



MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT - M/18/097

Proposed acquisition by Uniphar plc of sole control of 15 community pharmacies

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On 1 February 2019, the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (“the Commission”) cleared the proposed acquisition whereby Trennamally Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Uniphar plc, would acquire sole control of 15 companies, each operating a community pharmacy, from Inischem Designated Activity Company and thereby, sole control of 15 community pharmacies, all trading under the *Allcare Pharmacy* brand. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 20 December 2019.

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 is active in the supply of human pharmaceuticals and other related products in the State. Uniphar also owns a number of community pharmacies in the State.

The 15 community pharmacies all operate under the "Allcare" brand and are located in the following counties in the State: Cork (2); Kerry (2); Dublin (6); Louth (1); Offaly (1); Wicklow (1); Galway (1); and Monaghan (1).