

**REFERENCE RELATING TO THE COMPLETED ACQUISITION BY  
GREIF INC OF THE NEW STEEL DRUM AND CLOSURES BUSINESS  
OF BLAGDEN PACKAGING GROUP**

**Notice of extension of inquiry period published pursuant to section  
107(2)(c) of the Enterprise Act 2002**

On 20 February 2007, the Office of Fair Trading made a reference to the Competition Commission (CC) under section 22 of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act) concerning the completed acquisition by Greif Inc of the new steel drum and closures business of Blagden Packaging Group. The period within which the report on this reference was to be prepared and published (the reference period) was due to expire on 6 August 2007.

The group of members (the Group) of the CC appointed to consider this reference has decided that the reference period should be extended by eight weeks under section 39(3) of the Act. The reference period will therefore expire on 1 October 2007. The CC's investigation revealed significant new information shortly before publication of provisional findings. In addition, in its response to provisional findings, the main party corrected some evidence it had previously provided. These matters have required further investigation and analysis. For these reasons the Group considers that completion of its investigation and the publication of the final report, including any remedy process if necessary, will not be possible within the original reference period.



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