



COMPETITION APPEAL TRIBUNAL

**IN THE COMPETITION
APPEAL TRIBUNAL**

Cases: 1014 and 1015/1/1/03

BETWEEN:

**(1) ARGOS LIMITED
(2) LITTLEWOODS LIMITED**

Applicants

-v-

**THE OFFICE OF FAIR TRADING
(formerly the Director General of Fair Trading)**

Respondent

ORDER

UPON handing down an interim judgment (see [2003] CAT 16)

AND UPON hearing counsel for the parties

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Cases 1014 and 1015 (“the appeals”) are stayed.
2. The decision of the Director General of Fair Trading No. CA98/2/2003 (“the Decision”) is remitted to the Office of Fair Trading (“OFT”) to permit the witness statements of Ian Shotbolt Thomson, dated 12 June 2003, Neil Wilson, dated 13 June 2003, and David Bottomley, dated 17 June 2003, to be the subject of a procedure in accordance with Rule 14 of The Competition Act 1998 (Director’s Rules) Order 2000 No. 263 (“the Director’s Rules”).
3. The procedure referred to in paragraph 2 above shall follow the following timetable:
 - (a) the OFT shall serve any supplemental notice under Rule 14 of the Director’s Rules on the addressees of the Decision by 4.30 pm on 12 September 2003;

- (b) any written representations to a supplemental notice under Rule 14 of the Director's Rules shall be served on the OFT by 4.30 pm on 3 October 2003;
 - (c) the OFT shall hold any oral hearings requested in respect of any notices served under Rule 14 of the Director's Rules by 17 October 2003;
 - (d) the OFT shall issue any amended version of the Decision to take account of the procedure set out in this Order by 14 November 2003.
4. A case management conference be fixed in the week commencing 1 December 2003 at a time and location to be notified to the parties.
 5. The costs of the appeals up to the date of this Order are reserved for consideration at a future date.
 6. There be general liberty to apply.

Sir Christopher Bellamy
President of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 30 July 2003
Drawn: 31 July 2003