



Neutral Citation [2023] CAT 30

IN THE COMPETITION
APPEAL TRIBUNAL

Case No: 1579/4/12/23

BETWEEN:

CÉRÉLIA GROUP HOLDING SAS
CÉRÉLIA UK LIMITED

Applicants

- v -

COMPETITION AND MARKETS AUTHORITY

Respondent

REASONED ORDER

UPON the Directions Orders of the Tribunal made in the proceedings on 4 and 6 April 2023

AND UPON the updated notice of application lodged by the Applicants on 5 May 2023 (the “Amended Application”)

AND UPON reading the letter from the Respondent dated 9 May 2023 requesting an extension of time to file and serve its amended defence until 26 May 2023

AND UPON reading the letter from the Applicants’ solicitors dated 9 May 2023 opposing the Respondent’s extension request

AND HAVING REGARD TO the Tribunal’s case management powers set out in Rule 19 of the Competition Appeal Tribunal Rules 2015

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Paragraph 6 of the Tribunal’s Order of 6 April 2023 is varied such that the Respondent shall file and serve its amended defence by 4pm on 23 May 2023.

REASONS

1. The extension granted will enable the Respondent to consider the Amended Application and in particular the additional information contained in the schedule to the Applicant's Amended Application, in preparation of its amended defence. The extension of time will not cause any prejudice to the Applicants and will not cause any material delay in the proceedings. The Applicants will have ample time to prepare their skeleton argument, which is due to be filed and served by 5pm on 9 June 2023.
2. The extension application was taken out by the Respondent without having sought to agree the extension or obtain the views of the Applicants. Parties to proceedings before the Tribunal are expected to co-operate with each other and to canvass the views of the other parties before making extension applications.

Hodge Malek KC

Chair of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 10 May 2023

Drawn: 10 May 2023