

**Anticipated acquisition by Asda Stores Ltd of a Co-op store from Ardencrest Limited Industrial and Provident Society**

Notice pursuant to section 107(1)(aa) of the Enterprise Act 2002

Affected market: Retail supply of groceries

No: ME/6434-14

Found not to qualify.

On the basis of the information available to it, the Competition and Markets Authority has decided that the anticipated acquisition by Asda Stores Ltd of a Co-op store in Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, from Ardencrest Limited Industrial and Provident Society does not qualify for investigation under the mergers provisions of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act), because neither the UK turnover test nor the share of supply test in section 23 of the Act is met. A relevant merger situation has, therefore, not been created.

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