



**Determination No. M/04/017 of the Competition Authority, dated 26<sup>th</sup> April 2004, under Section 21 of the Competition Act, 2002**

**Notification No. M/04/017 – The proposal by Aramark Ireland Holdings Limited to acquire 18.33% of Campbell Catering Services**

**Introduction**

1. On 26<sup>th</sup> March 2004 the Competition Authority, in accordance with Section 18 (1) of the Competition Act, 2002 (“the Act”) was notified, on a mandatory basis, of a proposal whereby Aramark Ireland Holdings Limited (Aramark) would acquire sole control of Campbell Catering Services.

**The Parties**

2. Aramark is a wholly owned subsidiary of Aramark Corporation, a US company. Aramark Corporation is engaged in providing and managing services, including food and support services. Aramark currently owns 45% of Campbell Catering Services and the current proposed transaction relates to its acquisition of an additional 18.33% of the shares in Campbell Catering Services.
3. Campbell Catering Services is a joint venture between Aramark and Campbell Bewley Holdings Limited, a private limited company incorporated in Ireland. Campbell Bewley Holdings Limited currently owns 55% of the shares in Campbell Catering Services and has sole control over the joint venture. Campbell Catering Services is engaged in the provision of contract catering and associated services to commercial clients, universities and hospitals in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

**Acquisition of control**

4. The acquisition of an additional 18.33% in Campbell Catering Services will give Aramark sole control of the joint venture. As the minority shareholder Campbell Bewley Holdings Limited will not exercise joint control over Campbell catering Services.

**Analysis**

5. The proposed transaction involves the exchange of control between two parents over a joint venture. Apart from its interest in Campbell Catering Services, Aramark is not active on the Irish market. Therefore the transaction does not give rise to competition concerns.



**The Competition Authority**  
An tÚdarás Iomaíochta

## **Determination**

The Competition Authority, in accordance with Section 21(2) of the Competition Act, 2002, has determined that, in its opinion, the result of the proposal by Aramark Ireland Holdings Limited to acquire sole control of Campbell Catering Services will not be to substantially lessen competition in markets for goods and services in the State and, accordingly, that the acquisition may be put into effect.

**For the Competition Authority**

**Edward Henneberry**  
**Member of the Competition Authority**

**26<sup>th</sup> April 2004**