

**DEROGATION LETTER
IN RESPECT OF INITIAL ENFORCEMENT ORDER ISSUED
PURSUANT TO SECTION 72(2) ENTERPRISE ACT 2002**

Consent under section 72(3C) of the Enterprise Act 2002 to certain actions for the purposes of the Initial Enforcement Order made by the Competition and Markets Authority ('CMA') on 25 March 2025

Completed acquisition by Aramark Limited of Entier Limited

We refer to your emails and accompanying letters of 27 May 2025 and 29 May 2025 requesting that the CMA consents to derogations to the Initial Enforcement Order of 25 March 2025 (the '**Initial Order**'). The terms defined in the Initial Order have the same meaning in this letter.

Under the Initial Order, save for written consent by the CMA, Aramark, AIL, Aramark Limited and Entier are required to hold separate the Aramark Group business from the Entier business and refrain from taking any action which might prejudice a reference under section 22 of the Act or impede the taking of any remedial action following such a reference. After due consideration of your request for derogations from the Initial Order, based on the information received from you and in the particular circumstances of this case, Aramark, AIL, Aramark Limited and Entier may carry out the following actions, in respect of the specific paragraphs:

1. Paragraph 8 of the Initial Order

Derogation to permit Aramark and Entier to report to the CMA certain developments relating only to offshore catering

Paragraph 8 of the Initial Order requires that Aramark, AIL, Aramark Limited and Entier shall actively keep the CMA informed of any material developments relating to the Entier business or the Aramark Group business, including but not limited to (at paragraph 8(c)) all substantial customer volumes won or lost or substantial changes to the customer contracts for the Entier or Relevant AIL business including any substantial changes in customers' demand.

Noting that the focus of the merger inquiry is on the offshore catering sector, and with a view to minimising administrative burden for the CMA and for the Parties, the Parties have requested permission to limit the reporting obligation referred to in

paragraph 8(c) only to offshore catering, such that developments in relation to onshore catering contracts do not need to be reported to the CMA (and do not need to be referred to in the compliance statements required under paragraph 7 of the Interim Order). Aramark, AIL and Aramark Limited and Entier will continue to report to the CMA relevant developments relating to offshore catering.

The CMA consents to the derogation requested above.

It is a criminal offence under section 117 of the Enterprise Act 2002 for a person to recklessly or knowingly supply to the CMA information which is false or misleading in any material respect. Breach of this provision can result in fines, imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or both (Section 117 of the Enterprise Act 2002). In addition, the CMA can impose penalties if a person has, without reasonable excuse, supplied to the CMA information which is false or misleading in any material respect (Section 110(1A)) as described in the Annex and the [Administrative penalties: Statement of Policy on the CMA's approach \(CMA4\)](#).

Sincerely,

Joanne Webb

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3 June 2025