

Anticipated acquisition by Fenland Laundries Limited of the cleanroom laundry business of Fishers Services Limited

Terms of reference

1. In exercise of its duty under section 33(1) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the **Act**) the Competition and Markets Authority (**CMA**) believes that it is or may be the case that:
 - (a) arrangements are in progress or in contemplation which, if carried into effect, will result in the creation of a relevant merger situation, in that:
 - (i) enterprises carried on by Fenland Laundries Limited will cease to be distinct from the enterprise consisting of the cleanroom laundry business carried on by Fishers Services Limited; and
 - (ii) the condition specified in section 23(2)(b) of the Act is satisfied with respect to the supply of full cleanroom laundry services in the United Kingdom (**UK**); and
 - (b) the creation of that situation may be expected to result in a substantial lessening of competition within a market or markets in the UK for goods or services, including the supply of full cleanroom laundry services in Great Britain.
2. Therefore, in exercise of its duty under section 33(1) of the Act, the CMA hereby makes a reference to its chair for the constitution of a group under Schedule 4 to the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 in order that the group may investigate and report, within a period ending on 19 June 2016, on the following questions in accordance with section 36(1) of the Act:
 - (a) whether arrangements are in progress or in contemplation which, if carried into effect, will result in the creation of a relevant merger situation; and
 - (b) if so, whether the creation of that situation may be expected to result in a substantial lessening of competition within any market or markets in the United Kingdom for goods or services.

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