



Enterprise Act 2002 (repealed)

2002 CHAPTER 40

PART 3

MERGERS

CHAPTER 1

DUTY TO MAKE REFERENCES

Duty to make references: completed mergers

24 Time-limits and prior notice

- (1) For the purposes of section 23 two or more enterprises have ceased to be distinct enterprises at a time or in circumstances falling within this section if—
 - (a) the two or more enterprises ceased to be distinct enterprises before the day on which the reference relating to them is to be made and did so not more than four months before that day; or
 - (b) notice of material facts about the arrangements or transactions under or in consequence of which the enterprises have ceased to be distinct enterprises has not been given in accordance with subsection (2).
- (2) Notice of material facts is given in accordance with this subsection if—
 - (a) it is given to the OFT prior to the entering into of the arrangements or transactions concerned or the facts are made public prior to the entering into of those arrangements or transactions; or
 - (b) it is given to the OFT, or the facts are made public, more than four months before the day on which the reference is to be made.
- (3) In this section—

“made public” means so publicised as to be generally known or readily ascertainable; and

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“notice” includes notice which is not in writing.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 23-32 applied (with modifications) (20.6.2003) by [The Enterprise Act 2002 \(Protection of Legitimate Interests\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1592\)](#), [art. 2](#), Sch. 1

Textual Amendments applied to the whole legislation

- F1** Act: for the words "solicitor of the Supreme Court of Northern Ireland" wherever they occur there is substituted (prosp.) the words "solicitor of the Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland" by virtue of [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 59, 148(1), [Sch. 11 para. 5](#) [Editorial Note: this amendment will be carried through into the text of the Act at the same time as any other effects on the Act for the year in which the relevant commencement order (or first such order) is made]

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