



Competition Act 1980

1980 CHAPTER 21

An Act to abolish the Price Commission; to make provision for the control of anti-competitive practices in the supply and acquisition of goods and the supply and securing of services; to provide for references of certain public bodies and other persons to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission; to provide for the investigation of prices and charges by the Director General of Fair Trading; to provide for the making of grants to certain bodies; to amend and provide for the amendment of the Fair Trading Act 1973; to make amendments with respect to the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976; to repeal the remaining provisions of the Counter-Inflation Act 1973; and for purposes connected therewith. [3rd April 1980]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act excluded by [Financial Services Act 1986](#) (c. 60, SIF 69), ss. 126(1), 140, Sch. 11 paras. 12(1)(2), **36(2)**
- C2** Act amended by [Electricity Act 1989](#) (c. 29, SIF 44:1), **s. 100(1)**; by [Companies Act 1989](#) (c. 40, SIF 27), s. 47(1), **Sch. 14 para. 10(1)(2)** and by S.I. 1990/593, art. 49(1), **Sch. 14 para. 10(1)**
Act amended (1.4.1996) by S.I. 1996/593, reg. 2, **Sch. 1**
- C3** Act modified (E.W.) (1.11.1991) by [New Roads and Street Works Act 1991](#) (c. 22, SIF 59, 108), **ss. 10(1)(b), 12(4)** (with s. 25(2)); S.I. 1991/2288, **art. 3**, Sch.
- C4** Act modified (S.) (21.10.1991) by [New Roads and Street Works Act 1991](#) (c. 22, SIF 59, 108), **s. 33(1)(b)** (with s. 47(4)); S.I. 1991/2286, art. 2, **Sch. 1**
- C5** Act: power to apply conferred (E.W.) (1.12.1991) by [Water Industry Act 1991](#) (c. 56, SIF 130), **ss. 12(5), 223(2)** (with ss. 82(3), 186(1), 222(1), Sch 14 para. 6)
- C6** Act: definitions applied (E.W.) (1.12.1991) by [Water Industry Act 1991](#) (c. 56, SIF 130), **ss. 17(4), 31(9), 223(2)** (with ss. 82(3), 186(1), 222(1), Sch. 14 para. 6)
- C7** Act modified (17.2.1994) by S.I. 1993/3160 (N.I. 15), **art. 32(1)(b)**.
Act modified (3.1.1995) by 1994 c. 40, ss. 12(7), 82(2), **Sch. 4 paras. 5-8**
- C8** Act applied (1.3.1996) by 1986 c. 44, **s. 27(6)** (as substituted (1.3.1996) by 1995 c. 45, s. 10(1), **Sch. 3 para. 25**; S.I. 1996/218, **art. 2**)
Act applied (1.3.1996) by 1986 c. 44, **s. 36A(9)** (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 (N.I. 2), **art. 18(5)** (with Sch. 7 paras. 2, 3(2)); S.R. 1996/216, **art. 2**

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C9 Act extended (N.I.) (10.6.1996) by S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2), **art. 23(8)** (with Sch. 7 paras. 2, 3(2)); S.R. 1996/216, **art. 2**

Commencement Information

I1 Act not in force at Royal Assent see s. 33(5); Act wholly in force at 12.8.1980

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Textual Amendments

F1 S. 1 repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1989 (c. 43), s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. II** Group 2

Control of anti-competitive practices

F2 **2**

Textual Amendments

F2 Ss. 2-10 repealed (1.3.2000) by 1998 c. 41, ss. 17, 74(3), **Sch. 14 Pt. I** (with s. 73); S.I.2000/344, art. 2, **Sch.**

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F6 Ss. 2-10 repealed (1.3.2000) by 1998 c. 41, ss. 17, 74(3), Sch. 14 Pt. I (with s. 73); S.I. 2000/344, art. 2, Sch.

F77

Textual Amendments

F7 Ss. 2-10 repealed (1.3.2000) by 1998 c. 41, ss. 17, 74(3), Sch. 14 Pt. I (with s. 73); S.I. 2000/344, art. 2, Sch.

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Textual Amendments

F8 Ss. 2-10 repealed (1.3.2000) by 1998 c. 41, ss. 17, 74(3), Sch. 14 Pt. I (with s. 73); S.I. 2000/344, art. 2, Sch.

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Textual Amendments

F9 Ss. 2-10 repealed (1.3.2000) by 1998 c. 41, ss. 17, 74(3), Sch. 14 Pt. I (with s. 73); S.I. 2000/344, art. 2, Sch.

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Textual Amendments

F10 Ss. 2-10 repealed (1.3.2000) by 1998 c. 41, ss. 17, 74(3), Sch. 14 Pt. I (with s. 73); S.I. 2000/344, art. 2, Sch.

Further references and investigations

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- References of public bodies and certain other persons to the [F11CMA]
- (1) The Secretary of State may at any time refer to the [F12CMA] any question relating to—

(a) the efficiency and costs of, [F13or]

(b) the service provided by, F14...

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^{F14}(c)

a person falling within subsection (3) below and specified in the reference, including any question whether, in relation to a matter falling within [^{F15}paragraph (a) or (b)] above, the person is pursuing a course of conduct which operates against the public interest.

