



Legal Services (Scotland) Act 2010

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PART 2

REGULATION OF LICENSED LEGAL SERVICES

CHAPTER 1

APPROVED REGULATORS

Licensing rules

15 Initial considerations

- (1) Licensing rules must provide for—
- (a) consultation with the [F1CMA], where appropriate in accordance with subsection (2), in relation to a licence application,
 - (b) how the approved regulator is to deal with a licence application where it believes that granting it would cause (directly or indirectly) a material and adverse effect on the provision of legal services.
- (2) For the purpose of subsection (1)(a), it is appropriate to consult the [F1CMA] where the approved regulator believes that the granting of the licence application may have the effect of—
- (a) preventing competition within the legal services market, or
 - (b) significantly restricting or distorting such competition.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 15(1)(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 6 para. 194](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 15 in force at 1.4.2011 by [S.I. 2011/180](#), art. 3, [Sch.](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Legal Services (Scotland) Act 2010, Section 15.