

9th April 2020

Notification to The Department of Business Energy and Industrial Strategy pursuant to The Competition Act 1998 (Groceries) (Coronavirus) (Public Policy Exclusion) Order 2020 SI (2020/369)

1. BFS Group Limited (t/a Bidfood) (“Bidfood”) entered into a letter of intent with DEFRA (the terms of which are legally binding) on 27th March 2020 for the delivery of emergency food boxes in England to extremely vulnerable individuals self-isolating as a result of the Covid-19 epidemic.
2. Further, on 1st April 2020, Bidfood entered into separate LOIs (in substantially the same form as the DEFRA LOI) for the delivery of emergency food boxes with (a) the Welsh Government for deliveries in Wales; and (b) with the Scottish Ministers for deliveries in Scotland to extremely vulnerable individuals self-isolating as a result of the Covid-19 epidemic.
3. The food boxes contain some 23 -24 agreed ambient temperature food and non-food essentials, such as coffee, tea, tinned goods and toilet paper.
4. The 27th March LOIs are for in the case of each UK region an initial commitment of 100,000 food boxes split 50/50 between Bidfood and Brake Bros Limited. Brake Bros Limited has entered into similar LOIs on 27th March with DEFRA and on 1st April with the Welsh Government and Scottish Ministers.
5. By further separate LOIs entered into on 8th April 2020 by each of Bidfood and Brake Bros Limited and DEFRA, the initial commitment was extended for England by a further 60,000 boxes; again, split 50/50 between Bidfood and Brake Bros Limited.
6. The coordination between Bidfood and Brake Bros is to provide a service: delivery of essential food/items for the most clinically extremely vulnerable and socially isolated groups.
7. Necessarily, such co-ordination involves both Bidfood and Brake Bros co-ordinating to arrange the 50/50 split in the deliveries, the exchange of the delivery addresses (as received from the relevant Authorities), the product types and measures to put in place resilience in the delivery service.



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