REFERENCE RELATING TO THE COMPLETED ACQUISITION BY ARAMARK LIMITED OF ENTIER LIMITED

Directions issued on 23 October 2026 pursuant to Article 12 of the Final Order made by the Competition and Markets Authority pursuant to section 84 of the Enterprise Act 2002

Whereas:

1. On 24 January 2025, Aramark Limited (**Aramark Limited**) acquired 90% of the issued share capital in Entier Limited (**Entier**) (the **Merger**).

2. On 5 August 2025, in exercise of its duty under section 22(1) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the **Act**), the Competition and Markets Authority (the **CMA**) made a reference to its Chair for the constitution of a group of CMA panel members to investigate and report on the Merger pursuant to section 35(1) of the Act.

3. On 15 January 2026, the CMA published a final report pursuant to section 38 of the Act (the **Report**) which concluded that:

   (a) the Merger has created a relevant merger situation;

   (b) the creation of that situation has resulted, or may be expected to result, in a substantial lessening of competition (**SLC**) in the Offshore Infrastructure Market (as defined in the Report) in the United Kingdom; and

   (c) the CMA should take action to remedy the SLC and any adverse effects resulting from it.

4. On 17 March 2026, the CMA extended the statutory period for discharging its duty to take remedial action as it considered that there were special reasons to do so. The CMA subsequently consulted on a draft final order within the extended statutory period. That consultation concluded on 27 April 2026.

5. On 24 April 2026, Aramark Limited applied to the Court of Session in Scotland for permission to appeal the judgment of 10 March 2026 of the Competition Appeal Tribunal (the **Tribunal**) which had rejected Aramark's application of 15 February 2026 for an extension of time, pursuant to Rule 25(3) of the Tribunal's Rules, to file its notice of application for review of the Report

pursuant to section 120 of the Act. Aramark Limited had originally filed its notice of application on 13 February 2026, which was out of time.

6. On 30 April 2026, the CMA made the 'Aramark/Entier Final Order 2026' (the **Final Order**) pursuant to section 84 of the Act for the purpose of remedying, mitigating or preventing the SLC identified in the Report and any adverse effects which have resulted, or may be expected to result, from it and in performance of its duty under section 41 and in exercise of its powers under section 84, section 86, section 87 of, and Schedule 8 to the Act. Among other matters, the Final Order required the divestiture of Entier (defined as the Divestiture Business in the Final Order) within the Divestiture Period (as defined in the Final Order). The Final Order prescribed that the Divestiture Period would end [✂] after the Commencement Date (as defined in the Final Order and being 30 April 2026), or such other longer period as the CMA may approve in accordance with Article 12 of the Final Order.

7. On 24 June 2026, the Court of Session granted Aramark's application for permission to appeal the Tribunal's judgment of 10 March 2026.

8. On 7 October 2026, the Court of Session handed down its opinion in which it refused the appeal brought by Aramark Limited and upheld the Tribunal's judgment of 10 March 2026 (the **Court of Session's Opinion**).

9. On 16 October 2026, Aramark Limited requested an extension of the Divestiture Period, pursuant to Article 12 of the Final Order, as it intended to seek permission to appeal the Court of Session's Opinion to the Supreme Court.

10. Having had regard to all of the circumstances, including the passage of time to the handing down of the Court of Session's Opinion, the CMA has agreed to extend the Divestiture Period, pursuant to Article 12 of the Final Order.

Directions

11. The CMA now issues written directions under Article 12 of the Final Order extending the Divestiture Period to the period ending on [✂] 2027, or such longer period as the CMA may approve in accordance with Article 12 of the Final Order.

Crispin Wright
Remedy Group Chair
23 October 2026