
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Competition Commission Appeal Tribunal Rules 2000

PART IX

REFERENCES TO THE EUROPEAN COURT

Reference to the European Court

31.—(1) An order may be made by the tribunal of its own motion at any stage in the proceedings or on application by a party before or at the oral hearing.

(2) An order shall set out in a schedule the request for the preliminary ruling of the European Court and the tribunal may give directions as to the manner and form in which the schedule is to be prepared.

(3) The proceedings in which an order is made shall, unless the tribunal otherwise orders, be stayed (or in Scotland, sisted) until the European Court has given a preliminary ruling on the question referred to it.

(4) When an order has been made, the Registrar shall send a copy thereof to the Registrar of the European Court.

(5) In this rule:—

“European Court” means the Court of Justice of the European Communities;

“order” means an order referring a question to the European Court for a preliminary ruling under Article 234 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, Article 150 of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community or Article 41 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community.