



# Fair Trading Act 1973

## 1973 CHAPTER 41

### PART II

#### REFERENCES TO CONSUMER PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

##### *General provisions*

#### **14 General provisions as to references to Advisory Committee**

- (1) Subject to sections 15 and 16 of this Act, the Secretary of State or any other Minister or the Director may refer to the Advisory Committee the question whether a consumer trade practice specified in the reference adversely affects the economic interests of consumers in the United Kingdom.
- (2) The Secretary of State or any other Minister by whom a reference is made under this section shall transmit a copy of the reference to the Director.
- (3) On any reference made to the Advisory Committee under this section the Advisory Committee shall consider the question so referred to them and shall prepare a report on that question and (except as otherwise provided by section 21(3) of this Act) submit that report to the person by whom the reference was made.
- (4) Subject to the provisions of section 133 of this Act, it shall be the duty of the Director, where he is requested by the Advisory Committee to do so for the purpose of assisting the Committee in carrying out an investigation on a reference made to them under this section, to give to the Committee—
  - (a) any information which is in his possession and which relates to matters falling within the scope of the investigation, and
  - (b) any other assistance which the Committee may require, and which it is within his power to give, in relation to any such matters.
- (5) The Advisory Committee shall transmit to the Secretary of State a copy of every report which is made by them under this section to a person other than the Secretary of State, and shall transmit to the Director a copy of every report which is made by them under this section to a person other than the Director.