

12 August 2019

**Anticipated acquisition by Connect Bidco Limited of Inmarsat plc
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 15 July 2019 the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) gave notice under section 34ZA(3) of the Act that the initial period in relation to Anticipated acquisition by Connect Bidco Limited of Inmarsat plc had commenced.

On 23 July 2019 The Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (the Secretary of State) issued a public interest intervention notice (PIIN) on the public interest ground of national security in accordance with sections 42(2) and 58(1) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act) in relation to the anticipated acquisition by Connect Bidco Limited of Inmarsat plc (the Transaction). The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) is required to submit a report to the Secretary of State on this Transaction in accordance with section 44 of the Enterprise Act 2002 by 17 September 2019.

Accordingly, in order to comply with the deadline imposed by the Secretary of State, the CMA has decided, pursuant to section 34ZB(4) of the Act, to extend the initial period for 20 working days. The statutory 40 working day deadline for a decision, as extended pursuant to this notice, is 8 October 2019.

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