

ANTICIPATED ACQUISITION BY SABRE CORPORATION OF FARELOGIX INC

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

1. On 2 September 2019, the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA), in exercise of its duty under section 33(1) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act), referred the anticipated acquisition by Sabre Corporation (Sabre) of Farelogix Inc (Farelogix) 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 16 February 2020.
2. The Inquiry Group has decided that the reference period should be extended by eight weeks under section 39(3) of the Act as it considers there are special reasons (set out below) why the final report cannot be prepared and published within the reference period. The revised reference period will expire on 12 April 2020. However, the Group aims to complete the inquiry as soon as possible and in advance of this date.
3. In taking this decision, the Inquiry Group had regard to the complexity of the investigation and the need to consider an exceptionally large volume of evidence, the necessity to allow sufficient time to take full and proper account of comments that will be received in response to the Inquiry Group's provisional findings and to reach a fully reasoned final decision in the statutory timeframe. The Inquiry Group considers that there are special reasons why the report cannot be prepared and published within the original reference period.

Martin Coleman
Inquiry Group Chair
19 December 2019

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