office or position,
 - (b) holding an office or position, or
 - (c) becoming or remaining a member of a body or group.
- (3) In subsection (2) the reference to a provision which disqualifies a person conditionally includes a reference to a provision which enables him to be dismissed.
- (4) An order under subsection (1) may repeal or revoke the disqualification provision.
- (5) An order under subsection (1) may amend, or modify the effect of, the disqualification provision—
- (a) so as to reduce the class of bankrupts to whom the disqualification provision applies;
 - (b) so as to extend the disqualification provision to some or all individuals who are subject to a bankruptcy restrictions regime;
 - (c) so that the disqualification provision applies only to some or all individuals who are subject to a bankruptcy restrictions regime;
 - (d) so as to make the application of the disqualification provision wholly or partly subject to the discretion of a specified person, body or group.

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- (6) An order by virtue of subsection (5)(d) may provide for a discretion to be subject to—
- (a) the approval of a specified person or body;
 - (b) appeal to a specified person or body.
- (7) An order by virtue of subsection (5)(d)^{F1267}. . . may provide for a discretion to be subject to appeal to a specified court or tribunal [^{F1268}], but any such order must—
- (a) if it relates to England and Wales, be made with the concurrence of the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales;
 - (b) if it relates to Northern Ireland, be made with the concurrence of the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland]
- (8) The Secretary of State may specify himself for the purposes of subsection (5)(d) or (6)(a) or (b).
- (9) In this section “bankrupt” means an individual—
- [^{F1269}(a) who has been made bankrupt (under Part 9 of the Insolvency Act 1986),
 - (aa) who has been adjudged bankrupt by a court in Northern Ireland,]
 - (b) whose estate has been sequestrated by a court in Scotland, or
 - (c) who has made an agreement with creditors of his for a composition of debts, for a scheme of arrangement of affairs, for the grant of a trust deed or for some other kind of settlement or arrangement.
- (10) In this section “bankruptcy restrictions regime” means an order or undertaking—
- (a) under Schedule 4A to the Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45) (bankruptcy restrictions orders), or
 - (b) under any system operating in Scotland or Northern Ireland which appears to the Secretary of State to be equivalent to the system operating under that Schedule.
- (11) In this section—
- “body” includes Parliament and any other legislative body, and
- “provision” means—
- (a) a provision made by an Act of Parliament passed before or in the same Session as this Act, and
 - (b) a provision made, before or in the same Session as this Act, under an Act of Parliament.
- (12) An order under this section—
- (a) may make provision generally or for a specified purpose only,
 - (b) may make different provision for different purposes, and
 - (c) may make transitional, consequential or incidental provision.
- (13) An order under this section—
- (a) must be made by statutory instrument, and
 - (b) may not be made unless a draft has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.
- (14) A reference in this section to the Secretary of State shall be treated as a reference to the National Assembly for Wales in so far as it relates to a disqualification provision which—

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- (a) is made by the National Assembly for Wales, or
 - (b) relates to a function of the National Assembly.
- (15) Provision made by virtue of subsection (7) is subject to any order of the Lord Chancellor under section 56(1) of the Access to Justice Act 1999 (c. 22) (appeals: jurisdiction).
- [^{F1270}(16) The Lord Chief Justice may nominate a judicial office holder (as defined in section 109(4) of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005) to exercise his functions under subsection (7).
- (17) The Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland may nominate any of the following to exercise his functions under subsection (7)—
- (a) the holder of one of the offices listed in Schedule 1 to the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002;
 - (b) a Lord Justice of Appeal (as defined in section 88 of that Act).]

