

Minister, and in the absence of agreement, the Minister of Justice may refer any claim for such compensation to the Exchequer Court of Canada, or to a superior or county court of the province within which the claim arises, or to a judge of any such court.

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Defence  
where failure  
due to  
direction.

(4) The fact that failure to fulfil any contract, whether such contract is made before or after this section comes into force, is the result of compliance on the part of any person with any direction given by the Minister under this section, shall be a good defence to any action or proceeding in respect of such failure.

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Failure to  
comply.

Offence.

(5) If any person fails to comply with any direction given by the Minister under this section, he shall be guilty of an offence under this Act.

Where  
failure  
Minister may  
authorize  
other person.

(6) If any person fails to comply with any direction given by the Minister under this section, the Minister may authorize any other person to carry on, until the Minister otherwise directs and subject to and in accordance with the provisions hereafter contained in this Act, the whole or any part of the business of the person so failing."

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