^{F16}(2)

(3) The persons referred to in subsection (1) above are—

(a) any body corporate—

(i) which supplies goods or services by way of business,

(ii) the affairs of which are managed by its members, and

(iii) the members of which hold office as such by virtue of their appointment to that or another office by a Minister under any enactment; or

[^{F17}(aa) any publicly owned railway company, within the meaning of the Railways Act 1993, which supplies network services or station services, within the meaning of Part I of that Act; or]

[^{F18}(b) any person (not falling within paragraph (a) above) who provides in Northern Ireland a bus service within the meaning of section 14 of the Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966; or]

[^{F19}(bb) any person who provides a railway passenger service in pursuance of an agreement entered into by Transport for London or any of its subsidiaries (within the meaning of the Greater London Authority Act 1999) by virtue of section 156(2) or (3) of the Greater London Authority Act 1999;]

[^{F20}(c) the National Rivers Authority;]

[^{F21}(ca) Scottish Water;]

^{F22}(cc)

(d) any board administering a scheme under the ^{M1}Agricultural Marketing Act 1958 [^{F23}or the ^{M2}Agricultural Marketing Act (Northern Ireland) 1964][^{F24}or the Agricultural Marketing (Northern Ireland) Order 1982]; or

(e) any body corporate with a statutory duty to promote and assist the maintenance and development of the efficient supply of any goods or services by a body falling within paragraphs (a) to (d) above; or

(f) any subsidiary, within the meaning of [^{F25}section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006], of a body falling within paragraphs (a) to (e) above.

(4) The Secretary of State may by order exclude from subsection (3)(b) [^{F26}or (bb)] above persons of such descriptions as may be specified in the order.

(5) No question concerning a person falling within subsection (3)(b) [^{F27}or (bb)] above or a subsidiary of a body falling within [^{F28}that subsection][^{F28}either of those paragraphs] may be referred to the [^{F29}CMA] under this section unless it relates to the carriage of passengers by the person or, as the case may be, the subsidiary.

(6) The Secretary of State may at any time by notice given to the [^{F30}CMA] vary a reference under this section.

(7) On making a reference under this section or on varying such a reference under subsection (6) above the Secretary of State shall arrange for the reference or, as the case may be, the variation to be published in such manner as he considers most suitable

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for bringing it to the attention of persons who in his opinion would be affected by it or be likely to have an interest in it.

(8) On a reference under this section the [^{F31}CMA] shall investigate and report on any question referred to them but shall exclude from their investigation and report consideration of—

(a) any question relating to the appropriateness of any financial obligations or guidance as to financial objectives (however expressed) imposed on or given to the person in question by or under any enactment, or otherwise by a Minister; ^{F32} . . .

^{F32}(b)

^{F33}(9)

^{F34}(9A)

(10) A report of the [^{F35}CMA] on a reference under this section shall be made to the Secretary of State and shall state, with reasons, the conclusions of the [^{F35}CMA] with respect to any question referred to them and, where the [^{F35}CMA] conclude that the person specified in the reference is pursuing a course of conduct which operates against the public interest, the report may include recommendations as to what action (if any) should be taken by the person for the purpose of remedying or preventing what the [^{F35}CMA] consider are the adverse effects of that course of conduct.

[^{F36}(10A) The functions of the CMA with respect to a reference under this section (including functions under sections 109 to 115 of the Enterprise Act 2002, as applied by section 11B) are to be carried out on behalf of the CMA by a group constituted for the purpose by the chair of the CMA under Schedule 4 to the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013.]

(11) In this section “Minister” includes a Northern Ireland department and the head of such a department.

Textual Amendments

- F11** Word in s. 11 heading substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 6 para. 2\(4\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F12** Word in s. 11(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 6 para. 2\(2\)](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F13** Word in s. 11(1)(a) inserted (20.6.2003) by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 279, [Sch. 25 para. 10\(2\)\(a\)\(i\)](#); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- F14** S. 11(1)(c) and preceding word repealed (20.6.2003) by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 279, Sch. 25 para. 10(2)(a)(ii), [Sch. 26](#); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- F15** Words in s. 11(1) substituted (20.6.2003) by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 279, [Sch. 25 para. 10\(2\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- F16** S. 11(2) repealed (20.6.2003) by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 279, Sch. 25 para. 10(2)(b), [Sch. 26](#); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- F17** S. 11(3)(aa) inserted (6.1.1994) by 1993 c. 43, s. 152(1), [Sch. 12 para. 12\(1\)](#) (with s. 150(1)(o)); S.I. 1993/3237, [art. 2\(2\)](#)
- F18** S. 11(3)(b) substituted by virtue of [Transport Act 1985 \(c. 67, SIF 126\)](#), [s. 114\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- F19** S. 11(3)(bb) substituted (15.7.2003) by [The Transport for London \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1615\)](#), art. 1(1), [Sch. 1 para. 6](#)
- F20** S. 11(3)(c) commencing “the National Rivers” substituted (E.W.) for s. 11(3)(c) commencing “any statutory water” by [Water Act 1989 \(c. 15, SIF 130\)](#), s. 190(1), [Sch. 25 para. 59\(1\)](#)

