

REFERENCE RELATING TO THE ANTICIPATED ACQUISITION BY JUST EAT PLC OF HUNGRYHOUSE HOLDINGS LIMITED

Notice of extension of inquiry period under section 39(3) of the Enterprise Act 2002¹

1. On 19 May 2017, the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA), in exercise of its duty under section 33(1) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act), referred the anticipated acquisition by Just Eat plc of Hungryhouse Holdings Limited to its Chair for the constitution of a Group of CMA Panel Members ('the Inquiry Group'). The period within which the report on this reference was to be prepared and published (the reference period) was due to expire on 2 November 2017.
2. On 12 October 2017, the Inquiry Group appointed to consider this reference published its provisional findings.
3. The Inquiry Group has decided that the reference period should be extended by four weeks under section 39(3) of the Act. The revised reference period will expire on 30 November 2017. However, the Inquiry Group aims to complete the inquiry as soon as possible and in advance of this date.
4. In taking this decision, the Inquiry Group had regard to the fact that material new evidence was provided at a late stage in the inquiry timetable, which required further investigation; the need to allow sufficient time to take full account of representations received in response to the provisional findings; and the need to provide a fully reasoned decision within the statutory time frame. The Inquiry Group considers that completion of its investigation and the publication of its final report will not be possible within the original reference period.

Martin Cave
Inquiry Group Chair
12 October 2017

¹ Published pursuant to section 107(2)(c) of the Enterprise Act 2002