

12 December 2017

**ANTICIPATED ACQUISITION BY REFRESCO GROUP N.V. OF THE  
TRADITIONAL NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BUSINESS OF COTT  
CORPORATION INC**

**Termination of extension of the initial period mentioned in  
section 34ZA(1) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act) published  
pursuant to section 107(1)(ac) of the Act**

On 27 October 2017, the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) gave notice under section 34ZA(3) of the Act that the initial period in relation to the anticipated acquisition by Refresco Group N.V. of the traditional non-alcoholic beverage business of Cott Corporation Inc had commenced.

On 5 December 2017, the CMA published a notice to extend the initial period because Refresco Group N.V. (Refresco) had not complied with a requirement set out in a notice under section 109 of the Act (the Notice) to provide certain information and documents.

The CMA is now satisfied for the purposes of section 34ZB(7)(a) of the Act that the information and documents have been provided. This means that the end of the initial period is now 3 January 2018.