The Decision Procedure and Penalties manual

Chapter 3

The nature and procedure of the RDC



3.3 Straightforward decisions

- 3.3.1 In statutory notice cases for which the RDC is the decision-maker, the Chairman or a Deputy Chairman of the RDC may take a straightforward decision to give the statutory notice.
- 3.3.2 G The Chairman or, if he is unavailable, a Deputy Chairman will decide whether a decision is straightforward. In doing so he will have regard to all the circumstances. These may include:
 - (1) the significance of the decision to those who would be affected by it;
 - (2) its novelty in the light of stated policy and established practice;
 - (3) the complexity of the relevant considerations, including whether representations have been made;
 - (4) the range of alternative options;
 - (5) the extent to which the facts relating to the decision are or may be disputed.
- 3.3.3 The RDC Chairman or a Deputy Chairman may, notwithstanding the fact that a decision is straightforward, take the decision to give the statutory notice jointly with one or more other members of the RDC if he considers it appropriate to do so.