



# Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024

## 2024 CHAPTER 13

### PART 2

#### COMPETITION

### CHAPTER 5

#### MISCELLANEOUS

PROSPECTIVE

#### 146 Meaning of “working day” in Parts 3 and 4 of EA 2002

- (1) Part 3 of EA 2002 (mergers) is amended as follows.
- (2) In Chapter 1 (duty to make references)—
  - (a) in section 25 (extension of time limits)—
    - (i) in subsection (1), after “20” insert “working”;
    - (ii) in subsection (5), in paragraph (b), after “10” insert “working”;
  - (b) omit section 32 (supplementary provision for the purposes of section 25);
  - (c) in section 34ZA(3) (time limits for decisions about references) omit the definition of “working day”;
  - (d) in section 34ZB (extension of time limits) omit subsection (9);
  - (e) in section 34ZC (sections 34ZA and 34ZB: supplementary) omit subsection (9).
- (3) In Chapter 2 (public interest cases)—
  - (a) in section 54 (decision of Secretary of State in public interest cases)—
    - (i) in subsection (5), after “30” insert “working”;

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- (ii) omit subsection (8);
  - (b) in section 56 (competition cases where intervention on public interest grounds ceases)—
    - (i) in subsection (4), in paragraph (b), after “20” insert “working”;
    - (ii) omit subsection (5).
  - (4) In Chapter 4 (enforcement), in section 73A (time limits for consideration of undertakings) omit subsection (12).
  - (5) In Chapter 5 (supplementary)—
    - (a) in section 129(1) (other interpretative provisions), at the appropriate place insert—
      - ““working day” means any day other than—
      - (a) a Saturday or Sunday, or
      - (b) a day that is a bank holiday in any part of the United Kingdom under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971.”;
    - (b) in section 130 (index of defined expressions), at the appropriate place insert—
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| “Working day | Section 129(1)”. |
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- (6) In Part 4 of EA 2002 (market studies and market investigations), in section 151 (public interest intervention cases: interaction with general procedure)—
    - (a) in subsection (3), after “20” insert “working”;
    - (b) in subsection (5), after “20” insert “working”;
    - (c) omit subsection (6);
    - (d) at the end insert—
      - “(7) In this section, “working day” means any day other than—
      - (a) a Saturday or Sunday, or
      - (b) a day that is a bank holiday in any part of the United Kingdom under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971.”
  - (7) In regulation 2(1) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (Merger Prenotification) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/1369), for the definition of “working day” substitute—
    - ““working day” means any day other than—
    - (a) a Saturday or Sunday, or
    - (b) a day that is a bank holiday in any part of the United Kingdom under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971.”

#### Commencement Information

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