

**REFERENCE RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION BY
ARDAGH INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED OF REDFEARN GLASS
LIMITED (FORMERLY REXAM GLASS BARNSELEY LIMITED)**

**Notice of provisional findings made under Rule 10.3
of the Competition Commission Rules of Procedure**

On 1 August 2005, the Office of Fair Trading, in exercise of its duty under section 22 of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act) and its power under section 35(6) of the Act, referred to the Competition Commission (CC) the completed acquisition by Ardagh International Holdings Limited of Redfearn Glass Limited (formerly Rexam Glass Barnsley Limited) for investigation and report within a period ending on 13 January 2006.

Provisional findings

1. The CC inquiry group (the Group) appointed to consider this reference has made the following provisional findings on the statutory questions it has to decide pursuant to section 35(1) of the Act:
 - (a) a relevant merger situation has been created; and
 - (b) the creation of that situation has not resulted, nor may be expected to result, in a substantial lessening of competition within the market for the supply of glass containers (excluding containers for use in the pharmaceutical and cosmetic segments) in the UK.
2. The Group's reasons will be set out in full in the provisional findings report to be published on Thursday 17 November 2005 and are summarized in the summary of the provisional findings report attached to this notice (see note below).

The next steps

3. Ardagh International Holdings Limited and other interested parties are now invited to provide the Group with their reasons in writing as to why these provisional findings should not become final (or, as the case may be, should be varied).
4. These reasons should be received by the Group no later than 6 December 2005.
5. The Group will have regard to any such reasons provided in making their final decisions on the statutory questions and actions.


Diana Guy
Group Chairman
15 November 2005

Note: A copy of this notice and the summary of the provisional findings report will be placed on the CC web site on 15 November 2005. The CC proposes to publish the full provisional findings report on its web site by 17 November 2005. The published version of the provisional findings report will not contain any information which the Group consider should be excluded from the report, having regard to the three considerations set out in section 244 of the Act.