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- F21** S. 11(3)(ca) inserted (14.7.2004) by [The Water Industry \(Scotland\) Act 2002 \(Consequential Modifications\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1822\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. para. 10**
- F22** S. 11(3)(cc) repealed (S.) (1.4.2002) by [Water Industry \(Scotland\) Act 2002 \(asp. 3\)](#), ss. 71, 72(2), **Sch. 7** {para. 10} (with art. 67); [S.S.I. 2002/118](#), **art. 2(3)**
- F23** Words repealed (*prosp.*) (but by S.R.s [1984 No. 422](#) and [1989 No. 47](#) the repeal came into operation in relation to the Pigs Marketing Board (Northern Ireland) on 31.12.1984 and in relation to the Milk Marketing Board for Northern Ireland on 1.4.1989 respectively) by [S.I. 1982/1080](#), (N.I. 12), art. 46(2), **Sch. 9**
- F24** Words inserted by [S.I. 1982/1080](#), (N.I. 12), art. 46(1), **Sch. 8**
- F25** Words in s. 11(3)(f) substituted (1.10.2009) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1941\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 42(a)** (with art. 10)
- F26** Words inserted (E.W.) by [London Regional Transport Act 1984 \(c. 32, SIF 126\)](#), **s. 71(3)(a)**, **Sch. 6** para. 15(2)
- F27** Words inserted (E.W.) by [London Regional Transport Act 1984 \(c. 32, SIF 126\)](#), **s. 71(3)(a)**, **Sch. 6** para. 15(3)(a)
- F28** Words “either of those paragraphs” substituted (E.W.) for words “that subsection” by [London Regional Transport Act 1984 \(c. 32, SIF 126\)](#), **s. 71(3)(a)**, **Sch. 6** para. 15(3)(b)
- F29** Word in s. 11(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 6 para. 2(2)**; [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(d) (with **Sch.**)
- F30** Word in s. 11(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 6 para. 2(2)**; [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(d) (with **Sch.**)
- F31** Word in s. 11(8) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 6 para. 2(2)**; [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(d) (with **Sch.**)
- F32** S. 11(8)(b) and the word preceding it repealed (1.3.2000) by [1998 c. 41](#), ss. 74(1)(3), **Sch. 12** para. 4(2), **Sch. 14 Pt. I** (with s. 73); [S.I. 2000/344](#), art. 2, **Sch.**
- F33** S. 11(9) repealed (20.6.2003) by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 279, **Sch. 25** para. 10(2)(b), **Sch. 26**; [S.I. 2003/1397](#), art. 2(1), **Sch.** (with art. 8)
- F34** S. 11(9A) repealed (20.6.2003) by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 279, **Sch. 25** para. 10(2)(b), **Sch. 26**; [S.I. 2003/1397](#), art. 2(1), **Sch.** (with art. 8)
- F35** Word in s. 11(10) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 6 para. 2(2)**; [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(d) (with **Sch.**)
- F36** S. 11(10A) inserted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 6 para. 2(3)**; [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(d) (with **Sch.**)

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1958 c. 47.
M2 1964 c. 13 (N.I.)

[^{F37}11A References under section 11: time-limits

- (1) Every reference under section 11 above shall specify a period (not longer than six months beginning with the date of the reference) within which a report on the reference is to be made.
- (2) A report of the [^{F38}CMA] on a reference under section 11 above shall not have effect (and no action shall be taken in relation to it under section 12 below) unless the report is made before the end of the period specified in the reference or such further period (if any) as may be allowed by the Secretary of State under subsection (3) below.
- (3) The Secretary of State may, if he has received representations on the subject from the [^{F38}CMA] and is satisfied that there are special reasons why the report cannot be made

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within the period specified in the reference, extend that period by no more than three months.

- (4) No more than one extension is possible under subsection (3) above in relation to the same reference.
- (5) The Secretary of State shall publish any extension made by him under subsection (3) above in such manner as he considers most suitable for bringing it to the attention of persons who in his opinion would be affected by it or be likely to have an interest in it.

Textual Amendments

- F37** Ss. 11A-11D inserted (20.6.2003) by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 279, [Sch. 25 para. 10\(3\)](#); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), [Sch.](#) (with art. 8)
- F38** Word in [s. 11A\(2\)\(3\)](#) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 6 para. 3](#); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with [Sch.](#))

11B References under section 11: powers of investigation and penalties

- (1) The following sections of Part 3 of the Enterprise Act 2002 shall apply, with the modifications mentioned in subsections [^{F39}(1A) to] (3) below, for the purposes of references under section 11 above as they apply for the purposes of references under that Part—

- (a) section 109 (attendance of witnesses and production of documents etc.);
- (b) section 110 (enforcement of powers under section 109: general);
- ^{F40} [(ba) section 110A (restriction on powers to impose penalties under section 110);]
- (c) section 111 (penalties);
- (d) section 112 (penalties: main procedural requirements);
- (e) section 113 (payments and interest by instalments);
- (f) section 114 (appeals in relation to penalties);
- (g) section 115 (recovery of penalties); and
- (h) section 116(statement of policy).

[Section 109 shall in its application by virtue of subsection (1) above, have effect as if—

- ^{F41}(1A) (a) in subsection (A1), for paragraphs (a) and (b) there were substituted—
- “(a) assisting the CMA in carrying out any functions, including enforcement functions, in connection with a reference under section 11 of the Competition Act 1980 (the “1980 Act”) (references of public bodies and certain other persons to the CMA);
- (b) assisting the Secretary of State in carrying out any functions, including enforcement functions, in connection with an order under section 11D of that Act (interim orders) or section 12 of that Act (orders following report under section 11 of that Act).”, and
- (b) in subsection (8A), for paragraphs (a) and (b) there were substituted—
- “(a) in relation to the CMA, functions conferred by virtue of section 87 on the CMA by orders under section 11D or 12 of the 1980 Act;

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(b) in relation to the Secretary of State—

- (i) functions conferred by virtue of section 87 on the Secretary of State by orders under section 11D or 12 of the 1980 Act;
- (ii) the functions of the Secretary of State in relation to the variation or revocation of orders under section 11D or 12 of the 1980 Act.”]

(2) Section 110 shall, in its application by virtue of subsection (1) above, have effect as if—

- (a) subsection (2) were omitted;
- ^{F42}(b);
- (c) in subsection (9) the words from “or section” to “section 65(3))” were omitted.

[Section 110A shall, in its application by virtue of subsection (1) above, have effect as ^{F43}(2A) if for subsections (5) to (8) there were substituted—

“(5) Where the section 109 power is exercised for the purpose mentioned in subsection (A1)(a) of that section, in connection with a reference under section 11 of the 1980 Act, the relevant day is the day when the report of the CMA on the reference concerned is laid before both Houses of Parliament.

