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By email

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Dear Mr Mills

Proposed merger of 21st Century Fox Inc and Sky plc

I refer to our letter of 16 March 2017 concerning the issue by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport (“Secretary of State”) of a European Intervention Notice (“EIN”) under section 67 of the Enterprise Act 2002 (“the Act”) in relation to the proposed acquisition by Twenty-First Century Fox, Inc of the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Sky plc that it does not already own.

Under Article 4(2) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003 (“2003 Order”), the Competition and Markets Authority (“CMA”) must report to the Secretary of State in response to the EIN “*within such period as the Secretary of State may require*”. At the time of issue of the EIN, the Secretary of State required the CMA’s report to be provided by midnight at the end of Tuesday, 16 May 2017. The same period was applied to Ofcom under Article 4A(2) of the 2003 Order.

You will be aware of the recent approval by Parliament for the holding of an early parliamentary general election on Thursday, 8 June 2017. Given the close proximity of the election to the current closing date for reporting in response to the EIN, the Secretary of State is extending the period within which the CMA must provide their report under Article 4 of the 2003 Order to **midnight at the end of Tuesday, 20 June 2017**. The period within which Ofcom must provide their report under Article 4A of the 2003 Order is being similarly extended and we will be informing Ofcom accordingly.




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Please note that the EIN issued on 16 March 2017, and its required constituent elements as set out in section 67(3) of the Act, remains unchanged. Nevertheless, to avoid confusion, we enclose an annotated version of the EIN reflecting the date as extended under Articles 4(2) and 4A(2) of the 2003 Order.

A copy of this letter will be published on the Department's website.

Yours sincerely,


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