

Update



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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. This notification is by way of an update to our notification made on 9th April 2020.
2. We had notified that BFS Group Limited (t/a Bidfood) ("Bidfood") had entered into letter of intents with DEFRA for the delivery of emergency food boxes in England to extremely vulnerable individuals self-isolating as a result of the Covid-19 epidemic and, subsequently, 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 delivery of the food boxes split is 50/50 between Bidfood and Brake Bros Limited ("Brakes"). Brakes had entered into similar LOIs with each of DEFRA, the Welsh Government and Scottish Ministers.
4. Since our notification on 9th April 2020, Bidfood has entered into separate formal contracts (in substantially similar form) with each of Defra and the Scottish Ministers for the deliveries in England and Scotland respectively. The deliveries in Wales, continue on the basis of a letter of intent.
5. The formal contracts provide:
 - 5.1 Defra
 - Contract term: 27th March 2020 – 3rd July 2020 (may be extended by Defra by up to 3 months)
 - Anticipated Volume: 440,000 food boxes a week (split 50/50 between Bidfood and Brake Bros Limited)
 - 5.2 Scottish Ministers
 - Contract term: 1st April – 7th August 2020 (may be extended by the Scottish Ministers by up to 2 months)
 - Anticipated Volume: 70,000 boxes (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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