STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1973 No. 1643

MONOPOLIES AND MERGERS

The Restriction of Merger (Revocation) (No. 4) Order 1973.

Made - - -	*1st October* 1973
Laid before Parliament	*1st October* 1973
Coming into Operation	*2nd October* 1973

The Secretary of State in exercise of powers conferred by section 10(6) of the Monopolies and Restrictive Practices (Inquiry and Control) Act 1948**(a)**, as having effect by virtue of section 3(1) of the Monopolies and Mergers Act 1965**(b)**, and now vested in him by virtue of the Transfer of Functions (Monopolies, Mergers and Restrictive Trade Practices) Order 1969**(c)**, hereby orders as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Restriction of Merger (Revocation) (No. 4) Order 1973, and shall come into operation on 2nd October 1973.

2. The Restriction of Merger (No. 2) Order 1973**(d)** is hereby revoked.

Geoffrey Howe,
Minister for Trade and Consumer Affairs,
Department of Trade and Industry.

1st October 1973.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This Order revokes the Restriction of Merger (No. 2) Order 1973. The Order which is revoked imposed a temporary standstill on any takeover of Wilkinson Sword Limited by British Match Corporation Limited while the Monopolies Commission inquired into the matter. The Monopolies Commission have inquired into the matter and have reported that the proposed merger does not operate, and may not be expected to operate, against the public interest.

(a) 1948 c. 66.
(b) 1965 c. 50.
(c) S.I. 1969/1534 (1969 III, p. 4991).
(d) S.I. 1973/1137 (1973 II, p. 3485).

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