



Competition Act 1980

1980 CHAPTER 21

Supplementary

31 Orders and regulations

- (1) Any power of the Secretary of State to make orders or regulations under this Act shall be exercisable by statutory instrument.
- (2) An order under section 2(3) above shall be laid before Parliament and shall cease to have effect (but without prejudice to the making of a new statutory instrument) unless, within forty days of the making of the order, it is approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament; and in reckoning any period of forty days for the purposes of this subsection, no account shall be taken of any period during which Parliament is dissolved or prorogued or during which both Houses are adjourned for more than four days.
- (3) Any statutory instrument containing regulations under this Act or an order under section 10, 11(4) or 12(3) or (5) above shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (4) No order shall be made under section 24(1) above unless a draft of the order has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.

32 Financial provisions

- (1) There shall be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament—
 - (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)(c) of the 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 ".

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

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Competition Act 1980.
- (2) Except in so far as any provision of this Act otherwise provides, section 137 of the Fair Trading Act 1973 (general interpretation provisions) shall have effect in relation to sections 2 to 24 above as if those sections were contained in that Act; and for ease of reference the expressions which are used in those sections and have meanings assigned to them by the said section 137 are—
- " the Act of 1976 "
 - " agreement"
 - " business "
 - " the Commission "
 - " consumer "
 - " the Director "
 - " enactment"
 - " goods "
 - " group "
 - " group of inter-connected bodies corporate "
 - " inter-connected bodies corporate "
 - " Minister "
 - " monopoly situation "
 - " practice "
 - " price "
 - " services "
 - " supply "
 - " the supply of services ".
- (3) Section 43 of the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976 (interpretation and construction) shall have effect in relation to sections 25 to 30 above as if those sections were contained in that Act; and for ease of reference the expressions which are used in those sections and have meanings assigned to them by the said section 43 are—
- " agreement "
 - " the Court "
 - " the Director "
 - " goods "
 - " information provision "
 - " restriction "
 - " services supply association "
 - " supply ".
- (4) So much of the Counter-Inflation Act 1973 as remains in force immediately before the passing of this Act shall cease to have effect and, in consequence of that and of the preceding provisions of this Act, the enactments specified in Schedule 2 to this Act are hereby repealed to the extent specified in the third column of that Schedule.
- (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.