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### **Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears proposed acquisition by Uniphar plc of sole control of the ostomy and urinary wholesale business of Murray's Medical Equipment Limited**

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The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has today cleared the proposed transaction whereby Uniphar Wholesale Limited, a subsidiary of Uniphar plc, would acquire sole control of the ostomy and urinary wholesale business of Murray's Medical Equipment Limited. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002 on 22 December 2015.

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**

Uniphar plc, headquartered in Dublin, has two main business divisions: Uniphar Wholesale Limited and Allphar Services Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Uniphar plc. Uniphar Wholesale is a full-line wholesaler of pharmaceutical, healthcare, and veterinary products to pharmacies, hospitals and veterinary surgeons in the State. Uniphar Wholesale purchases a wide range of products from manufacturers and re-sells them to community pharmacies and hospitals. Uniphar operates four storage and distribution depots in Dublin, Cork, Sligo and Limerick. Allphar Services Limited is a pre-wholesaler of pharmaceutical products, healthcare products, veterinary products, and healthcare equipment acting as sole agent and distributor in the State on behalf of manufacturers. Allphar mainly supplies to full-line pharmaceutical wholesalers, pharmacies and hospitals.

Murray's Medical Equipment Limited supplies community pharmacies with a wide range of medical products including blood pressure monitors, ostomy and urinary products, thermometers, injury prevention products, back care products, seasonal affective disorder light therapy, and first aid supplies. The target business comprises the business of Murray's Medical Equipment Limited pertaining to the wholesale supply of ostomy and urinary medical products to community pharmacies in the State.