

Groceries Market Investigation (Controlled Land) Order 2010: Assessment of Aldi Stores Limited, Lidl Great Britain Limited and Lidl Northern Ireland Limited – decisions

Glossary

Save where the context requires otherwise, the following terms and acronyms have the following meanings in the decisions.

Term / Acronym	Definition
Aldi	Aldi Stores Limited.
Asda	Asda Stores Limited.
CC	Competition Commission.
Co-op	Co-operative Group Limited.
EA02	The Enterprise Act 2002.
Exclusivity Arrangement	An arrangement by which a person agrees with a Large Grocery Retailer not to allow another Grocery Store to operate from the same Site or otherwise agrees to restrict or limit the sale of Groceries by persons other than the Large Grocery Retailer on the Site.
Explanatory Note to the Order	The Explanatory note to accompany the Groceries Market Investigation (Controlled Land) Order 2010.
Final Report	The report published by the CC on 30 April 2008, entitled ‘The supply of groceries in the UK: market investigation’.
Groceries	Food (other than that sold for consumption in the store), pet food, drinks (other than those sold for consumption in the store), cleaning products, toiletries and household goods; but excludes petrol, clothing, DIY products, financial services, pharmaceuticals, newspapers, magazines, greetings cards, CDs, DVDs, video and audio tapes, toys, plants, flowers, perfumes, cosmetics, electrical appliances, kitchen hardware, gardening equipment, books, tobacco and tobacco products.
Grocery Retailer	A person who sells Groceries at the retail level.

Grocery Store	A retail store, a significant proportion of which is devoted to the sale of Groceries, but excludes stores operated by Limited Assortment Discounters and Frozen Food Retailers.
GSCOP Order	The Groceries (Supply Chain Practices) Market Investigation Order 2009.
Invitation to Comment (ITC)	The Invitation to Comment published by the CMA on 12 March 2026, entitled 'Invitation to Comment on the potential designation of Aldi and Lidl under the Groceries Market Investigation (Controlled Land) Order 2010'.
Large Grocery Retailer (LGR)	A person designated from time to time as a Large Grocery Retailer in accordance with Article 3 of the Order.
Larger Grocery Store	A Grocery Store with a Net Sales Area of more than 1,000 square metres.
Lidl	Lidl's operations across Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
Lidl GB	Lidl Great Britain Limited.
Lidl NI	Lidl Northern Ireland Limited.
Limited Assortment Discounter (LAD)	A Grocery Retailer which sells a significantly more limited range of Groceries than a Large Grocery Retailer at a low price.
M&S	Marks and Spencer plc.
Morrisons	Wm Morrison Supermarkets Limited and Wm Morrison Supermarkets plc.
Net Sales Area (NSA)	The internal sales area within a Grocery Store comprising all internal areas accessible to the customer and excludes the area in which checkouts, lobbies, concessions, restaurants, customer toilets and walkways behind the checkouts are sited where these are not used for the sale of Groceries.
Ocado	Ocado Retail Limited.
Order	Groceries Market Investigation (Controlled Land) Order 2010.

Provisional Decisions Report	The CMA's provisional report regarding its assessment of Aldi, Lidl GB and Lidl NI under the Order, published on 7 August 2026.
Sainsbury's	J Sainsbury plc.
Stock-Keeping Unit (SKU)	A distinct product variant based on attributes such as brand, quantity and packaging.
Sqm	Square Metres.
Restrictive Covenant	An agreement which restricts the user of land belonging at the date of the agreement to the covenantor for the benefit of the land belonging at the date of the agreement to the covenantee.
Tesco	Tesco plc.
Waitrose	Waitrose Limited.