

MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT M/23/006 – DAWN MEATS / KILDARE CHILLING

Section 21 of the Competition Act 2002

Competition and Consumer Protection Commission to carry out Phase 2 investigation of proposed acquisition by Dawn Meats Ireland Unlimited Company of sole control of Kildare Chilling Company Unlimited Company

Dated 23 June 2023

The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC) has decided to carry out a full Phase 2 investigation into the proposed acquisition by Dawn Meats of Kildare Chilling.

Dawn Meats' activities consist of slaughtering, deboning and further processing of meat products, and rendering of waste products. Dawn Meats operates seven sites across the State, focusing in particular on beef processing. Kildare Chilling, which operates a single site in Kildare town, is active in slaughtering and deboning cattle and sheep, and selling the resulting fresh meat cuts and by-products.

Following an extended preliminary investigation, which began in February 2022, the CCPC has determined that a full investigation is required in order to establish if the proposed acquisition could lead to a substantial lessening of competition in the State.

The CCPC will publish its Phase 1 determination no later than 60 working days after the date of the determination and after allowing the parties the opportunity to request that confidential information be removed from the published version.

Any parties who would like to send in submissions are invited to do so via email to mergers@ccpc.ie by Friday 14 July 2023.