

COMPLETED ACQUISITION BY HAYS TRAVEL LIMITED OF POLKA DOT TRAVEL LIMITED

25 February 2026

NOTICE UNDER PARAGRAPH (B) OF THE DEFINITION OF 'INITIAL PERIOD' IN SECTION 34ZA(3) OF THE ENTERPRISE ACT 2002 PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 107(1)(AB) OF THE ENTERPRISE ACT 2002

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 Enterprise Act 2002 (the **Act**) that it has sufficient information in relation to the acquisition of Polka Dot Travel Limited, (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 deadline under section 34ZA for the CMA to announce its decision whether to refer the Merger for a phase 2 investigation would therefore be 27 April 2026. However, as the four-month period under section 24 of the Act currently ends before this date, the deadline for the CMA to announce its decision whether to refer the Merger for a phase 2 investigation is currently the final day of this four-month period (as extended), ie 26 April 2026.