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Competition Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 41

PART I

COMPETITION

CHAPTER V

MISCELLANEOUS

Confidentiality and immunity from defamation

^{F1}55 **General restrictions on disclosure of information.**

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Textual Amendments

F1 S. 56 repealed (20.6.2003) by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), ss. 247(j), 279, [Sch. 26](#); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), [Sch.](#) (with art. 6)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 55 restricted (31.10.2003) by [Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003 \(c. 20\)](#), [s. 115](#); S.I. 2003/2681, art. 2(b)

^{F1}56 **Director and Secretary of State to have regard to certain matters in relation to the disclosure of information.**

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57 Defamation.

For the purposes of the law relating to defamation, absolute privilege attaches to any advice, guidance, notice or direction given, or decision made, by the [^{F2}CMA] in the exercise of any of [^{F3}its] functions under this Part.

Textual Amendments

- F2** Word in s. 57 substituted (1.4.2014) by [Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 103(3), [Sch. 5 para. 34](#) (with s. 28); S.I. 2014/416, art. 2(1)(d) (with [Sch.](#))
- F3** Words in s. 57 substituted (1.4.2003) by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 279, [Sch. 25 para. 38\(42\)](#); 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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