



COMPETITION APPEAL TRIBUNAL

**IN THE COMPETITION
APPEAL TRIBUNAL**

Before:

**Sir Christopher Bellamy (President)
The Honourable Antony Lewis
Ms Vindelyn Smith-Hillman**

Case No 1014/1/1/03

BETWEEN:

ARGOS LIMITED

Applicant

-v.-

THE OFFICE OF FAIR TRADING

Respondent

Case No 1015/1/1/03

AND BETWEEN:

LITTLEWOODS LIMITED

Applicant

-v.-

THE OFFICE OF FAIR TRADING

Respondent

ORDER

UPON hearing counsel for the parties at a case management conference

AND UPON hearing the Respondent's applications for permission to extend time for the service of its defence in order for it to obtain witness statements and for the disclosure of documents.

AND UPON the Tribunal identifying the second and third weeks of September as a possible period for the hearing of the case.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Under rule 16(1) of the Competition Commission Appeal Tribunal Rules 2000 the proceedings are proceedings before a Tribunal in England and Wales.
2. Cases 1014/1/1/03 and 1015/1/1/03 be consolidated.
3. There be no order on the Respondent's applications save that the Respondent is granted permission to file and serve any witness statements on which it wishes to rely by 5 pm on 17 June 2003, the question of the admissibility of any such statements being reserved for further consideration.
4. A further case management conference be listed at 2 pm on 2 July 2003.

Made: 21 May 2003
Drawn: 22 May 2003

Sir Christopher Bellamy
President of the Competition Appeal Tribunal