Textual Amendments

- F1267** Words in s. 268(7) repealed (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 15, 146, 148, [Sch. 4 para. 305\(2\)\(a\)](#), [Sch. 18 Pt. 2](#); S.I. 2006/1014, [art. 2\(a\)](#), [Sch. 1 paras. 11\(x\)](#), 30(b)
- F1268** Words in s. 268(7) inserted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 15, 148, [Sch. 4 para. 305\(2\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2006/1014, [art. 2\(a\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 11\(x\)](#)
- F1269** S. 268(9)(a)(aa) substituted for s. 268(9)(a) (6.4.2016) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Bankruptcy\) and the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/481\)](#), reg. 1, [Sch. 1 para. 16](#)
- F1270** S. 268(16)(17) inserted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 15, 148, [Sch. 4 para. 305\(3\)](#); S.I. 2006/1014, [art. 2\(a\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 11\(x\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C482** S. 268 applied (with modifications) (1.4.2004) by [Local Government Act 2003 \(c. 26\)](#), ss. 109(5), 129, [Sch. 4 para. 25](#); S.I. 2003/2938, [art. 6\(a\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in [art. 8](#), [Sch.](#))
- C483** S. 268 extended (with modifications) (1.4.2005) by [Human Tissue Act 2004 \(c. 30\)](#), ss. 56, 60, [Sch. 6 para. 6](#); S.I. 2005/919, [art. 3](#), [Sch.](#) (with transitional provisions in [art. 2](#))

269 Minor and consequential amendments

Schedule 23 (minor and consequential amendments relating to individual insolvency) shall have effect.

Money

270 Fees

- (1) The following shall be inserted after section 415 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45) (fees orders: individual insolvency)—

“415A Fees orders (general)

- (1) The Secretary of State—

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- (a) may by order require a body to pay a fee in connection with the grant or maintenance of recognition of the body under section 391, and
 - (b) may refuse recognition, or revoke an order of recognition under section 391(1) by a further order, where a fee is not paid.
- (2) The Secretary of State—
- (a) may by order require a person to pay a fee in connection with the grant or maintenance of authorisation of the person under section 393, and
 - (b) may disregard an application or withdraw an authorisation where a fee is not paid.
- (3) The Secretary of State may by order require the payment of fees in respect of—
- (a) the operation of the Insolvency Services Account;
 - (b) payments into and out of that Account.
- (4) The following provisions of section 414 apply to fees under this section as they apply to fees under that section—
- (a) subsection (3) (manner of payment),
 - (b) subsection (5) (additional provision),
 - (c) subsection (6) (statutory instrument),
 - (d) subsection (7) (payment into Consolidated Fund), and
 - (e) subsection (9) (saving for rules of court).”
- (2) An order made by virtue of subsection (1) may relate to the maintenance of recognition or authorisation granted before this section comes into force.
- ^{F1271}(3)
- (4) In section 440(2)(c) of that Act (provisions not extending to Scotland) after “415,” there shall be inserted “ 415A(3), ”.

Textual Amendments

F1271 S. 270(3) omitted (1.10.2015) by virtue of [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 115(7), [Sch. 6 para. 22\(13\)](#); S.I. 2015/1732, art. 2(e)(vi) (with art. 7)

Commencement Information

I4 S. 270 wholly in force at 1.4.2004; s. 270 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 279; s. 270(1)(2)(4) in force at 18.12.2003 by [S.I. 2003/3340](#), art. 3, s. 270(3) in force at 1.4.2004 by [S.I. 2003/2093](#), art. 2(2), [Sch. 2](#) (as amended by [S.I. 2003/3340](#), art. 2(2))

271 Insolvency Services Account: interest

- (1) The following shall be inserted after paragraph 16 of Schedule 8 to the Insolvency Act 1986 (company insolvency rules: money)—

“16A Provision enabling the Secretary of State to set the rate of interest paid on sums which have been paid into the Insolvency Services Account.”

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- (2) The following shall be inserted after paragraph 21 of Schedule 9 to the Insolvency Act 1986 (individual insolvency rules: money)—

“21A Provision enabling the Secretary of State to set the rate of interest paid on sums which have been paid into the Insolvency Services Account.”

272 Insolvency Services Accounts

- (1) Section 405 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (operation of Investment Account) shall cease to have effect.
- (2) The following shall be substituted for section 408 of that Act (recourse to Consolidated Fund)—

“408 Adjustment of balances

- (1) The Treasury may direct the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of sums into—
- (a) the Insolvency Services Account;
 - (b) the Investment Account.
- (2) The Treasury shall certify to the House of Commons the reason for any payment under subsection (1).
- (3) The Secretary of State may pay sums out of the Insolvency Services Account into the Consolidated Fund.
- (4) The National Debt Commissioners may pay sums out of the Investment Account into the Consolidated Fund.”

