

14 October 2019

**ANTICIPATED ACQUISITION BY CARTAMUNDI NV OF NAIPES
HERACLIO FOURNIER S.A. AND THE UNITED STATES PLAYING
CARD COMPANY**

**Notice under section 96(2A) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act)
published pursuant to section 107(1)(i) of the Act**

The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) hereby gives notice pursuant to section 96(2A) of the Act that the merger notice provided by Cartamundi NV in relation to the anticipated acquisition of Naipes Heraclio Fournier S.A. and the United States Playing Card Company (the **Merger**) meets the requirements of section 96(2) of the Act.

The initial period defined in section 34ZA(3) of the Act in relation to the Merger will therefore commence on the first working day after the date of this notice, i.e. on 15 October 2019. The deadline for the CMA to announce its decision whether to refer the Merger for a Phase 2 investigation is therefore 9 December 2019.