



**IN THE COMPETITION**  
**APPEAL TRIBUNAL**

Case No: 1191/6/1/12

BETWEEN:

**(1) ASSOCIATION OF CONVENIENCE STORE**  
**(2) NATIONAL FEDERATION OF RETAIL NEWSAGENTS**

Applicants

-v-

**OFFICE OF FAIR TRADING**

Respondent

-and-

**PRESS DISTRIBUTION FORUM**

Proposed Intervener

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**ORDER**

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**UPON** reading the notice of application lodged by the Association of Convenience Stores and the National Federation of Retail Newsagents (together, “the Applicants”) under rules 8 and 25 of the Competition Appeal Tribunal Rules 2003 (S.I. No. 1372 of 2003) (“the Tribunal Rules”) on 1 May 2012;

**AND UPON** reading the request for permission to intervene from the Press Distribution Form (“PDF”) dated 28 May 2012 and there being no objections to that request;

**AND UPON** reading the correspondence from the parties’ legal representatives filed in advance of the case management conference;

**AND UPON** hearing counsel for the parties at a case management conference on 8 June 2012;

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Pursuant to rule 18 of the Tribunal Rules the proceedings be treated as proceedings in England and Wales.
2. PDF be granted permission to intervene provided that it liaises with the OFT, so as to ensure there is no duplication in its submissions.

3. In relation to the proceedings:
  - a. PDF be served with a non-confidential copy of the notice of application and supporting materials forthwith.
  - b. The time for filing and serving the Respondent's defence be extended to 5pm on 15 June.
  - c. PDF file and serve its statement of intervention by 5pm on 29 June.
  - d. The Applicants file and serve their skeleton argument by 5pm on 27 July.
  - e. The Respondent file and serve its skeleton argument by 5pm on 23 August.
  - f. PDF file and serve its skeleton argument by 5pm on 7 September.
  - g. Each party send to the Registry electronic versions (in Word format) of the documents for which they are responsible by the deadlines set in this Order. Each party is also to provide the other with those electronic copies.
  - h. An agreed bundle of authorities and agreed bundle of documents for the main hearing be prepared by the parties and lodged by 5pm on 14 September.
  - i. The parties agree between themselves, so far as they are able, a timetable for the main hearing by 5pm on 21 September. If and to the extent that agreement on the timetable is not achieved, a document should be submitted to the Tribunal indicating the nature of the parties' disagreement.
  - j. The main hearing be listed from 10am to 4.30pm on 28 September with a time estimate of one day.
4. Costs be reserved.
5. There be liberty to apply.

**Vivien Rose**  
Chairman of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 8 June 2012  
Drawn: 8 June 2012