



Consumer Credit Act 1974

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PART XII

SUPPLEMENTAL

174 Restrictions on disclosure of information

- (1) No information obtained under or by virtue of this Act about any individual shall be disclosed without his consent.
- (2) No information obtained under or by virtue of this Act about any business shall be disclosed except, so long as the business continues to be carried on, with the consent of the person for the time being carrying it on.
- (3) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply to any disclosure of information made—
 - (a) for the purpose of facilitating the performance of any functions, under this Act, the Trade Descriptions Act 1968 or Part II or III or section 125 (annual and other reports of Director) of the Fair Trading Act 1973, of the Secretary of State, any other Minister, any enforcement authority or any Northern Ireland department, or
 - (b) in connection with the investigation of any criminal offence or for the purposes of any criminal proceedings, or
 - (c) for the purposes of any civil proceedings brought under or by virtue of this Act or under Part III of the Fair Trading Act 1973.
- (4) Nothing in subsections (1) and (2) shall be construed—
 - (a) as limiting the particulars which may be entered in the register; or
 - (b) as applying to any information which has been made public as part of the register.
- (5) Any person who discloses information in contravention of this section commits an offence.