

Information Fair Trader Scheme commitment

I am personally committed to trading fairly in information. To show the strength of my commitment, I have applied for Information Fair Trader accreditation from the Director of the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI) and I will ensure that I can support the following statement with confidence.

I will insist that we strictly follow a system of fair and open information trading that meets the requirements of Competition law and the Re-Use of Public Sector Information Regulations. My aim is that, in principle, we can meet the needs of anyone who applies for a licence to re-use information for any purpose. We will discuss any exceptions with OPSI and publish these exceptions on our website (<http://www.hsl.gov.uk>) and will strictly follow them.

We will publish our licence charges on the website and will keep charging negotiations to a minimum. Any exceptions to our charging policy are described in full on our website, and will be available to anyone who qualifies for them.

I am committed to reducing as far as possible the administrative burden on people who re-use public sector information. I will ensure that we use processes for trading information that are similar to those of the rest of the public sector and follow guidelines set by OPSI.

I will investigate any complaints I receive that my organisation has broken this commitment, and will inform complainants of their right to appeal to OPSI if they remain dissatisfied. If OPSI decide to investigate a complaint, I will allow the OPSI investigation team access to the relevant staff and records and give the investigating team full support.



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