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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**RESTRICTIVE TRADE PRACTICES**

**The Restrictive Practices Court Rules 1976**

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**THE RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES COURT RULES 1976**

*Introductory*

1. These Rules may be cited as the Restrictive Practices Court...
2. (1) The Interpretation Act 1889 shall apply to the interpretation...

*Institution of proceedings*

3. (1) Subject to paragraph (7), proceedings under the Act shall...
4. (1) Where the Director intends to apply for an order...

*Representative respondents*

5. (1) Where, in the case of proceedings to which rule...
6. (1) Any person or association who objects to being made...

*Entry of appearance*

7. Every respondent who wishes to be heard in the proceedings...

*Alteration of scope of proceedings, parties and venue*

8. Where a notice of reference applies to a number of...
9. Without prejudice to the operation of rule 6, the Director,...
10. The Director, any respondent, and any person or association represented...

*Statement of case, answer, reply, etc*

11. (1) Every respondent who has entered an appearance shall, within...
12. (1) Where a statement of case is delivered, the Director...
13. In proceedings in England and Wales or in Northern Ireland...
14. (1) Every allegation of fact in a statement of case...

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15. If a respondent fails to deliver a statement of his...
16. In proceedings in England and Wales or in Northern Ireland,...
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18. In proceedings in England and Wales or in Northern Ireland,...
19. In proceedings in Scotland— (a) the Director shall, within seven...

*Joinder of parties and consolidation*

20. (1) The Director, and any respondent who has entered an...
21. (1) The Director, and any respondent who has entered an...

*Application for directions*

22. As soon as practicable after every respondent to whom the...
23. (1) Not less than 21 days before the application for...
24. Any application subsequent to the application for directions and before...

*Notice to produce documents and to admit documents and facts*

25. Any party may give to any opposite party notice to...
26. Any party may, not less than 21 days before the...
27. Any party may, not less than 21 days before the...

*Discovery of documents and interrogatories*

28. (1) In proceedings in England and Wales or in Northern...
29. If it appears to the Court on the application of...
30. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), in proceedings in England and...
31. An application may be made by the Director under rules...

*Interlocutory applications*

32. (1) Except where these Rules otherwise provide or the Court...

*Application for interim order*

33. (1) At any time after the issue of a notice...

*Evidence*

34. Subject to these Rules, and to any enactment relating to...
35. The Court may, on the hearing or adjourned hearing of...
36. Without prejudice to rule 35, the Court may order that...
37. Where it appears to the Court, on the hearing or...
38. Any order under rules 35 to 37 made before the...
39. The Court may, on the application of any party, make...
40. Where a witness is required to attend before the Court...

*Final hearing*

41. Subject to the provisions of section 7(1) of the Restrictive...
42. The final hearing shall take place in public: Provided that...

*Summary determination of issues and preliminary points of law*

43. (1) In the Director's application for directions and in any...
44. The Director, and any respondent who has entered an appearance,...

*Procedure on summary application for final order*

- 45. If at any time before the final hearing every respondent...
- 46. Where no appearance has been entered or where, after entry...
- 47. Not later than 21 days before an application under rule...
- 48. Every respondent shall be entitled to be heard on the...

*Applications under section 4 of the Act*

- 49. (1) An application for leave to apply under section 4...
- 50. If leave is granted under rule 49, the Court shall...

*Applications to discharge orders made by other courts or for declarations under section 40 of the Act*

- 51. Any person who wishes to apply to the Court for...
- 52. (1) Any person who wishes to apply to the Court...
- 53. (1) A notice of application under rule 51 or 52...

*Applications under section 26 or 35 of the Act*

- 54. (1) An application to the Court under section 26 or...
- 55. (1) Where an application under section 26 of the Act...
- 56. (1) Any respondent who wishes to oppose an application made...

*Applications under section 37 of the Act*

- 57. (1) An application by the Director to the Court under...

*Costs*

- 58. (1) Where it appears to the Court that any party...

*Drawing up and enforcement of orders*

- 59. The proper officer of the Court shall deliver or send...
- 60. Any clerical mistake in any declaration or order of the...
- 61. Every order of the Court may be enforced in the...
- 62. (1) The judgment of the Court shall, in so far...

*Service of documents*

- 63. (1) Every notice or other document required by these Rules...
- 64. The Court may on the application of the Director, which...
- 65. The Court may on the application of any party, which...

*Miscellaneous*

- 66. The time prescribed by these Rules or by order of...
- 67. Unless the Court otherwise directs, the months of August and...
- 68. The central office of the Court shall be open at...
- 69. Where the last day for the doing of any act...
- 70. Failure to comply with any requirement of these Rules shall...

*Revocation of Rules*

- 71. The Restrictive Practices Court Rules 1957, the Restrictive Practices Court...

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