



MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT - M/20/004

Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears proposed acquisition by WSH Investments Limited (part of the Clayton Dubilier & Rice LLC) through Nutrition Cater Limited of control of Hesscroft Limited.

24 March 2020

On the 23 March, the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission cleared the proposed transaction whereby WSH Investments Limited, through its wholly-owned subsidiary Nutrition Cater Limited, would acquire sole control of Hesscroft Limited. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 11 February 2020.

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

WSH is the parent company for a number of brands operating in the food services and hospitality sector. The majority of its business is focused in the United Kingdom, but it is also active in a number of other countries in Europe, including the State. In the State, WSH is active through its wholly-owned subsidiary, BaxterStorey Ireland Limited, which offers contract catering services.

Nutrition is a private limited company, incorporated in the State in November 2019, which has been established for the purpose of implementing the Proposed Transaction.

Hesscroft is a private company incorporated in State. Hesscroft is an Irish food service provider that offers contract catering and private event catering services. It trades under the name Brook Foods.