



IN THE COMPETITION
APPEAL TRIBUNAL

Case No: 1433/7/7/22

BETWEEN:

DR LIZA LOVDAHL GORMSEN

Class Representative

- v -

(1) META PLATFORMS, INC.
(2) META PLATFORMS IRELAND LIMITED
(3) FACEBOOK UK LIMITED

Defendants

- and -

COMPETITION AND MARKETS AUTHORITY

Intervener

REASONED ORDER (PERMISSION TO APPEAL)

UPON the Class Representative's application of 23 May 2025 for permission to amend the Amended Claim Form to seek user damages (the "**Amendment Application**")

AND UPON the Defendants' opposition to the Amendment Application, including by their Response dated 25 July 2025

AND UPON hearing counsel for the Class Representative and counsel for the Defendants at a hearing on 29-30 September 2025

AND UPON the Tribunal's ruling on the Amendment Application dated 30 September 2025 ([2025] CAT 55) (the "**Ruling**")

AND UPON the Order of the Tribunal dated 30 September 2025 in relation to the Amendment Application (the "**Order**")

AND UPON the Defendants' application dated 21 October 2025 for permission to appeal the Ruling and the Order

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Permission to appeal is refused.

REASONS

1. The issue of whether user damages should be awarded raises an important issue of law. The Tribunal has only been concerned, at this stage of proceedings, with the question of whether the claim has reasonable prospects of success, and this application for permission to appeal turns on whether there is an error of law in this assessment. For the reasons given in the Ruling, the Tribunal considers that this claim to user damages is plainly arguable. Further the claim raises a legal question which is properly to be determined in the light of findings of fact and is not suitable for summary determination.
2. The Tribunal refuses permission to appeal.
3. The decision is unanimous.

Justin Turner KC
Chair

Greg Olsen

Derek Ridyard

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Drawn: 23 October 2025