



MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT

Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears proposed acquisition of La Rousse Foods Limited and Marc Amand Chocolat Limited by Aryzta Food Solutions Ireland

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The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has today cleared the proposed transaction whereby Aryzta Food Solutions Ireland would acquire sole control of La Rousse Foods Limited and Marc Amand Chocolat Limited from La Rousse Holdings Limited. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002 (as amended) on 22 July 2015.

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

Aryzta Food Solutions Ireland, a private company, headquartered in Dublin, is involved primarily in the manufacture and supply of bakery products and also poultry products for sale in the food service and food retail sectors. Aryzta Food Solutions Ireland's food service customers include cafes, caterers, hotels and restaurants. Its most recognised retail brand is Cuisine de France.

Aryzta Food Solutions Ireland's ultimate parent company is Aryzta AG, a public company headquartered in Zurich, Switzerland, listed on the Swiss and Irish stock exchanges and active mainly in Europe and North America.

La Rousse Foods Limited, a private company headquartered in Dublin, is involved in the supply of premium quality and specialist food products mainly to hotels and restaurants.

Marc Amand Chocolat Limited, a private company headquartered in Dublin is involved in the manufacturing and supply of chocolates, under the Cocoa Atelier brand. Marc Amand Chocolat Ltd. supplies chocolates to the food service sector and also operates a retail store in Dublin.