PART 11

SUPPLEMENTARY

273 Interpretation

In this Act—

“the 1973 Act” means the Fair Trading Act 1973 (c. 41);

“the 1998 Act” means the Competition Act 1998 (c. 41);

[^{F1272}“the CMA” means the Competition and Markets Authority;]

“the Director” means the Director General of Fair Trading; and

^{F1273} ...

Textual Amendments

F1272 Words in s. 273 substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), Sch. 5 para. 217(2) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

F1273 Words in s. 273 omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), Sch. 5 para. 217(3) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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274 Provision of financial assistance for consumer purposes

The Secretary of State may give financial assistance to any person for the purpose of assisting—

- (a) activities which the Secretary of State considers are of benefit to consumers; or
- (b) the provision of—
 - (i) advice or information about consumer matters;
 - (ii) educational materials relating to consumer matters; or
 - (iii) advice or information to the Secretary of State in connection with the formulation of policy in respect of consumer matters.

275 Financial provision

There shall be paid out of money provided by Parliament—

- (a) any expenditure incurred by the OFT, the Secretary of State, any other Minister of the Crown or a government department by virtue of this Act; and
- (b) any increase attributable to this Act in the sums payable out of money so provided by virtue of any other Act.

276 Transitional or transitory provision and savings

- (1) Schedule 24 (which makes transitional and transitory provisions and savings) has effect.
- (2) The Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument make such transitional or transitory provisions and savings as he considers appropriate in connection with the coming into force of any provision of this Act.
- (3) An order under subsection (2) may modify any Act or subordinate legislation.
- (4) Schedule 24 does not restrict the power under subsection (2) to make other transitional or transitory provisions and savings.

Subordinate Legislation Made

- P1** [S. 276\(2\)](#) power partly exercised: 1.4.2003 appointed for specified provisions and purposes by [{S.I. 2003/766}](#), art. 2, (with transitional and transitory provision in art. 3)
[S. 276\(2\)](#) power partly exercised: 20.6.2003 appointed for specified provisions and purposes by [{S.I. 2003/1397}](#), art. 2 (with savings in arts. 4-12)
[S. 276\(2\)](#) power partly exercised: 15.9.2003 and 1.4.2004 appointed for specified provisions and purposes by [{S.I. 2003/2093}](#), art. 2 (subject to transitional provisions in arts. 3-8) (as amended by [S.I. 2003/2332](#) and [S.I. 2003/3340](#))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C484** [S. 276\(2\)\(3\)](#) applied (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 389(2), 411(2)(3)** (with transitional provisions in [Sch. 18](#)); [S.I. 2003/3142](#), **art. 3(1)**, [Sch. 1](#) (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)

Commencement Information

- I5** [S. 276](#) wholly in force at 20.6.2003; [s. 276](#) not in force at Royal Assent see [s. 279](#); [s. 276\(1\)](#) in force for certain purposes and [s. 276\(2\)-\(4\)](#) in force at 18.3.2003 by [S.I. 2003/765](#), **art. 2**, [Sch.](#), [s. 276\(1\)](#) in force for certain further purposes at 1.4.2003 by [S.I. 2003/766](#), **art. 2**, [Sch.](#), [s. 276\(1\)](#) in force for remaining purposes at 20.6.2003 by [S.I. 2003/1397](#), **art. 2(1)**, [Sch.](#)

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277 Power to make consequential amendments etc.

