



Fair Trading Act 1973

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PART V

MERGERS

Newspaper merger references

62 Enforcement provisions relating to newspaper mergers

- (1) Any person who is knowingly concerned in, or privy to, a purported transfer of a newspaper or of newspaper assets which is unlawful by virtue of section 58 of this Act shall be guilty of an offence.
- (2) Where under that section the consent of the Secretary of State is given to a transfer of a newspaper or of newspaper assets, but is given subject to one or more conditions, any person who is knowingly concerned in, or privy to, a breach of that condition, or of any of those conditions, as the case may be, shall be guilty of an offence.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable, on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine or to both.
- (4) No proceedings for an offence under this section shall be instituted—
 - (a) in England or Wales, except by, or with the consent of, the Director of Public Prosecutions, or
 - (b) in Northern Ireland, except by, or with the consent of, the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland.