

21 December 2021

**Completed acquisition by CVS Group plc of Quality Pet Care Ltd  
(trading as The Vet)**

**Notice under paragraph (b) of the definition of ‘initial period’ in  
section 34ZA(3) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act) published  
pursuant to section 107(1)(ab) of the Act**

The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) hereby gives notice pursuant to paragraph (b) of the definition of ‘initial period’ in section 34ZA(3) of the Act that it has sufficient information in relation to the completed acquisition by CVS Group plc of Quality Pet Care Ltd (trading as The Vet) (the **Merger**) to enable it to begin an investigation for the purposes of deciding whether to make a reference for a Phase 2 investigation.

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, ie on 22 December 2021. The deadline for the CMA to announce its decision whether to refer the Merger for a Phase 2 investigation is therefore 18 February 2022.