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order make such supplementary, incidental or consequential provision as he thinks appropriate—
 - (a) for the general purposes, or any particular purpose, of this Act; or
 - (b) in consequence of any provision made by or under this Act or for giving full effect to it.
- (2) An order under this section may—
 - (a) modify any Act or subordinate legislation (including this Act);
 - (b) make incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional, transitory or saving provision.
- (3) The power to make an order under this section is exercisable by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (4) The power conferred by this section is not restricted by any other provision of this Act.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C485** S. 277 applied (29.12.2003) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 389(2)-(4)**, 411(2)(3) (with transitional provisions in [Sch. 18](#)); [S.I. 2003/3142](#), **art. 3(1)**, [Sch. 1](#) (subject to arts. 3(3), 11)
- C486** S. 277: power to modify extended (5.10.2004) by [Energy Act 2004 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 170(2)(a)**, 198(2); [S.I. 2004/2575](#), **art. 2(1)**, [Sch. 1](#)
- C487** S. 277 modified (1.10.2011) by [Postal Services Act 2011 \(c. 5\)](#), **ss. 84(a)**, 93(2)(3); [S.I. 2011/2329](#), [art. 3](#)
- C488** S. 277 power to modify extended (18.12.2011) by [Energy Act 2011 \(c. 16\)](#), **ss. 100(2)(a)**, 121(3)
- C489** S. 277 modified (1.8.2014) by [Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 \(c. 14\)](#), **ss. 118(6)**, 154 (with [Sch. 5](#))
- C490** S. 277 modified (5.7.2018) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 114(1)(2)(a)**, 216(3) (with **ss. 116, 117**); [S.I. 2018/805](#), [reg. 3\(a\)](#)
- C491** S. 277 amendment to earlier amending provision 2004 c. 20, s. 170 (23.7.2018) by [Smart Meters Act 2018 \(c. 14\)](#), **ss. 8(3)**, 14(5)
- C492** S. 277 modified (23.7.2018) by [Smart Meters Act 2018 \(c. 14\)](#), **s. 8(1)(2)**, 14(5)
- C493** S. 277 modified (31.1.2019) by [Technical and Further Education Act 2017 \(c. 19\)](#), **ss. 34**, 47(2); [S.I. 2018/1161](#), [reg. 3\(a\)](#)
- C494** S. 277 extended (E.W.S.) (31.3.2022 for specified purposes, 1.6.2022 in so far as not already in force) by [Nuclear Energy \(Financing\) Act 2022 \(c. 15\)](#), **ss. 37(1)**, 44(1)(c)(2)(c)
- C495** S. 277 power extended (26.12.2023) by [Energy Act 2023 \(c. 52\)](#), **ss. 47(1)(2)**, 334(3)(a)

278 Minor and consequential amendments and repeals

- (1) Schedule 25 (which contains minor and consequential amendments) has effect.
- (2) Schedule 26 (which contains repeals and revocations) has effect.

Commencement Information

- I6** [S. 278](#) partly in force; [s. 278](#) not in force at Royal Assent see [s. 279](#); [s. 278](#) in force for certain purposes at 1.4.2003 by [S.I. 2003/766](#), **art. 2**, [Sch.](#), [s. 278](#) in force for certain further purposes at 20.6.2003 by [S.I. 2003/1397](#), **art. 2(1)**, [Sch.](#), [s. 278\(2\)](#) in force for certain further purposes at

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15.9.2003 and 1.4.2004 by [S.I. 2003/2093](#), **art. 2**, Schs. 1, 2, s. 278 in force for certain further purposes at 29.12.2004 by [S.I. 2004/3233](#), **art. 2**, Sch.

279 Commencement

The preceding provisions of this Act shall come into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument appoint; and different days may be appointed for different purposes.

Subordinate Legislation Made

P2 [S. 279](#) power partly exercised: 18.3.2003 appointed for specified provisions by [{S.I. 2003/765}](#), art. 2; 1.4.2003 by [{S.I. 2003/766}](#), art. 2 (with transitional and transitory provision in art. 3); 20.6.2003 by [{S.I. 2003/1397}](#), art. 2 (with savings in arts. 4-12); 18.12.2003 by [{S.I. 2003/3340}](#), art. 3; 15.9.2003 and 1.4.2004 by [{S.I. 2003/2093}](#), art. 2 (subject to transitional provisions in arts. 3-8) (as amended by [S.I. 2003/2332](#) and [S.I. 2003/3340](#)); 18.12.2003 by [{S.I. 2003/3340}](#), art. 3; 18.7.2004 by [{S.I. 2004/1866}](#), art. 2; 29.12.2004 by [{S.I. 2004/3233}](#), art. 2 (with transitional provisions and savings in arts. 3-5)

280 Extent

- (1) Sections 256 to 265, 267, 269 and 272 extend only to England and Wales.
- (2) Sections 204, 248 to 255 and 270 extend only to England and Wales and Scotland (but subsection (3) of section 415A as inserted by section 270 extends only to England and Wales).
- (3) Any other modifications by this Act of an enactment have the same extent as the enactment being modified.
- (4) Otherwise, this Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

281 Short title

This Act may be cited as the Enterprise Act 2002.

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Changes to legislation:

Enterprise Act 2002 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 22 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.