



## **COMMUNICATIONS POLICY**

1. The Competition Authority will publish, on its website, notice of all mergers notified to it, and determinations reached, as required by statute. The Authority will not comment on the timing or content of such determinations in advance.
2. The Authority's website will be the primary source of ongoing information.
3. Determinations, with confidential information removed, will be published on the Authority's website as soon as practicable after the determination is made.
4. In cases that generate substantial public interest, the Authority may issue a short press release announcing the publication of a determination. In rare cases, the Authority may organise a press conference following a determination.
5. Other than public announcements at 1-3 above, no Member or member of staff of the Authority will, in advance of a decision, comment publicly, or on-record or off-record, on any mergers that have been or may be notified. All other material (e.g. pre-notification discussions), shall remain strictly confidential. **Any advance speculation about the likely approach or view of the Authority will have no factual basis.**
6. All press enquiries and communications will be handled by the Authority's Press and Communications Officer. All enquiries to any other person in the authority will be redirected to the Press Officer. The Press Officer may subsequently pass the person enquiring onto another member of Authority staff if appropriate.
7. Authority members and staff may refer to previous mergers in subsequent speeches, conferences, reports (including annual reports) etc. Such references will be based solely on the publicly available information in published merger determinations.