

OFT Annual Report and Accounts 2013 to 2014

Annexe C

Competition enforcement, 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014

Table C.1: Competition enforcement statistics, 1 April 2010 – 31 March 2014

	2010-11 (for comparison)	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Formal investigations launched under Competition Act 1998 or Enterprise Act 2002 where we had reasonable grounds to suspect an infringement or offence had occurred	10	6	11*	2
Investigations continued where the formal investigation was launched prior to the start of the financial year	11	25	16	19*
Charges brought under Enterprise Act 2002	0	0	0	1
Convictions under Enterprise Act 2002	0	0	0	**
Formal decisions	1	3	7	6
-Infringement decision				4
-Commitments				1
-No grounds for action				1
Early resolution in advance of formal decision	1	0	4	1

* Includes 2 investigations that are not in the public domain

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Table C.2: Investigations completed, 1 April 2013 – 31 March 2014

Case title (where public)	Date case opened	Date case closed	Length of case in months	Summary of outcome
Investigation into anti-competitive arrangements relating to leisure goods	07/12	05/13	10	Administrative priority closure
Investigation into the supply of certain business continuity services	31/01/13	01/08/13	6	Administrative priority closure
Prohibitions on online sales and online price advertising of Roma mobility scooters	04/12	05/08/13	16	Infringement decision
Investigation into alleged abuse in dominance by bunker fuel firm	26/04/10	31/10/13	42	No grounds for action decision
Investigation into suspected anti-competitive arrangements by Amazon relating to online retail	10/12	11/13	13	Case closed on administrative priority grounds after Amazon ended its pricing parity policy
Access control and alarm systems - collusive tendering in relation to the supply and installation	04/11	06/12/13	25	Infringement decision
Hotel Online Bookings investigation	10/09/10	31/01/14	41	Decision to accept commitments
Investigation into the supply of healthcare products	03/13	20/03/14	12	Infringement decision

Prohibition on online price advertising below RRP for Pride mobility scooters	04/12	27/03/14	23	Infringement decision
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Table C.3: Investigations which were ongoing as at 31 March 2014 and which are in the public domain

Case title (where public)	Date opened	Procedural milestones passed as at 31 March 2013
Mastercard/Visa	05/04	N/A
Sports bras RPM investigation	04/12	Issued Statement of Objections in September 2013
Commercial electronic platform services case	06/11	Notice of intention to accept commitments March 2014
Pharmaceutical sector	08/11	Issued Statement of Objections in April 2013
Investigation into the distribution of road fuels in parts of Scotland	01/13	Notice of intention to accept commitments March 2014
Investigation into the supply of pharmaceutical products	05/13	
Investigation into property sales and lettings and their advertising	12/13	
Investigation into the supply of products to the construction industry (EA02)	03/13	On-site inspections undertaken.
Investigation into the supply of galvanised steel tanks for water storage (EA02)	*	Hearing at Southwark Crown Court on 4 February 2014
Investigation into the supply of galvanised steel tanks for water storage (CA98)	*	Case opened

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Table C4: Inspection and information gathering under competition law, 1 April 2010 – 31 March 2014

	2010-11 (for comparison)	2011-12	2012-13	2013- 14
On-site inspections undertaken	11	2	14	10
Separate cases in relation to which on-site inspections were carried out	4	1	4	4
Notices issued under section 193 of the EA02 requiring production of specific documents and/or the provision of specified information	31	12	80	143
Notices issued under section 26 of the CA98 requiring the production of specified documents and information	13	10	49	97

Table C.5: Leniency applications, 1 April 2010 – 31 March 2014

	2010-11 (for comparison)	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Applications for leniency received	21	11	14	23
Separate cases in respect of which applications for leniency were received	20	11	13	22