



Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024

2024 CHAPTER 13

PART 2

COMPETITION

CHAPTER 3

MARKETS

PROSPECTIVE

135 Power to make a reference after previously deciding not to do so

- (1) Section 131B of EA 2002 (market studies and the making of decisions to refer: time limits) is amended as follows.
- (2) In the heading, after “time-limits” insert “etc”.
- (3) In subsection (7), for “This section is” substitute “Subsections (4) to (6) are”.
- (4) After subsection (7) insert—
 - “(8) Where the CMA—
 - (a) has published a market study notice, and
 - (b) has decided not to make a reference under section 131 in relation to the matter specified in the notice,the CMA may subsequently make a reference under section 131 in relation to the matter (without first publishing a market study notice in relation to the matter) only where [subsection \(9\)](#) applies.
- (9) This subsection applies where—

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Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024, Section 135. (See end of Document for details)

- (a) the reference under section 131 is made two years or more after the publication of the market study report in relation to the market study notice, or
- (b) there has been a material change in circumstances since the preparation of the report.”

Commencement Information

II S. 135 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 339\(1\)](#)

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