



MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT

Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears proposed acquisition of Whelan Food & Meat Processors and Tipperary Sustainable Food Company Limited by Dunnes Stores

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The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has today cleared the proposed transaction whereby Dunnes Stores would acquire sole control of Whelan Food & Meat Processors and Tipperary Sustainable Food Company Limited. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002 (as amended) on 18 January 2016.

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 private unlimited company incorporated in the State. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of Dunnes Holding Company, the ultimate holding company for the Dunnes Stores Group, a multi-category retailer active in the sale of groceries, men's, women's and children's clothes, and home and garden wares. Dunnes Stores Group retail stores are located mainly in the State and in Northern Ireland, with a smaller number of stores in Great Britain and Spain.

Whelan Food & Meat Processors, a private company located in Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, is involved in the retail sale of meat and related products, including beef, lamb, pork and poultry. Whelan Food & Meat Processors operates the "James Whelan Butchers" store located in Oakville Shopping Centre, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. Whelan Food & Meat Processors also makes on-line sales of meat and related products mainly to customers located in the State.

Tipperary Sustainable Food Company Limited Food, a private company located in Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, is involved in the retail sale of meat and related products under the "James Whelan Butchers" brand. Tipperary Sustainable Food Company Limited Food operates concessions located in Avoca stores located in Monkstown, Rathcoole and Kilmacanogue.