

20 August 2020

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

### **Termination 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 19 August 2020 the CMA published a notice to extend the preliminary assessment period because Marston's PLC (**Marston's**) had not complied with a requirement set out in a notice under section 109 of the Act (the Notice) to provide certain information and documents by 2pm on 19 August 2020.

The CMA is now satisfied for the purposes of section 34A(6A)(a) of the Act that the information and documents have been provided as required by the Notice. This means that the end of the preliminary assessment period is now 20 October 2020.