Fair Trading Act 1973

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An Act to provide for the appointment of a Director General of Fair Trading and of a Consumer Protection Advisory Committee, and to confer on the Director General and the Committee so appointed, on the Secretary of State, on the Restrictive Practices Court and on certain other courts new functions for the protection of consumers; to make provision, in substitution for the Monopolies and Restrictive Practices (Inquiry and Control) Act 1948 and the Monopolies and Mergers Act 1965, for the matters dealt with in those Acts and related matters, including restrictive labour practices; to amend the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1956 and the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1968, to make provision for extending the said Act of 1956 to agreements relating to services, and to transfer to the Director General of Fair Trading the functions of the Registrar of Restrictive Trading Agreements; to make provision with respect to pyramid selling and similar trading schemes; to make new provision in place of section 30(2) to (4) of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968; and for purposes connected with those matters. [25th July 1973]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Act applied (3.1.1995) by 1994 c. 40, ss. 7, 82(2)(a)(b), **Sch. 2 para. 15**
Act applied (E.W.S.) (1.3.1996) by 1986 c. 44, **s. 27** (as inserted (1.3.1996) by 1995 c. 45, s. 10(1), **Sch. 3 para. 25**; S.I. 1996/218, **art. 2**)
Act applied (E.W.S.) (1.3.1996) by 1986 c. 44, **s. 36A** (as inserted (1.3.1996) by 1995 c. 45, s. 10(1), **Sch. 3 para. 43**; S.I. 1996/218, **art. 2**)
Act applied (N.I.) (10.6.1996) by S.I. 1996/275, **arts. 18(5)**, 23(8) (with Sch. 7 paras. 2, 3(2); S.R. 1996/216, **art. 2**

C2 Act amended by Electricity Act 1989 (c. 29, SIF 44:1), **s. 100(1)**
C3 Act modified (E.W.) by Water Act 1989 (c. 15, SIF 130), **s. 30(1)–(3)**
C4 Act restricted by S.I. 1990/593 (N.I. 5), art. 49(1), **Sch. 14 Pt. II para. 8**
C5 Act amended (E.W.)(1. 11. 1991) by New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c. 22, SIF 59), **ss. 10(1) (a)**, 12(4), (with ss. 25(2), 167(2)); S.I. 1991/2288, **art. 3**,Sch.
C6 Act amended (S.)(21.10.1991) by New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c. 22, SIF 108), **s. 33(1)(a)** (with ss. 47(4), 167(2)); S.I. 1991/2286, art. 2(1), **Sch.1**

C7 Act modified (E.W.)(1. 11. 1991) by New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c. 22, SIF 59), **ss. 10(2)**, 12(4), (with ss. 25(2), 167(2)); S.I. 1991/2288, **art. 3**,Sch

C8 Act modified (S.) (21.10.1991) by New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c. 22, SIF 108), **s. 33(2)** (with ss. 47(4), 167(2)); S.I. 1991/2286, art. 2(1), **Sch. 1**

C9 Act: power to apply conferred (E.W.)(01.12.1991) by Water Industry Act 1991 (c. 56, SIF 130), **ss. 12(5)**, 223(2) (with ss. 82(3), 186(1), 188, 222(1), Sch. 14 para. 6).

C10 Act: definitions applied (E.W.)(01.12.1991) by Water Industry Act 1991 (c. 56, SIF 130), **ss. 17(4)**, 31(9), 223(2) (with ss. 82(3), 186(1), 188, 222(1), Sch. 14 para. 6).

C11 Act modified (E.W.)(01.12.1991) by Water Industry Act 1991 (c. 56, SIF 130), **ss.34(1)(2)**,35(4), 223(2) (with ss. 82(3), 186(1), 188, 222(1), Sch. 14 para. 6).

C12 Act modified (17.2.1994) by S.I. 1993/3160 (N.I. 15), **art. 32(1)(a)** (with Sch. 9 para. 1).

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> > – Blanket amendment words substituted by S.I. 2011/1043 art. 36