
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 2199

**The EC Competition Law (Articles 88
and 89) Enforcement Regulations 1996**

Laying aside of references

17.—(1) If, at any time during an investigation by the MMC on a reference under these Regulations, it appears to the Secretary of State that the United Kingdom is not under a duty under Article 88 to rule on the agreement or practice which is the subject of the reference, the Secretary of State may direct the MMC to lay the reference aside.

(2) The MMC shall comply with any direction under paragraph (1) but shall furnish to the Secretary of State such information as he may require as to the results until then of their investigations.