
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 345

DEREGULATION

**The Deregulation (Fair Trading Act 1973) (Amendment)
(Merger Reference Time Limits) Order 1996**

Made - - - - - *19th February 1996*

Coming into force - - - - - *19th March 1996*

Whereas:

- (a) the Secretary of State is of the opinion that certain provisions of the Fair Trading Act 1973⁽¹⁾ impose burdens affecting persons in the carrying on of a trade, business, profession or otherwise and that by amending or repealing the provisions concerned it is possible to remove or reduce the burdens without removing any necessary protection;
- (b) he has consulted such organisations as appear to him to be representative of interests substantially affected by his proposals and such other persons as he considers appropriate;
- (c) it appears to the Secretary of State that it is appropriate, following that consultation, to proceed with the making of this Order;
- (d) a document setting out the Secretary of State's proposals has been laid before Parliament in accordance with section 3 of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994⁽²⁾ and the period for Parliamentary consideration under section 4 of that Act has expired;
- (e) the Secretary of State has had regard to the representations made during that period;
- (f) a draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament with a statement giving details of such representations and the changes (if any) to the Secretary of State's proposals in the light of those representations; and
- (g) a draft of this Order has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 1 of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994, hereby makes the following Order:

(1) 1973 c. 41.
(2) 1994 c. 40.