

## **Proposed joint venture between Carlsberg UK Holdings Limited and Marston's PLC**

### **Notice of extension of the preliminary assessment period mentioned in section 34A(2) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act) published pursuant to section 107(1)(ae) of the Act**

On 17 August 2020 the European Commission referred the whole of the proposed joint venture between Carlsberg UK Holdings Limited and Marston's Trading Limited (the Merger) to the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) under Article 4(4) of the EC Merger Regulation. Therefore, the preliminary assessment period for the CMA to decide whether to refer the Merger for a Phase 2 investigation has commenced under section 34A(2) and (4) of the Act.

On 18 August 2020 the CMA issued a notice to Marston's PLC (**Marston's**) under section 109 of the Act requiring the provision of certain information and documents by 2pm on 19 August 2020 (the Notice). The information and documents required has not been provided to the satisfaction of the CMA. Marston's has, therefore, failed (with or without a reasonable excuse) to comply with a requirement of a notice under section 109 of the Act.

Accordingly, the CMA has decided that, pursuant to section 34A(5) of the Act, the preliminary assessment period should be extended until Marston's provides the information and documents to the satisfaction of the CMA as required by the Notice or the CMA cancels this extension.

The extension comes into force on the date of publication of this notice.