(6) Where the section 109 power is exercised for the purpose mentioned in subsection (A1)(b) of that section, in connection with an order under section 11D of the 1980 Act (interim orders) or section 12 of that Act (orders following report under section 11 of that Act), the relevant day is the day when the Secretary of State makes the order concerned or decides not to make an order under section 11D or 12 of that Act, as the case may be.”]

[^{F44}(3) Section 111(5)(b) shall, in its application by virtue of subsection (1) above, have effect as if for sub-paragraph (ii) there were substituted—

“(ii) if earlier, the day on which the report of the CMA on the reference concerned is made or, if no such report is made within the period permitted for that purpose, the latest day on which the report may be made within the permitted period.”.]

Textual Amendments

- F37** Ss. 11A-11D inserted (20.6.2003) by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(3)**; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), **Sch.** (with art. 8)
- F39** Words in s. 11B(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/892\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 36(2)(a)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2)
- F40** S. 11B(1)(ba) inserted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/892\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 36(2)(b)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2)
- F41** S. 11B(1A) inserted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/892\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 36(3)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2)
- F42** S. 11B(2)(b) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/892\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 36(4)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2)

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- F43** S. 11B(2A) inserted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/892\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 36(5)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2)
- F44** S. 11B(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/892\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 36(6)** (with art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2)

11C References under section 11: further supplementary provisions

- (1) Section 117 of the Enterprise Act 2002 (false or misleading information) shall apply in relation to functions under this Act as it applies in relation to functions under Part 3 of that Act but as if, in subsections (1)(a) and (2),^[F45]—
- (a) the words “, OFCOM or the Secretary of State” were omitted, and
 - (b) for the words “their functions” there were substituted “ its functions ”.]
- (2) Section 125 of the Enterprise Act 2002 (offences by bodies corporate) shall apply for the purposes of this Act as it applies for the purposes of Part 3 of that Act.
- (3) For the purposes of section 12 below, a conclusion contained in a report of the ^[F46]CMA is to be disregarded if the conclusion is not that of at least two-thirds of the members of the group constituted ^[F47]by the chair of the CMA for the purpose of carrying out the functions of the CMA with respect to the reference].

Textual Amendments

- F37** Ss. 11A-11D inserted (20.6.2003) by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(3)**; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- F45** Words in s. 11C(1) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 6 para. 4(2)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F46** Word in s. 11C(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 6 para. 4(3)(a)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F47** Words in s. 11C(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 6 para. 4(3)(b)**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

11D Interim orders

- (1) Subsection (2) below applies where, in the circumstances specified in subsection (1) of section 12 below, the Secretary of State has under consideration the making of an order under subsection (5) of that section.
- (2) The Secretary of State may by order, for the purpose of preventing pre-emptive action—
- (a) prohibit or restrict the doing of things which the Secretary of State considers would constitute pre-emptive action;
 - (b) impose on any person concerned obligations as to the carrying on of any activities or the safeguarding of any assets;
 - (c) provide for the carrying on of any activities or the safeguarding of any assets either by the appointment of a person to conduct or supervise the conduct of any activities (on such terms and with such powers as may be specified or described in the order) or in any other manner;

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- (d) do anything which may be done by virtue of paragraph 19 of Schedule 8 to the Enterprise Act 2002 (information powers).
- (3) An order under this section shall come into force at such time as is determined by or under the order.
- (4) An order under this section shall, if it has not previously ceased to be in force, cease to be in force on the making of the order under section 12(5) below or (as the case may be) on the making of the decision not to make such an order.
- (5) The Secretary of State shall publish any decision made by him not to make an order under section 12(5) below in such manner as he considers most suitable for bringing it to the attention of persons who in his opinion would be affected by it or be likely to have an interest in it.
- (6) The Secretary of State shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, consider any representations received by him in relation to varying or revoking an order under this section.
- (7) The following provisions of Part 3 of the Enterprise Act 2002 shall apply in relation to orders under this section as they apply in relation to orders under paragraph 2 of Schedule 7 to that Act—
 - (a) section 86(2) and (3) (enforcement orders: general provisions);
 - (b) section 87 (delegated power of directions);^{F48} ...
 - (c) section 94(1) to (5), (8) and (9) (rights to enforce orders)^{F49}; and
 - (d) section 94A (interim orders: penalties).]
- (8) In this section “pre-emptive action” means action which might impede the making of an order under section 12(5) below.]

Textual Amendments

- F37** Ss. 11A-11D inserted (20.6.2003) by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(3)**; [S.I. 2003/1397](#), art. 2(1), **Sch.** (with art. 8)
- F48** Word in s. 11D(7)(b) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/892\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 37(a)** (with art. 3)
- F49** S. 11D(7)(d) and preceding word inserted (1.4.2014) by [The Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(Competition\) \(Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/892\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 37(b)** (with art. 3)

12 Orders following report under section 11.

- (1) This section applies where a report of the [^{F50}CMA] on a reference under section 11 above concludes that the person specified in the reference is pursuing a course of conduct which operates against the public interest.
- (2) If it appears to the Secretary of State that any other Minister has functions directly relating to the person specified in the reference or, in the case of a reference only concerning the activities of the person in a part of the United Kingdom, functions directly relating to the person in respect of his activities in that part, he shall send a copy of the report of the [^{F50}CMA] on the reference to that Minister; and in subsection (3) below “the relevant Minister” means—

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- (a) in a case where it appears to the Secretary of State that any Minister (including himself) has such functions, that Minister, and
- (b) in a case where it appears to the Secretary of State that no Minister has such functions, the Secretary of State.

