

Market Study Notice

Road Fuel

The Competition and Markets Authority ('the CMA') publishes this market study notice in accordance with section 130A of the Enterprise Act 2002 ('the Act').

1. The CMA is proposing to carry out its functions under section 5 of the Act in relation to the supply of road fuel in the United Kingdom, to consider the extent to which a matter in relation to the supply of such fuel 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.
2. In this notice the supply of 'road fuel' means crude oil derivative products such as petrol and diesel which are used as road fuel.
3. Further details of this market study, including detailed issues on which the CMA would welcome responses, are provided in the Invitation to Comment which is published on our case page: <https://www.gov.uk/cma-cases/road-fuel-market-study>.
4. 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 **1 August 2022**.
5. 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 7 January 2023.
6. Save where paragraph 5 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 7 January 2023.

7. 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 7 July 2023.

8 July 2022

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Notes

- (i) Representations should be emailed to RoadFuels@cma.gov.uk.
- (ii) A copy of this notice is placed on the CMA webpages on 8 July 2022.