

Completed acquisition by Hain Frozen Foods UK Limited of Orchard House Foods Limited

Notice of extension of the period mentioned in section 73A(3) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act) published pursuant to section 107(1)(eb) of the Act

On 1 June 2016 the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) gave notice under section 73A(2)(b) of the Act that it was considering whether to accept the undertaking offered by Hain Frozen Foods UK Limited.

Pursuant to section 73A(3) of the Act the CMA has until 27 July 2016 to decide whether to accept this undertaking. The CMA considers that this period should be extended under section 73A(4) of the Act, because it was not possible to reach a decision on acceptance of the undertaking by 27 July 2016. The reason for this is that the undertaking involves an upfront buyer. Accordingly, the CMA considers that there are special reasons for the extension. The CMA also considers that this extension does not increase the risk of an anti-competitive outcome from the merger and that there is a significant likelihood that it will be able to accept the undertaking before the end of the extended period.

This extension comes into force on the date of publication of this notice. The extension ends on 22 September 2016.