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**Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears proposed acquisition
by Musgrave Limited of sole control of Doyles Veg Prep Limited**

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The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has today cleared the proposed transaction whereby Musgrave Limited, would acquire sole control of Doyles Veg Prep Limited. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 2 August 2023.

The Commission has formed the view that the proposed transaction will not substantially lessen competition in any market for goods or services in the State. The Commission will publish the reasons for its determination on its website 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.

Additional Information:

Musgrave Limited is a wholesaler-franchisor which operates through franchise agreements with independently owned retail stores. Musgrave Limited, through its subsidiaries, also owns and operates a number of retail grocery stores in the State including a number of SuperValu, Centra and Donnybrook Fair branded supermarket stores. Musgrave Limited also operates cash and carry and retail outlets in Ireland and Spain, developed to meet the needs of independent retailers, foodservice professionals and consumers.

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Doyles Veg Prep Limited supplies fresh produce to customers in the food service industry from a temperature-controlled facility in Clondalkin, Co. Dublin using a combination of hand and machine cutting to prepare a range of prepared produce. Doyles Veg Prep Limited has a product range of over 400 products with its primary focus on the supply of fresh fruit, vegetables, exotics, salads, juices, cheese and dairy products. Doyles Veg Prep Limited supply to a variety of different customers in the food service industry such as hotels, catering companies and bars and restaurants.