

**Consent to certain actions for the purpose of the Initial Enforcement Order made by the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) on 1 July 2016**

**Completed acquisition by Co-operative Foodstores Limited of eight My Local grocery stores from ML Convenience Limited and MLCG Limited**

12 October 2016

We refer to your email dated 22 September 2016 and your letter dated 10 October 2016 requesting that the CMA consents to derogations to the Initial Enforcement Order of 1 July 2016 (the 'Initial Order'). The terms defined in the Initial Order have the same meaning in this letter.

Under the Initial Order, save for written consent by the CMA, CGL and CFL are required to hold separate the Target Stores businesses from the CFL business and refrain from taking any action which might prejudice a reference under section 22 or 33 of the Act or impede the taking of any remedial action following such a reference. After due consideration of your request for derogations from the Initial Order, based on the information received from you and in the particular circumstances of this case, CGL and CFL may carry out the following actions, in respect of the specific paragraphs:

**1. Paragraphs 5(a) and 6(l) of the Initial Order**

Pursuant to a derogation letter dated 4 July 2016, the CMA consented to a request from CGL to derogate from the above paragraphs of the Initial Order to allow the Target Stores businesses to be integrated onto the CGL Epos system, subject to certain undertakings listed in that letter. This included confidentiality undertakings to be given by certain named area managers.

The CMA consents that, for the purposes of the derogation granted on 4 July 2016, the named area manager for Widnes be changed from [X] to [X].