



Enterprise Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 40

PART 4

[^{F1}MARKET STUDIES AND] MARKET INVESTIGATIONS

CHAPTER 1

[^{F1}MARKET STUDIES AND] MARKET INVESTIGATION REFERENCES

Making of references

[^{F1}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—
 - (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.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Enterprise Act 2002, Section 131A. (See end of Document for details)

- (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

- F1** 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.)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** 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))
- C2** 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))
- C3** 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.)
- C4** 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))
- C5** 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.
- C6** 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))
- C7** 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))
- C8** 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))
- C9** 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))

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Enterprise Act 2002, Section 131A.