

APPENDIX 1

(Referred to in paragraph (i) of the Introduction)

The Reference made by the Board of Trade

The Monopolies and Restrictive Practices Acts 1948 and 1953
as amended by the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1956

Reference to the Monopolies Commission

Electrical Wiring Harnesses for Motor Vehicles

Whereas it appears to the Board of Trade that it is or may be the fact that conditions to which the Monopolies and Restrictive Practices (Inquiry and Control) Act 1948 (hereinafter called 'the Act of 1948') as amended by the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1956, applies prevail as respects the supply of electrical wiring harnesses for motor vehicles :

1. Now, therefore, the Board of Trade in pursuance of section 2(1) of the Act of 1948, as so amended, hereby refer to the Monopolies Commission the matter of such supply.

2. The Commission shall as respects such supply investigate and report on whether conditions to which the Act of 1948, as so amended, applies in fact prevail.

3. The Board of Trade, in pursuance of section 6(2) of the Act of 1948 hereby require the Commission, if they find that such conditions prevail, thereafter to confine their investigation to the question whether the following thing is done by the parties concerned as a result of, or for the purposes of preserving, those conditions, namely :

quoting uneconomic prices calculated to drive competitors out of the business of supplying such harnesses as aforesaid,

and, if so, whether or not such thing operates or may be expected to operate against the public interest.

4. In this Reference—

'motor vehicles' means mechanically propelled land vehicles (other than vehicles constructed to run on rails).

Dated this 2nd day of July 1965.

D. R. SERPELL,

A Second Secretary of the Board of Trade.

APPENDIX 2

(Referred to in paragraph (iii) of the Introduction)

Principal Sources of Evidence

British Motor Corporation Ltd.
Ford Motor Co. Ltd.
Jaguar Cars Ltd.
Leyland Motors Ltd.
Joseph Lucas (Industries) Ltd.
Massey-Ferguson Manufacturing Company.
Ripaults Ltd.
Rist's Wires & Cables Ltd.
Rootes Motors Ltd.
The Rover Co. Ltd.
Standard-Triumph International Ltd.
Vauxhall Motors Ltd.
Ward & Goldstone Ltd.

Evidence was also obtained from a number of other companies who supplied electrical wiring harnesses for motor vehicles in a relatively small way.

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