



Finance Act 1973

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PART VI

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

55 Disclosure of information for statistical purposes

- (1) For the purpose of the compilation or maintenance by the Business Statistics Office of the Department of Trade and Industry of a central register of businesses, or for the purpose of any statistical survey conducted or to be conducted by that Office, the Commissioners or an authorised officer of the Commissioners may disclose to an authorised officer of that Office particulars of the following descriptions obtained or recorded by them in pursuance of Part I of the Finance Act 1972—
 - (a) numbers allocated by the Commissioners on the registration of persons under that Part and reference numbers for members of a group ;
 - (b) names, trading styles and addresses of persons so registered or of members of groups and status and trade classifications of businesses ; and
 - (c) actual or estimated value of supplies.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3) below, no information obtained by virtue of this section by an officer of the Business Statistics Office may be disclosed except to an officer of a Government department (including a Northern Ireland department) for the purpose for which the information was obtained, or for a like purpose.
- (3) Subsection (2) above does not prevent the disclosure—
 - (a) of any information in the form of a summary so framed as not to enable particulars to be identified as particulars relating to a particular person or to the business carried on by a particular person ; or
 - (b) with the consent of any person, of any information enabling particulars to be identified as particulars relating only to him or to a business carried on by him.
- (4) If any person who has obtained any information by virtue of this section discloses it in contravention of this section he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine

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not exceeding £400 or on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine or to both.

- (5) In this section expressions used in Part I of the Finance Act 1972 have the same meanings as in that Part and references to the Business Statistics Office of the Department of Trade and Industry include references to any Northern Ireland department carrying out similar functions.