

Procedure for Reference to Boards

Where ^{six} . . . or more persons are of opinion that a combine exists, and that, in virtue of such combine, prices have been unduly enhanced ^{on the supply of a commodity restricted} to the detriment of consumers, such persons may make application to any judge of a Superior or High Court for an order directing an investigation into ~~the business of such~~ ^{alleged} combine. Upon such application being made and accompanied by affidavits in the form and manner prescribed, such persons shall be entitled, either individually or through a representative, to an ex parte hearing before such judge, to show cause why in the public interest an investigation should be had ^{to establish whether such combine exists and} ~~into the business of such combine, with a view of disclosing~~ whether in virtue of such combine, prices have been ^{or supply restricted} ~~unduly~~ enhanced to the detriment of consumers.

Within thirty days after the receipt by a judge of a Superior or High Court of an application accompanied by affidavits of . . . or more persons, ^{in the form and manner prescribed} ~~setting forth that to the best of their knowledge and belief a combine exists, in virtue of which prices have been unduly enhanced to the detriment of consumers,~~ the judge shall fix a time and place for hearing the ^{applicant's} ~~parties~~ or their representative, and if upon such hearing ^{reasonable grounds} ~~it~~ shall appear to the judge ^{for believing} that a combine does exist in virtue of which prices have been unduly enhanced ^{or the supply restricted} to the detriment of consumers, and that it is in the public interest that an investigation should be had into ~~the business of~~ such combine, the judge shall forthwith grant an order directing an investigation ^{under} ~~in accordance~~ with the provisions of this Act.

(Sections to be added setting forth form and manner in which application and order shall be made.)