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LEGAL AID

Proceedings under the Fair Trading Act 1973

REGULATIONS, DATED 12TH DECEMBER 1973, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 14 OF THE LEGAL AID AND ADVICE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1965.

The Ministry of Home Affairs, on behalf of the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14 of, and Schedule 3 to the Legal Aid and Advice Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Legal Aid (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973 and shall come into operation on 1st February 1974.

Amendment of Principal Regulations

2. After Regulation 21A of the Legal Aid (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965(b) there shall be inserted the following Regulation:—

"The Restrictive Practices Court

21B.—(1) In this Regulation the expression "the Restrictive Practices Court" means the Restrictive Practices Court established by section 2 of the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1956(c) and the expression "the proper officer of the court" has the same meaning as in the Restrictive Practices Court Rules 1957(d).

(2) Except in so far as otherwise provided by this Regulation, these Regulations shall apply to applications for legal aid for proceedings in the Restrictive Practices Court under Part III of the Fair Trading Act 1973(e) and for any proceedings in that court in consequence of an order made or undertaking given to the court under that Part of that Act, and to the conduct of all such proceedings for which a certificate is granted, in like manner as they apply to applications for legal aid for, and the conduct of, proceedings in any court.

(3) Where any power to do any act or exercise any jurisdiction or discretion is conferred by these Regulations on a court it shall, in relation to proceedings in the Restrictive Practices Court, be exercised by that court and may, unless it is exercisable only during the hearing of the proceedings by a judge or by the court, be exercisable by the proper officer of the court.

(a) 1965. c. 8 (N.I.).
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965, No. 217 as amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 201.
(c) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 68.
(d) S.I. 1957, No. 603 (Part II, p. 1955).
(e) 1973. c. 41.