

Competition Commission

Sources of Investigations

Type of inquiry	Enactment	Referring organisation
Completed merger	Enterprise Act 2002 s22	Office of Fair Trading
Anticipated merger	Enterprise Act 2002 s33	Office of Fair Trading
Article 21(4) - protection of legitimate interests	Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003	Secretary of State
Merger raising public interest issues, including some newspaper and other media mergers	Enterprise Act 2002 s45	Secretary of State
Merger raising special public interest issues	Enterprise Act 2002 s62	Secretary of State
Market	Enterprise Act 2002 s131, 132	Office of Fair Trading, sectoral regulators with concurrent powers (the Office of Communications (Ofcom), the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (GEMA), the Director General of Water Services, the Northern Ireland Authority for Energy Regulation (NIAER), the Office of Rail Regulation and the Civil Aviation Authority) or Minister
Water merger	Water Industry Act 1991 s32	The Office of Fair Trading
Water and sewerage, determination under conditions of appointment	Water Industry Act 1991 s12	Director General of Water Services
Water and sewerage appointment modification	Water Industry Act 1991 s14	Director General of Water Services
Water supply licence modification	Water Industry Act 1991 s17K	Director General of Water Services
Airport price regulation (quinquennial reviews)	Airports Act 1986 s43 or Airports (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 art 34	Civil Aviation Authority
Gas licence modification	Gas Act 1986 s24, or Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 art 15	GEMA, NIAER
Gas non-licensable activities	Gas Act 1986 s41E	GEMA
Electricity licence modification	Electricity Act 1989 s12, or Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 art 15	GEMA, NIAER
Electricity non-licensable activities	Electricity Act 1989 s56C	GEMA
Railways licence modification	Railways Act 1993, s13	Office of Rail Regulation
Railways access charges	Railways Act 1993 Schedule 4A	Office of Rail Regulation
National Air Traffic System	Transport Act 2000 s12	Civil Aviation Authority
Price control telecommunications references	Communications Act 2003 s 193	Competition Appeal Tribunal
Postal services licence modification	Postal Services Act 2000 s15	Postal Services Commission
Regulatory provisions or practices	Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 s162 or s306	Office of Fair Trading
Public bodies - efficiency and costs	Competition Act 1980 s11	Secretary of State
Scottish water price control and licence modification references	The Water Services etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2005	Water Industry Commission for Scotland

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