

23 August 2016

**Acquisition by Co-operative Foodstores Limited of 8 or more My
Local grocery stores from ML Convenience Limited and MLCG
Limited**

**Notice under section 96(2A) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act)
published pursuant to section 107(1)(i) of the Act**

The Competition and Markets Authority (**CMA**) hereby gives notice pursuant to section 96(2A) of the Act that the merger notice provided by Co-operative Group Limited (**CGL**) and Co-operative Foodstores Limited (**CFL**) in relation to the acquisition of 8 or more My Local grocery stores from ML Convenience Limited and MLCG Limited by CFL (the **Merger**) meets the requirements of section 96(2) of the Act.

The initial period defined in section 34ZA(3) of the Act in relation to the Merger will therefore commence on the first working day after the date of this notice, ie on 24 August 2016. The deadline for the CMA to announce its decision whether to refer the Merger for a Phase 2 investigation is therefore 19 October 2016.