

REFERENCE RELATING TO THE COMPLETED ACQUISITION BY TOBII AB OF SMARTBOX ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY LIMITED AND SENSORY SOFTWARE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

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

1. On 8 February 2019, the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA), in exercise of its duty under section 22(1) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act), referred the completed acquisition by Tobii AB of Smartbox Assistive Technology Limited and Sensory Software International Limited for further investigation and report by 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 25 July 2019.
2. On 30 May 2019, the Inquiry Group appointed to consider this reference published its provisional findings and a notice of possible remedies.
3. The Inquiry Group has decided to extend the reference period by eight weeks under section 39(3) of the Act as it considers that there are special reasons (set out below) why the final report on the completed acquisition cannot be prepared and published within the reference period. The revised reference period will therefore end on 19 September 2019. 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 need to allow sufficient time to take full account of representations received in response to the Remedies Working Paper, and the need to reach a fully reasoned decision within the statutory timeframe. 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.

Kip Meek
Inquiry Group Chair
22 July 2019

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