

Merger reference decision announced:

On 19 September, the CMA decided that it was or may be the case that the following Merger has resulted or may be expected to result in a substantial lessening of competition within a market or markets in the United Kingdom.

Completed acquisition by JD Sports Fashion plc of Footasylum plc

Pursuant to section 73A(1) of the Act, Acquirer had until 26 September 2019 to offer an undertaking to the CMA that might be accepted by the CMA under section 73(2) of the Enterprise Act 2004 (the Act). On 26 September 2019 the Acquirer informed the CMA that it would not be offering any undertakings. The CMA has therefore decided to refer this Merger for a phase 2 investigation pursuant to sections 22(1) and 34ZA(2) of the Act.

The text of this decision will be placed on the Competition and Market Authority's web site at www.gov.uk/CMA as soon as is reasonably practicable.

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