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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2000 No. 124**

**The Health Service Medicines (Price  
Control Appeals) Regulations 2000**

PART VI

THE HEARING

**Pre-hearing review**

**25.**—(1) Where the tribunal has received the notice of appeal, the additional material and the reply, the chairman must without delay decide whether it is appropriate to conduct a pre-hearing review with a view to—

- (a) identifying the issues which are likely to be material to the tribunal's decision,
- (b) expediting the proceedings at the hearing, and
- (c) assisting his management of the appeal.

(2) The chairman may, if he is satisfied that to do so will produce a substantial saving in the cost of the appeal, determine at the pre-hearing review any question of law arising in relation to the appeal which he is satisfied will significantly affect its outcome.

(3) The tribunal must as soon as practicable send to each of the parties a copy of any determination made under paragraph (2).

(4) A determination under paragraph (2) may be varied or reversed by the tribunal at the hearing of the appeal, but otherwise it shall have effect throughout the hearing.