



MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT

Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears the proposed acquisition by ABP Food Group Unlimited of sole control of Good Herdsmen Limited

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The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has cleared the proposed transaction whereby ABP Food Group Unlimited would acquire sole control of Good Herdsmen Limited. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002 on 5 September 2017.

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

Anglo Beef Processors Ireland Unlimited Company, an indirect subsidiary of ABP Food Group Unlimited, is active in the slaughter of live cattle, the processing of animal carcasses to produce fresh beef and lamb meat, and retail packing in the State. It operates six export-approved live cattle slaughtering and beef processing facilities in the State.

ABP Food Group Unlimited jointly controls (with Fane Valley Co-operative Society Limited) two meat processing companies: (a) Slaney Foods International which slaughters live cattle and processes beef in a facility in Co. Wexford; and (b) Irish Country Meats which slaughters lambs and sheep in three facilities in Co. Wexford, Co. Meath and Liège in Belgium.

Anglo Beef Processors UK, an indirect subsidiary of ABP Food Group Unlimited, operates 14 slaughtering and beef processing facilities in the United Kingdom, including two facilities in Northern Ireland. Anglo Beef Processors Poland operates two slaughtering facilities and one beef processing facility in Poland.

ABP Food Group Unlimited operates two rendering plants and a gel bone production facility in the State. ABP Food Group Unlimited also has business activities in the renewable energy, pet food and protein sectors.

Good Herdsmen Limited operates an organic beef and lamb meat processing plant in Cahir, Co. Tipperary. Good Herdsmen Limited purchases live organic cattle for slaughter from organic-certified farms in the State. Good Herdsmen Limited is also active in the sale of fresh organic beef meat to grocery retailers and industrial processors in the State, the United Kingdom and Europe.