

MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT M/24/019 – DUNNES STORES / BA TRADING

Section 21 of the Competition Act 2002

Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears the proposed acquisition by Dunnes Stores Unlimited Company of the entire issued share capital, and thus sole control, of BA Trading Limited

12 April 2024

The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has today cleared the proposed transaction whereby Dunnes Stores Unlimited Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dunnes Holding Company Unlimited Company would acquire, through BM BidCo Limited, the entire issued share capital and thus sole control of BA Trading Limited and its subsidiary BA (Finglas) Limited. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 22 March 2024.

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

Dunnes Stores is a multi-category retailer active in the grocery, food production and food service provision sectors. Dunnes Stores operates a network of multi-category retail stores located primarily in the State and Northern Ireland.

BM BidCo Limited is a limited liability company. BM BidCo Limited is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dunnes Stores Unlimited Company.

BA Trading Limited, through its wholly owned subsidiary BA (Finglas) Limited, owns and operates the supermarket known as Condrón's located at Abbeyland, Clane, County Kildare.