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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Alternative Dispute Resolution for Consumer Disputes  
(Competent Authorities and Information) Regulations 2015

PART 2

Competent Authorities and ADR Entities

**Functions and designation of competent authorities**

- 8.**—(1) A competent authority must perform the functions set out in this Part.
- (2) Each body specified in the first column of Part 1 of Schedule 1 is—
- (a) a competent authority for the purposes of these Regulations, and
  - (b) the relevant competent authority in relation to alternative dispute resolution services offered by the body specified alongside it in the second column of Part 1 of Schedule 1.
- (3) Subject to paragraph (2), each body specified in Part 2 of Schedule 1 is—
- (a) a competent authority for the purposes of these Regulations in relation to the area for which it has regulatory responsibility or any area for which it has oversight under any enactment, and
  - (b) the relevant competent authority in relation to an ADR entity or ADR applicant which offers alternative dispute resolution services in that area.
- (4) The Secretary of State is the relevant competent authority in relation to—
- (a) alternative dispute resolution services offered by the Pensions Ombudsman, and
  - (b) an ADR entity or ADR applicant which offers alternative dispute resolution services in an area other than one referred to in paragraph (3).