



**IN THE COMPETITION
APPEAL TRIBUNAL**

Case No: 1116/4/8/09

B E T W E E N

SPORTS DIRECT INTERNATIONAL PLC

Applicant

-v-

COMPETITION COMMISSION

Respondent

- supported by -

**OFFICE OF FAIR TRADING
JJB SPORTS PLC**

Interveners

ORDER

UPON reading the decision of the Competition Commission (“the Commission”), contained in a letter dated 16 November 2009, to redact certain information from working papers sent to the Applicant during a merger investigation involving the Applicant (“the Decision”)

AND UPON reading the Notice of Application lodged by Sports Direct International plc (“Sports Direct”) under rules 8 and 25 of The Competition Appeal Tribunal Rules 2003 (S.I. No. 1372 of 2003) (“the Tribunal Rules”) on 18 November 2009

AND UPON the Tribunal ruling on 4 December 2009 that the Application is not premature and the Commission having withdrawn the Decision on the same date in the light of that ruling

AND UPON the Tribunal handing down its reasoned Judgment on the issue of prematurity on 14 December 2009

AND UPON reading the letters from the Applicant and the Treasury Solicitor dated 17 December 2009 containing the parties' observations on the disposal of the proceedings

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Commission pay the Applicant its reasonable costs to be assessed if not agreed by a costs officer of the Senior Courts pursuant to rule 55(3) of the Tribunal Rules
2. The Interveners bear their own costs

Lord Carlile of Berriew Q.C.
Chairman of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 22 December 2009
Drawn: 22 December 2009