(3) If—

- (a) the relevant Minister considers it appropriate for the purpose of remedying or preventing what he considers are the adverse effects of the course of conduct specified in the report of the [^{F50}CMA] as operating against the public interest, and
- (b) the person specified in the reference does not fall within paragraph (d) of section 11(3) above and is not a subsidiary of a body falling within that paragraph,

he may by order direct the person to prepare within such time, if any, as may be specified in the order a plan for remedying or preventing such of those effects as are so specified; but where there is more than one relevant Minister no such order shall be made except by all the relevant Ministers acting jointly and where none of the relevant Ministers is the Secretary of State no such order shall be made except after consultation with him.

- (4) It shall be the duty of a person to whom a direction is given under subsection (3) above to prepare such a plan as is mentioned in that subsection and to send a copy of that plan to the Minister or Ministers by whom the order containing the direction was made who shall lay it before Parliament; and, in a case where the plan involves the use by a body of its powers in relation to any subsidiary within the meaning of [^{F51}section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006], the plan shall specify the manner in which the body proposes using those powers.

- (5) Whether or not an order has been or may be made under subsection (3) above, the Secretary of State may, if he considers it appropriate for the purpose of remedying or preventing what he considers are the adverse effects of the course of conduct specified in the report of the [^{F52}CMA] as operating against the public interest, [^{F53}make an order under this subsection].

[^{F54}(5A) An order under subsection (5) above may contain anything permitted by Schedule 8 to the Enterprise Act 2002, except paragraphs 8, 13 and 14 of that Schedule.

(5B) An order under subsection (5) above shall come into force at such time as is determined by or under the order.]

[^{F55}(6) The following provisions of Part 3 of the Enterprise Act 2002 shall apply in relation to orders under subsection (5) above as they apply in relation to orders under paragraph 11 of Schedule 7 to that Act—

- (a) section 86(2) and (3) (enforcement orders: general provisions);
- (b) section 87 (delegated power of directions);
- (c) section 88 (contents of certain enforcement orders);
- (d) section 94(1) to (5), (8) and (9) (rights to enforce orders); and
- (e) Schedule 10 (procedural requirements for orders).

- (7) The Secretary of State shall publish any decision made by him to dispense with the requirements of Schedule 10 to the Enterprise Act 2002 as applied by subsection (6) above; and shall do so in such manner as he considers most suitable for bringing the

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decision to the attention of persons who in his opinion would be affected by it or be likely to have an interest in it.]

Textual Amendments

- F50** Words in s. 12(1)–(3) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 6 para. 5**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F51** Words in s. 12(4) substituted (1.10.2009) by The Companies Act 2006 (Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/1941), art. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 42(b)** (with art. 10)
- F52** Word in s. 12(5) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 6 para. 5**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F53** Words in s. 12(5) substituted (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), s. 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(4)(a)**; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- F54** S. 12(5A)(5B) inserted (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), s. 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(4)(b)**; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- F55** S. 12(6)(7) substituted for s. 12(6) (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), s. 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(4)(c)**; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C10** S. 12(5A) modified by 1988 c. 48, Sch 2A para. 17(2) (as substituted (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), s. 279, **Sch. 25 para. 18(5)(a)**; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch.)
- C11** S. 12(5A) modified by 1988 c. 48, s. 238(2) (as substituted (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), s. 279, **Sch. 25 para. 18(4)**; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8))
- C12** S. 12(5A) modified by Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (c. 48), ss. 144(2), 238(2), Sch 2A para. 17(2) (as substituted (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), s. 279, **Sch. 25 paras. 18(2)(4)(5)(a)**; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8))
- C13** S. 12(5) amended by Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (c. 48, SIF 67A), ss. 144(2), 238(2)

^{F56} 13 Investigations of prices directed by Secretary of State.

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Textual Amendments

- F56** S. 13 repealed (1.4.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 9, 279, **Sch. 26**; S.I. 2003/766, art. 2, Sch. (with art. 3) (as amended (20.7.2007) by S.I. 2007/1846, reg. 3(2), Sch.)

Patents and agricultural schemes

14 ^{F57}

Textual Amendments

- F57** S. 14 repealed by Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (c. 48, SIF 67A), s. 303(2), **Sch. 8**

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15 Agricultural schemes: special provisions.

- ^{F58}(1)
- (2) The Secretary of State shall not—
- ^{F59}(a)
- ^{F60}(b)
- (c) make or vary a reference under section 11 above,
in a case where the person to whom or to whose conduct or activities the investigation
or reference relates falls within section 11(3)(d) above unless he has first consulted
the relevant Minister.
- ^{F60}(3)
- ^{F60}(4)
- (5) In this section “the relevant Minister” means—
- (a) in the case of a board administering a scheme under the said Act of 1958, the
Minister who would have power to make an order under section 19 of that Act
in relation to that board or the board administering that scheme, and
- (b) in the case of a board administering a scheme under [^{F61}the said Act of
1964][^{F62}or the said Order of 1982], the Department of Agriculture for
Northern Ireland.

