



COMPETITION APPEAL TRIBUNAL

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Remote Hearings: Guidance for the Public

Introduction

This document provides guidance for the public with regard to the conduct of remote hearings in the Competition Appeal Tribunal.

Remote hearings are a new facility at the Tribunal and the Tribunal's practice and procedure in this area is in an early stage of development and is likely to change and adapt as experience is gained by the Tribunal and parties.

It should be borne in mind that at the current stage of development there may be technical issues that arise unexpectedly or which cause difficulties in the conduct of a remote hearing. All attendees are therefore urged to be sympathetic to the technological and other difficulties experienced by others.

Which hearings will be held as remote hearings?

Any hearing or other case event tagged with the word **[REMOTE]** in the diary on the Tribunal website will take place as a remote hearing.

Whether and by what method a remote hearing should take place is always a matter for the Tribunal, operating in accordance with applicable law, the Tribunal's Rules and Practice Directions.

Platform

Generally, remote hearings taking place by video link will be conducted using the MS Teams platform.

Audio or telephone hearings may also be undertaken using MS Teams or other means, such as BT conference call.

How does a member of the public attend a remote hearing?

Members of the public wishing to attend a remote hearing should apply by email to the Tribunal Registry before 11.00am on the day before the remote hearing.

Notice of the allocation of a "seat" at the remote hearing will be sent to applicants by email before the remote hearing.

Only those members of the public that have been sent a "seat" allocation email may be admitted on the day.

Etiquette at the remote hearing

It should be borne in mind that a remote hearing is a formal court hearing and the appropriate standard of behaviour should be observed.

Members of the public should keep their cameras switched off and their microphones on mute.

It is not permitted for any person to record the remote hearing and breach of this requirement will amount to contempt of court.

Confidential information

It may be necessary for the Tribunal to consider confidential information supplied by one of the parties to the proceedings. If that arises, the members of the public present at the remote hearing will be required to disconnect.