



Claim No. CL-2016-000729

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
BUSINESS AND PROPERTY COURTS OF ENGLAND AND WALES
KING'S BENCH DIVISION
COMMERCIAL COURT

CL-2016-000729

Before: The Honourable Mr Justice Bright (on paper)

Date: 17 August 2023

BETWEEN:

TJ MORRIS LIMITED t/a HOME BARGAINS

Claimant

and

(1) MASTERCARD INCORPORATED
(2) MASTERCARD INTERNATIONAL INCORPORATED
(3) MASTERCARD EUROPE SA

Defendants

ORDER

UPON the Claim being issued on 25 November 2016

AND UPON the above proceedings (the "**Proceedings**") involving claims against the Defendants in respect of alleged interchange fee overcharges, in respect of which the Competition Appeal Tribunal has developed considerable expertise by dealing with a significant number of cases arising from the same or similar facts

AND HAVING REGARD TO section 16 of the Enterprise Act 2002 (as amended) (the "**2002 Act**") and to the Section 16 Enterprise Act 2002 Regulations 2015 (the "**2015 Regulations**")

AND HAVING REGARD TO paragraphs 8.3 – 8.6 and 8.10 – 8.13 of Practice Direction 30 ("**Practice Direction 30**"), supplementing CPR Part 30

AND HAVING REGARD TO the overriding objective in CPR Rule 1.1 and to paragraph B13.6 of the Commercial Court Guide

AND UPON the parties having agreed to this Order in draft form

AND UPON the Court concluding, in the light of all the circumstances of the case, including the wishes of the parties, that it is appropriate to make an order pursuant to section 16(1) of the 2002 Act in conjunction with Regulation 2 of the 2015 Regulations in respect of the Proceedings

AND UPON noting that the Court may give such directions or make such order as it thinks fit to give effect to the determination of any issue by the Competition Appeal Tribunal pursuant to Regulation 2(b) of the 2015 Regulations

AND UPON the Court considering that it is appropriate to make this Order on the papers and without a hearing

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Proceedings are hereby transferred to the Competition Appeal Tribunal pursuant to section 16(1) of the 2002 Act and Regulation 2 of the 2015 Regulations.
2. Pursuant to paragraph 3 of Practice Direction 30, this Order shall take effect forthwith.
3. The sending of this Order to the parties and the Competition Appeal Tribunal shall constitute notice to them for the purposes of paragraphs 8.5 and 8.12 of Practice Direction 30 and CPR Rule 30.4(1).
4. Costs in the case.
5. A sealed copy of this Order shall be served by the Claimant on the Defendants.

For the avoidance of doubt, neither this Order, nor the transfer effected by this Order, is intended to alter, limit or exclude in any respect any element of the Claimant's Claim as constituted in this Court prior to the transfer taking effect. If and to the extent that any element of the Claimant's claim as constituted in this Court prior to the transfer taking effect is not capable of falling within the jurisdiction of the Competition Appeal Tribunal on a transfer, or would be altered, limited or excluded by this Order or the transfer, it is not subject to this Order and remains within the jurisdiction of this Court. This Court

may give such further directions or make such further order as it thinks fit in connection with the transfer and/or with any element as referred to above

For the further avoidance of doubt, any order determining any issue in these proceedings shall be made by this Court and any appeal therefrom may be made pursuant to CPR Part 52.

Service of the Order

The Court has provided a sealed copy of this Order to the serving party:

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