

(c) whether any action or omission on the part of that person or those persons in respect of either of the matters specified in paragraph 3 operates, or may be expected to operate, against the public interest.

3. The matters specified for the purposes of paragraph 2(c) are:-

(a) steps taken, by recommending or suggesting prices to be charged by dealers, or otherwise, to influence the prices at which dealers resell hi-fi systems; and

(b) withholding supplies of hi-fi systems from dealers.

4. In this reference:-

"hi-fi system" means a system (whether or not it includes a radio receiver):-

(a) which is designed, when connected to an electricity supply but without otherwise being linked to apparatus not forming part of the system, to reproduce sounds recorded on both:-

(i) compact or vinyl discs or both; and

(ii) digital or analogue tapes or both; and

(b) which is intended primarily for the use of consumers within the meaning of section 137 of the Act,

but does not include a system:-

(A) which is designed to reproduce recorded visual images; or

(B) which is designed to be carried about easily while being used; or

(C) which is designed for use in a motor vehicle;

"system" means a machine or a group of machines sold as a single package;

"dealer" has the same meaning as in section 24(1) of the Resale Prices Act 1976 ("the 1976 Act"); and

for the purposes of this reference, a person shall be treated as withholding supplies if he would be so treated under section 12(1) of the 1976 Act.

5. The Commission shall report on this reference within the period ending on 30th April 1996.

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(a) by virtue of which provisions of sections 6 to 8 of the Act that monopoly situation is to be taken to exist;

(b) in favour of what person or persons that monopoly situation exists; and

(c) whether any action or omission on the part of that person or those persons in respect of either of the matters specified in paragraph 3 operates, or may be expected to operate, against the public interest.

3. The matters specified for the purposes of paragraph 2(c) are:-

(a) steps taken, by recommending or suggesting prices to be charged by dealers, or otherwise, to influence the prices at which dealers resell dishwashers; and

(b) withholding supplies of dishwashers from dealers.

4. In this reference:-

"dishwasher" means a machine which is:-

(a) designed to wash cutlery, crockery, cooking equipment and similar items; and

(b) intended primarily for the use of consumers within the meaning of section 137 of the Act,

but does not include a machine designed to be connected to a gas supply;

"dealer" has the same meaning as in section 24(1) of the Resale Prices Act 1976 ("the 1976 Act"); and

for the purposes of this reference, a person shall be treated as withholding supplies if he would be so treated under section 12(1) of the 1976 Act.

5. The Commission shall report on this reference within the period ending on 30th April 1996.

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Director General of Fair Trading
(15)

27th April 1995

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FAIR TRADING ACT 1973

Reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission

DISHWASHERS

1. THE Director General of Fair Trading, in exercise of his powers under sections 10(3) and (7), 47(1), 49(2) and 50(1) of the Fair Trading Act 1973 ("the Act"), hereby refers to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission ("the Commission") the supply in the United Kingdom otherwise than by retail sale or hire of dishwashers.

2. The Commission shall investigate and report on the questions whether a monopoly situation exists in relation to such supply and, if so:-

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TUMBLE DRIERS

1. THE Director General of Fair Trading, in exercise of his powers under sections 10(3) and (7), 47(1), 49(2) and 50(1) of the Fair Trading Act 1973 ("the Act"), hereby refers to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission ("the Commission") the supply in the United Kingdom otherwise than by retail sale or hire of tumble-driers.

2. The Commission shall investigate and report on the questions whether a monopoly situation exists in relation to such supply and, if so:-

(a) by virtue of which provisions of sections 6 to 8 of the Act that monopoly situation is to be taken to exist;

(b) in favour of what person or persons that monopoly situation exists; and

(c) whether any action or omission on the part of that person or those persons in respect of either of the matters specified in paragraph 3 operates, or may be expected to operate, against the public interest.