



Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024

2024 CHAPTER 13

PART 2

COMPETITION

CHAPTER 1

ANTI-TRUST

The Chapter 1 and 2 prohibitions

119 Removal of requirement for agreements etc to be implemented in the UK

(1) In Chapter 1 of Part 1 of CA 1998 (agreements), section 2 (agreements etc preventing, restricting or distorting competition) is amended as follows.

(2) For subsection (1) substitute—

“(1) Subject to section 3, agreements between undertakings, decisions by associations of undertakings or concerted practices which have as their object or effect the prevention, restriction or distortion of competition within the United Kingdom and which—

(a) in the case of agreements, decisions or practices implemented, or intended to be implemented in the United Kingdom, may affect trade in the United Kingdom, or

(b) in any other case, are likely to have an immediate, substantial and foreseeable effect on trade within the United Kingdom,

are prohibited unless they are exempt in accordance with the provisions of this Part.”

- (3) Omit subsection (3).
- (4) The amendments made by this section do not have effect in relation to agreements between undertakings (within the meaning of CA 1998) made before the coming into force of [this section](#).
- (5) Subsection (5) of section 2 of CA 1998 applies for the purposes of [subsection \(4\)](#) as it applies for the purposes of Part 1 of that Act.

120 Repeal of exclusions relating to the European Coal and Steel Community

- (1) Part 1 of CA 1998 (competition) is amended as follows.
- (2) In Schedule 3 (planning obligations and general exclusions) omit paragraph 8 (coal and steel).
- (3) In section 3 (Chapter 1: excluded agreements), in subsection (3)(b)(ii) omit “, 2, 8”.
- (4) In section 19 (Chapter 2: excluded cases) omit subsection (3).