



Estate Agents Act 1979

1979 CHAPTER 38

Supervision, enforcement, publicity etc.

25 General duties of ^[F1]the lead enforcement authority

- (1) Subject to section 26(3) below, it is the duty of the ^[F2]lead enforcement authority—
 - (a) generally to superintend the working and enforcement of this Act, and
 - (b) where necessary or expedient, ^[F3]itself to take steps to enforce this Act.
- (2) It is the duty of the ^[F4]lead enforcement authority, so far as appears to ^[F5]it to be practicable and having regard both to the national interest and the interests of persons engaged in estate agency work and of consumers, to keep under review and from time to time advise the Secretary of State about—
 - (a) social and commercial developments in the United Kingdom and elsewhere relating to the carrying on of estate agency work and related activities; and
 - (b) the working and enforcement of this Act.
- (3) The ^[F6]lead enforcement authority shall arrange for the dissemination, in such form and manner as ^[F7]it considers appropriate, of such information and advice as it may appear to ^[F5]it expedient to give the public in the United Kingdom about the operation of this Act.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s.25 heading substituted (31.3.2014) by [The Public Bodies \(Abolition of the National Consumer Council and Transfer of the Office of Fair Trading's Functions in relation to Estate Agents etc\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/631\)](#), art. 1(5), [Sch. 2 para. 1\(9\)\(a\)](#) (with Sch. 1 para. 28, 2 paras. 13-15)
- F2** Words in s. 25(1) substituted (31.3.2014) by [The Public Bodies \(Abolition of the National Consumer Council and Transfer of the Office of Fair Trading's Functions in relation to Estate Agents etc\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/631\)](#), art. 1(5), [Sch. 2 para. 1\(9\)\(b\)](#) (with Sch. 1 para. 28, 2 paras. 13-15)
- F3** Word in s. 25(1) substituted (1.4.2003) by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 279, [Sch. 25 para. 9\(12\)\(b\)](#); [S.I. 2003/766](#), art. 2, [Sch.](#) (with art. 3) (as amended (20.7.2007) by [S.I. 2007/1846](#), reg. 3(2), [Sch.](#))

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- F4** Words in s. 25(2) substituted (31.3.2014) by [The Public Bodies \(Abolition of the National Consumer Council and Transfer of the Office of Fair Trading's Functions in relation to Estate Agents etc\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/631\)](#), art. 1(5), **Sch. 2 para. 1(9)(b)** (with Sch. 1 para. 28, 2 paras. 13-15)
- F5** Word in s. 25(2)(3) substituted (1.4.2003) by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 279, **Sch. 25 para. 9(12)(c)**; [S.I. 2003/766](#), art. 2, Sch. (with art. 3) (as amended (20.7.2007) by [S.I. 2007/1846](#), reg. 3(2), Sch.); [S.I. 2003/766](#), art. 2, Sch. (with art. 3) (as amended (20.7.2007) by [S.I. 2007/1846](#), reg. 3(2), Sch.)
- F6** Words in s. 25(3) substituted (31.3.2014) by [The Public Bodies \(Abolition of the National Consumer Council and Transfer of the Office of Fair Trading's Functions in relation to Estate Agents etc\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/631\)](#), art. 1(5), **Sch. 2 para. 1(9)(b)** (with Sch. 1 para. 28, 2 paras. 13-15)
- F7** Word in s. 25(3) substituted (1.4.2003) by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 279, **Sch. 25 para. 9(12)(d)**; [S.I. 2003/766](#), art. 2, Sch. (with art. 3) (as amended (20.7.2007) by [S.I. 2007/1846](#), reg. 3(2), Sch.)

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 21A inserted by [2007 c. 17 s. 54\(1\)](#)