

Market Study Notice

Music and Streaming

1. The Competition and Markets Authority ('the CMA') publishes this market study notice in accordance with section 130A of the Enterprise Act 2002 ('the Act').
2. The CMA is proposing to carry out its functions under section 5 of the Act in relation to both the supply of music to consumers and the supply of services connected with the supply of music to consumers to consider the extent to which a matter in relation to the supply of those services in the United Kingdom has or may have effects adverse to the interests of consumers, and to assess the extent to which steps can and should be taken to remedy, mitigate or prevent any such adverse effects.
3. In this notice 'the supply of music to consumers and the supply of services connected with the supply of music to consumers' encompasses all steps in, and all the music-related goods, services and licensing provided as part of, the chain of supply from the creators of music through to the consumer, in particular via music streaming services. For example, it includes arrangements concerning the acquisition and licensing of music rights and/or the distribution of digital music, and arrangements between music creators, music companies (including music labels and music publishers) and other intermediaries (including collective management organisations).
4. Further details of this market study, including detailed issues on which the CMA would welcome responses, are provided in the Statement of Scope document annexed to this notice.
5. The CMA now invites any persons wishing to make representations on the matter, including on whether the CMA should make a market investigation reference under section 131 of the Act, to do so in writing no later than 17 February 2022.
6. If the CMA proposes to make a market investigation reference or if a representation (as provided for in section 131A of the Act) has been made to the CMA that such a reference should be made but the CMA proposes not to make one, the CMA will publish a notice of that proposal and begin the

process of consultation under section 131A(2)(b) of the Act no later than 26 July 2022.

7. Save where paragraph 6 applies, if the CMA decides not to make a market investigation reference under section 131 of the Act the CMA will publish notice of that decision under section 131B(3) of the Act no later than 26 July 2022.
8. The CMA will publish its market study report, setting out its findings in relation to the matter specified in this notice and the action (if any) which the CMA proposes to take in relation to that matter, no later than 26 January 2023.

27 January 2022

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Notes

- (i) Representations should be emailed to musicstreaming@cma.gov.uk.
- (ii) A copy of this notice is placed on the CMA webpages on 27 January 2022.