Textual Amendments

- F58** S. 15(1) repealed (29.12.2003) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 and Media Mergers \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/3180\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. para. 3(2)** (with art. 3)
- F59** S. 15(2)(a) and the word immediately following it repealed (3.1.1995) by [1994 c. 40](#), ss. 81, 82(2), **Sch. 17**
- F60** S. 15(2)(b)(3)(4) repealed (1.3.2000) by [1998 c. 41](#), ss. 74(1)(3), Sch. 12 para. 4(5), **Sch. 14 Pt. I** (with s. 73); [S.I. 2000/344](#), art. 2, **Sch.**
- F61** Words in s. 15(5)(b) repealed (*prosp.*) (but by S.R.s [1984 No. 422](#) and [1989 No. 47](#) the repeal came into operation in relation to the Pigs Marketing Board (Northern Ireland) on 31.12.1984 and in relation to the Milk Marketing Board for Northern Ireland on 1.4.1989 respectively) by [S.I. 1982/1080](#), (N.I. 12), art. 46(2), Sch. 9
- F62** “Words in s. 15(5)(b) inserted by [S.I. 1982/1080 \(N.I. 12\)](#), art. 46(1), **Sch. 8**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C14** The text of ss. 15(1), 22, 23, 27(4), 28, 30(1), 32(2), 33(4), Sch. 2 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

General provisions about references and investigations

16 General provisions as to reports.

- ^{F63}(1)
- (2) For the purposes of the law relating to defamation, absolute privilege shall attach to any report of the [^{F64}CMA]^{F65}... under this Act.

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Textual Amendments

- F63** S. 16(1) repealed (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), s. 279, Sch. 25 para. 10(5)(a), **Sch. 26**; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- F64** Word in s. 16(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 6 para. 6**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)
- F65** Words in s. 16(2) repealed (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), s. 279, Sch. 25 para. 10(5)(b), **Sch. 26**; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- F66** S. 16(3) repealed (1.3.2000) by 1998 c. 41, ss. 74(1)(3), Sch. 12 para. 4(6), **Sch. 14 Pt. I** (with s. 73); S.I. 2000/344, art. 2, **Sch.**

17 Laying before Parliament and publication of reports.

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) below, the Secretary of State shall lay a copy of any report made to him under section ^{F67}... , 11(10) ^{F68}... above before each House of Parliament and shall arrange for the report to be published in such manner as appears to him appropriate.
- (2) The Secretary of State shall not lay a copy of a report made to him under section ^{F69}... 11(10) above before either House of Parliament unless at least twenty-four hours before doing so he has transmitted to every person specified in the reference a copy of the report in the form in which it is laid (or by virtue of subsection (3) below is treated as being laid) before each House of Parliament.
- (3) If a report made to him under section ^{F67}... , 11(10) ^{F70}... above is presented by command of Her Majesty to either House of Parliament otherwise than at or during the time of a sitting of that House, the presentation of the report shall for the purposes of this section be treated as the laying of a copy of it before that House by the Secretary of State.
- (4) If it appears to the Secretary of State that the publication of any matter in a report made to him under section ^{F67}... , 11(10) ^{F70}... above would be [^{F71}inappropriate], he shall exclude that matter from the copies of the report as laid before Parliament and from the report as published under this section.
- [^{F72}(5) In deciding what is inappropriate for the purposes of subsection (4) the Secretary of State shall have regard to the considerations mentioned in section 244 of the Enterprise Act 2002.]
- (6) Any reference in [^{F73}section] 12 above to a report of the [^{F74}CMA] shall be construed as a reference to the report in the form in which copies of it are laid (or by virtue of subsection (3) of this section are treated as having been laid) before each House of Parliament under this section.

Textual Amendments

- F67** Words in s. 17(1)(3)-(5) repealed (1.3.2000) by 1998 c. 41, ss. 74(1)(3), Sch. 12 para. 4(7)(a), **Sch. 14 Pt. I** (with s. 73); S.I. 2000/344, art. 2, **Sch.**
- F68** Words in s. 17(1) repealed (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), s. 279, Sch. 25 para. 10(6)(a), **Sch. 26**; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)

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- F69

Words in s. 17(2) repealed (1.3.2000) by 1998 c. 41, ss. 74(1)(3), Sch. 12 para. 4(7)(b), **Sch. 14 Pt. I** (with s. 73); S.I. 2000/344, art. 2, **Sch.**
- F70

Words in s. 17(3)(4) repealed (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), s. 279, Sch. 25 para. 10(6) (a), **Sch. 26**; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- F71

Word in s. 17(4) substituted (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), s. 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(6)(b)**; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- F72

S. 17(5) substituted (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), s. 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(6)(c)**; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)
- F73

Words in s. 17(6) substituted (1.3.2000) by 1998 c. 41, ss. 74(1), **Sch. 12 para. 4(7)(c)** (with s. 73); S.I. 2000/344, art. 2, **Sch.**
- F74

Word in s. 17(6) substituted (1.4.2014) by Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (c. 24), s. 103(3), **Sch. 6 para. 7**; S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with Sch.)

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18 Information and advice about operation of Act.

Textual Amendments

F75

S. 18 repealed (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), s. 279, Sch. 25 para. 10(7), **Sch. 26**; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)

19 Restriction on disclosure of information.

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- (4)

For the purpose of enabling information obtained under certain enactments to be used for facilitating the performance of functions under this Act, the following amendments shall be made in provisions respecting disclosure of information, namely—

(a)

at the end of paragraph (aa) of the proviso to section 47(2) of the ^{M3}Agricultural Marketing Act 1958 there shall be added the words “or the Competition Act 1980” ;

[^{F77}(b)

at the end of paragraph (aaa) of section 23(2) of the ^{M4}Agricultural Marketing Act (Northern Ireland) Act 1964 there shall be added the words “or the Competition Act 1980” ;]

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(e)

at the end of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 41 of the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976 there shall be added the words “or the Competition Act 1980” ; and

