

SCHEDULE 1

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS OF OFT AND COMPETITION COMMISSION TO CMA AND AMENDMENTS CONSEQUENTIAL ON PARTS 3 AND 4 OF THE ACT

PART 3

Amendments to other enactments

Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996

218.—(1) Article 15B (references under Article 15: powers of investigation)(1) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (1), after “paragraphs” insert “(1A),”.

(3) After paragraph (1), insert—

“(1A) Section 109 shall, in its application by virtue of paragraph (1), have effect as if—

(a) for subsection (A1), there were substituted—

“(A1) For the purposes of this section, a permitted purpose is assisting the CMA in carrying out any functions exercisable by it in connection with a reference under Article 15 of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996.”, and

(b) subsection (8A) were omitted.”

(4) In paragraph (2)—

(a) at the end of sub-paragraph (a), omit “and”,

(b) after that sub-paragraph, insert—

“(aa) after subsection (3), there were inserted—

“(3A) No penalty shall be imposed by virtue of subsection (1) or (3) if more than 4 weeks have passed since the publication of the report of the CMA on the reference concerned; but this subsection shall not apply in relation to any variation or substitution of the penalty which is permitted by virtue of this Part.”; and”.

(5) For paragraph (3) substitute—

“(3) Section 111(5)(b) shall, in its application by virtue of paragraph (1), have effect as if for sub-paragraph (ii) there were substituted—

“(ii) if earlier, the day on which the report of the CMA on the reference concerned is made or, if no such report is made within the period permitted for that purpose, the latest day on which the report may be made within the permitted period.”.”

(1) Inserted by Schedule 25 to the Enterprise Act 2002.