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PART 4

Adjustment of discount or supply quantity in certain cases

CHAPTER 3

Abuse of scheme

Application of this Chapter and declaration of abusive arrangement

57.—(1) This Chapter applies in respect of a supply contract if either or both of the customer or the supplier is party to an arrangement the purpose or main purpose of which is to achieve an increase in the benefit of the scheme (an "abusive arrangement").

(2) Where this Chapter applies in relation to a supply contract, each contract party which is party to the abusive arrangement must send to the other contract party a declaration to that effect.

(3) The declaration must be sent as soon as practicable and in any event within the period of 21 days beginning with—

- (a) the date on which the abusive arrangement is made, or
- (b) if the abusive arrangement was made before the scheme introduction date, the scheme introduction date.