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- F76** S. 19(1)-(3) repealed (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 247(f), 279, **Sch. 26**; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), **Sch.** (with art. 6)
- F77** S. 19(4)(b) repealed (*prosp.*) (but by S.R.s 1984 No. 422 and 1989 No. 47 the repeal came into operation in relation to the Pigs Marketing Board (Northern Ireland) on 31.12.1984 and in relation to the Milk Marketing Board for Northern Ireland on 1.4.1989 respectively) by S.I. 1982/1080 (N.I. 12), art. 46(2), **Sch. 9**
- F78** S. 19(4)(c)(d) repealed (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 247(f), 279, **Sch. 26**; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), **Sch.** (with art. 6)
- F79** S. 19(4)(f) repealed (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 247(f), 279, **Sch. 26**; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), **Sch.** (with art. 6)
- F80** S. 19(5)(6) repealed (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 247(f), 279, **Sch. 26**; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), **Sch.** (with art. 6)
- F81** S. 19(7) repealed (5.11.1993) by 1993 c. 50, s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. XIV** Gp. 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C15** S. 19 amended (E.W.S.) by Electricity Act 1989 (c. 29, SIF 44:1), **s. 43(3)**
S. 19 amended (E.W.) (1.12.1991) by Water Industry Act 1991 (c. 56, SIF 130), **ss. 31(4)(c)**, 35(4), 223(2) (with **ss. 82(3)**, 186(1), 222(1), **Sch.** 14 para. 6)
- C16** S. 19 modified (1.4.1992) by S.I. 1992/231, **art. 46(3)**; S.I. 1992/117, **art. 3(1)**
- C17** S. 19 amended (E.W.S.) (1.4.1994) by 1993 c. 43, **s. 67(3)(4)**; S.I. 1994/571, **art. 5**
S. 19 amended (N.I.) (10.6.1996) by S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2), **art. 23(3)** (with **Sch.** 7 paras. 2, 3(2)); S.R. 1996/216, **art. 2**
- C18** S. 19 restricted (31.10.2003) by Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003 (c. 20), **s. 115**; S.I. 2003/2681, art. 2(b)
- C19** S. 19(1) excluded by Broadcasting Act 1990 (c. 42, SIF 96), **s. 197(5)(c)**
- C20** The text of s. 19(4) is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and, except as specified, does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

Marginal Citations

- M3** 1958 c. 47.
M4 1964 c. 13 (N.I.)

Grants

20 Power to make grants to certain bodies.

If the Secretary of State is satisfied that—

- (a) the general advice of any body on matters of interest to users of goods and services would be useful to him in the formulation of policy concerning those matters and
 - (b) the body disseminates information of such interest,
- he may make a grant to the body on such terms as he thinks fit.

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Amendments of Fair Trading Act 1973

F8221 Monopoly references by Secretary of State alone.

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Textual Amendments

F82S. 21 repealed (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), s. 279, Sch. 25 para. 10(7), Sch. 26; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)

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Textual Amendments

F83S. 22 repealed (11.1.1999) by 1998 c. 41, s. 74(1)(3), Sch. 12 para. 4(11), Sch. 14 Pt. I (with s. 73); S.I. 1998/3166, art. 2, Sch.

23 Amendment of s.137(3) of Fair Trading Act 1973.

In section 137(3) of the Fair Trading Act 1973 (definition of “the supply of services”) there shall be inserted after paragraph (b) the following words:—

- “and
- (c) includes the making of arrangements for a person to put or keep on land a caravan (within the meaning of Part I of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960) other than arrangements by virtue of which the person may occupy the caravan as his only or main residence.”

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C21The text of ss. 15(1), 22, 23, 27(4), 28, 30(1), 32(2), 33(4), Sch. 2 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

F8424 Modification of provisions about performance of Commission’s functions.

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Textual Amendments

F84S. 24 repealed (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), s. 279, Sch. 25 para. 10(7), Sch. 26; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)

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Amendments of Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976

F85 **25** .
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Textual Amendments
F85 Ss. 25-30 repealed (1.3.2000) by 1998 c. 41, s. 74(1)(3), Sch. 12 para. 4(13), **Sch. 14 Pt. I** (with s. 73); S.I. 2000/344, art. 2, **Sch.**

F86 **26** .
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Textual Amendments
F86 Ss. 25-30 repealed (1.3.2000) by 1998 c. 41, s. 74(1)(3), Sch. 12 para. 4(13), **Sch. 14 Pt. I** (with s. 73); S.I. 2000/344, art. 2, **Sch.**

F87 **27**

Textual Amendments
F87 Ss. 25-30 repealed (1.3.2000) by 1998 c. 41, s. 74(1)(3), Sch. 12 para. 4(13), **Sch. 14 Pt. I** (with s. 73); S.I. 2000/344, art. 2, **Sch.**

F88 **28**

Textual Amendments
F88 Ss. 25-30 repealed (1.3.2000) by 1998 c. 41, s. 74(1)(3), Sch. 12 para. 4(13), **Sch. 14 Pt. I** (with s. 73); S.I. 2000/344, art. 2, **Sch.**

F89 **29**

Textual Amendments
F89 Ss. 25-30 repealed (1.3.2000) by 1998 c. 41, ss. 74(1)(3), Sch. 12 para. 4(13), **Sch. 14 Pt. I** (with s. 73); S.I. 2000/344, art. 2, **Sch.**

F90 **30**

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Textual Amendments

F90 Ss. 25-30 repealed (1.3.2000) by 1998 c. 41, s. 74(1)(3), Sch. 12 para. 4(13), **Sch. 14 Pt. I** (with s. 73); S.I. 2000/344, art. 2, **Sch.**

Supplementary

31 Orders and regulations.

- (1) Any power of the Secretary of State to make orders ^{F91}... under this Act shall be exercisable by statutory instrument.
- ^{F92}(2)
- (3) Any statutory instrument containing ^{F93}... an order under section ^{F94} . . . , 11(4) [^{F95}, 11D] or 12(3) or (5) above [^{F96}, or section 111(4) or (6) or 114(3)(b) or (4)(b) of the Enterprise Act 2002 as applied by section 11B(1)(c) or (f) above,] shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- ^{F97}(4)
- [^{F98}(5) Any power of the Secretary of State to make an order under this Act —
- (a) may be exercised so as to make different provision for different cases or different purposes; and
 - (b) includes power to make such incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitory, transitional or saving provision as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.]

