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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 OFT, 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 OFT 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.