

These notes refer to the Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Act 2007 (c.17) which received Royal Assent on 19th July 2007

CONSUMERS, ESTATE AGENTS AND REDRESS ACT 2007

EXPLANATORY NOTES

TERRITORIAL EXTENT AND TERRITORIAL APPLICATION

Northern Ireland

Part 1: the National Consumer Council

Other functions of the Council

Section 28: Exemptions from requirements to provide information

77. *Section 28* enables the Secretary of State to prescribe exemptions from the requirements to provide information to the Council by virtue of section 24. The power to prescribe exemptions also applies to the Council's duty under section 27 to provide information on request to the OFT, designated regulators, and persons specified by the Secretary of State by order.
78. *Subsection (2)* means that no person may be required under section 24 or 27, or under a court order under section 26, to provide any information or document which he could not be compelled to provide in legal proceedings. This is to ensure that the information gathering powers under the Act do not apply to information that is subject to legal professional privilege.