Textual Amendments

F91 Words in s. 31(1) repealed (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), s. 279, Sch. 25 para. 10(8)(a), **Sch. 26**; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)

F92 S. 31(2) repealed (1.3.2000) by 1998 c. 41, s. 74(1)(3), Sch. 12 para. 4(14)(a), **Sch. 14 Pt. I** (with s. 73)

F93 Words in s. 31(3) repealed (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), s. 279, Sch. 25 para. 10(8)(b)(i), **Sch. 26**; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)

F94 Word in s. 31(3) repealed (1.3.2000) by 1998 c. 41, s. 74(1)(3), Sch. 12 para. 4(14)(b), **Sch. 14 Pt. I** (with s. 73)

F95 Word in s. 31(3) inserted (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), s. 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(8)(b)(ii)**; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)

F96 Words in s. 31(3) inserted (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), s. 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(8)(b)(iii)**; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)

F97 S. 31(4) repealed (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), s. 279, Sch. 25 para. 10(8)(c), **Sch. 26**; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)

F98 S. 31(5) inserted (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), s. 279, **Sch. 25 para. 10(8)(d)**; S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch. (with art. 8)

32 Financial provisions.

- (1) There shall be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament—

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- (a) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in consequence of the provisions of this Act; and
 - (b) any increase attributable to this Act in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under any other Act.
- (2) In section 135(2) of the ^{M5}Fair Trading Act 1973 (which provides for any expenses duly incurred by the Director or his staff in consequence of the provisions of that Act to be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament) for the words “of this Act” there shall be substituted the words “of this or any other Act”.

Marginal Citations

M5 1973 c. 41.

33 Short title, interpretation, repeals, commencement and extent.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Competition Act 1980.
- [^{F99}(2) Unless the context otherwise requires, in this Act “Minister” includes a government department and the following expressions shall have the same meanings as they have in Part 3 of the Enterprise Act 2002—
- “business”
 - [^{F100}“the CMA”]
 - “enactment”
 - “goods”
 - “services”
 - “supply (in relation to the supply of goods)”
 - “the supply of services”.]
- ^{F101}(3)
- ^{F101}(4)
- (5) This Act shall come into operation on such day as the Secretary of State may by order appoint, and different days may be so appointed for different provisions and for different purposes.
- (6) An order under this section appointing a day for the coming into operation of any provision of Schedule 2 to this Act may contain such savings with respect to the operation of that provision and such incidental and transitional provisions as appear to the Secretary of State to be appropriate.
- (7) Any reference in any provision of this Act to the appointed day shall be construed as a reference to the day appointed or, as the case may require, first appointed under this section for the coming into operation of that provision.
- (8) This Act extends to Northern Ireland.

Textual Amendments

F99 S. 33(2) substituted (20.6.2003) by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 279, [Sch. 25 para. 10\(9\)](#); [S.I. 2003/1397](#), [art. 2\(1\)](#), [Sch.](#) (with [art. 8](#))

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F100 Words in s. 33(2) substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), **Sch. 6 para. 8**; [S.I. 2014/416](#), art. 2(1)(d) (with [Sch.](#))

F101 S. 33(3)(4) repealed (1.3.2000) by [1998 c. 41](#), s. 74(1)(3), [Sch. 12 para. 4\(15\)\(b\)](#), **Sch. 14 Pt. I** (with s. 73); [S.I. 2000/344](#), art. 2, **Sch.**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C22 Power of appointment conferred by s. 33(5) fully exercised: [S.I. 1980/497](#), 1980/978

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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1. . . F102

Textual Amendments

F102 Sch. 1 repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1989 (c. 43), s. 1(1), Sch. 1 Pt. II Group 2

SCHEDULE 2 Section 33 (4).

ENACTMENTS REPEALED

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C23 The text of ss. 15(1), 22, 23, 27(4), 28, 30(1), 32(2), 33(4), Sch. 2 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

Chapter	Short Title	Extent of Repeal
1973 c. 9.	The Counter-Inflation Act 1973.	Parts I, II and V, so far as un-repealed.
1974 c. 24.	The Prices Act 1974.	In the Schedule, in paragraph 11, the words "or of the Price Commission".
1975 c. 24.	The House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975.	In Part II of Schedule 1, the words "The Price Commission".
1975 c. 25.	The Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975.	In Part II of Schedule 1, the words "The Price Commission".
1975 c. 57.	The Remuneration, Charges and Grants Act 1975.	In section 2, subsection (4), in subsection (5) paragraph (b) and the word "or" immediately preceding it. Section 3.
1977 c. 33.	The Price Commission Act 1977.	The whole Act, except sections 16 and 17.
1978 c. 54.	The Dividends Act 1978.	The whole Act.
1979 c. 1.	The Price Commission (Amendment) Act 1979.	The whole Act.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 11B(1A)(a) word omitted by virtue of S.I. 2019/93, Sch. 1 para. C1(2) (b) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 16](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- s. 11B(1A)(a) words substituted by S.I. 2019/93, Sch. 1 para. C1(2)(a) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 16](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- s. 19 words substituted by [2003 c. 20 Sch. 2 para. 19\(f\)](#)
- s. 20 repealed by [2002 c. 40 Sch. 26](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

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

- s. 11B(1A)(c) and word inserted by S.I. 2019/93, Sch. 1 para. C1(3) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 16](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)