

Tower, Piccadilly Plaza, Manchester M1 4BE, quoting ref. NWRT 5046/10/TR18/S8.

E. S. Broadley, a Higher Executive Officer in the Department of Transport, North West Region. (Ref. T2578RL.) (4 SI)

OFFICE OF FAIR TRADING

FAIR TRADING ACT 1973

*Reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission:
Soluble Coffee*

The Director General of Fair Trading in exercise of his powers under sections 47(1), 49(1) and 50(1) of the Fair Trading Act 1973, hereby refers to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission the matter of the existence or the possible existence of a monopoly situation in relation to the supply of soluble coffee within the United Kingdom for retail sale.

The Commission shall investigate and report on the questions whether a monopoly situation exists in relation to such supply, and, if so:

- (a) by virtue of which provisions of section 6 of the Act that monopoly situation is to be taken to exist;
- (b) in favour of what person or persons that monopoly situation exists;
- (c) whether any steps (by way of uncompetitive practices or otherwise) are being taken by that person or those persons for the purpose of exploiting or maintaining the monopoly situation and, if so, by what uncompetitive practices or in what other way;
- (d) whether any action or omission on the part of that person or those persons is attributable to the existence of the monopoly situation, and if so, what action or omission and in what way it is so attributable; and
- (e) whether any facts found by the Commission in pursuance of their investigations under the preceding provisions of this paragraph operate or may be expected to operate against the public interest.

The Commission shall report on this reference within a period of 9 months from the date hereof.

G. Borrie, Director General of Fair Trading

9th April 1990.

(5 SI)

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

PETROLEUM PRODUCTION LICENCES

Surrender of Licensed Area

The Secretary of State announces that in accordance with the provisions of the Petroleum (Production) Regulations 1966 as amended by the Petroleum (Production) (Amendment) Regulations 1971, blocks 3/6a, 22/26b, 202/2a, 205/27a, 205/28a, 206/5a and 207/2a were surrendered on 15th March 1990. (12 SI)

PETROLEUM PRODUCTION LICENCES

Surrender of Licensed Area

The Secretary of State announces that in accordance with the provisions of the Petroleum (Production) Regulations 1976 blocks 206/6a and 206/6b were surrendered on 5th April 1990. (13 SI)

PETROLEUM PRODUCTION LICENCES

Surrender of Licensed Area

The Secretary of State announces that in accordance with the provisions of the Petroleum (Production) Regulations 1982 blocks 28/25, 29/26 and 29/27 were surrendered on 1st April 1990. (14 SI)

PETROLEUM (PRODUCTION) ACT 1934

The Secretary of State for Energy hereby gives notice that under the provisions of The Petroleum (Production) (Landward Areas) Regulations 1984 Exploration Licence EXL064 has been surrendered. Details of this Licence were published in the *London Gazette* on 1st August 1986. (15 SI)