



Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024

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PART 3

ENFORCEMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION LAW

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CONSUMER PROTECTION ORDERS AND UNDERTAKINGS

Online interface orders and interim online interface orders

PROSPECTIVE

161 Online interface orders

- (1) The court may make an online interface order on an application under [section 160](#) if the court finds that—
 - (a) a person has engaged, is engaging or is likely to engage in a commercial practice that constitutes a relevant infringement,
 - (b) there are no other available means under this Chapter of bringing about the cessation or prohibition of the infringement which, by themselves, would be wholly effective, and
 - (c) it is necessary to make the order to avoid the risk of serious harm to the collective interests of consumers.
- (2) An online interface order is an order that directs the person against whom it is made to do, or to co-operate with another person so that person can do, one or more of the following—
 - (a) remove content from, or modify content on, an online interface;

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- (b) disable or restrict access to an online interface;
 - (c) display a warning to consumers accessing an online interface;
 - (d) delete a fully qualified domain name and take any steps necessary to facilitate the registration of that domain name by the public designated enforcer that applied for the order.
- (3) Where an online interface order is made, the public designated enforcer that applied for the order may publish—
- (a) the order, and
 - (b) where known, the identity of the person who has engaged, is engaging or is likely to engage in a commercial practice which constitutes the relevant infringement.
- (4) Publication under [subsection \(3\)](#) is to be made in such form and manner as the enforcer considers appropriate for the purpose of eliminating any continuing effects of the relevant infringement.
- (5) In [subsection \(2\)](#) “online interface” means any software, including a website, part of a website, an application or other digital content which—
- (a) is operated by a person (“P”) acting for purposes relating to P’s business or by a person acting in the name of, or on behalf of, P, and
 - (b) is operated for or in connection with the purposes of giving access to, or promoting, goods, services or digital content that P or another person supplies.

Commencement Information

- II** S. 161 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 339\(1\)](#)

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