

Anticipated acquisition by Origin UK Operations Limited of assets comprising the business of Bunn Fertiliser 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 28 July 2017 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 Origin UK Operations Limited (Origin).

Pursuant to section 73A(3) of the Act the CMA has until 25 September 2017 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 25 September 2017. 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 materially increase the risk of an anti-competitive outcome from the merger and that there is a sufficient likelihood that it will be able to accept the undertaking before the end of the extended period.

This notice comes into force on the date of publication of this notice. The extension ends on 20th November 2017.