

# IN THE COMPETITION APPEAL TRIBUNAL

BETWEEN:

# PROFESSOR ANDREAS STEPHAN

Applicant/ Class Representative

Case No: 1644/7/7/24

– and –

- (1) AMAZON.COM, INC
- (2) AMAZON EUROPE CORE S.À.R.L
  - (3) AMAZON EU S.À.R.L
  - (4) AMAZON UK SERVICES LTD

5)

Respondents/ Defendants

#### **COLLECTIVE PROCEEDINGS ORDER**

**UPON** the Class Representative's application for a collective proceedings order pursuant to section 47B of the Competition Act 1998 (the "Act") and Rule 75 of the Competition Appeal Tribunal Rules 2015 (the "**Tribunal Rules**") filed on 27 June 2024 (the "**CPO Application**")

**AND UPON** receipt of a "Collective Proceedings Claim Form" dated 26 June 2024, which combines claims in respect of losses alleged to have been caused by the Defendants' alleged unlawful conduct in breach of the prohibition in section 18 of the Act and Article 102 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (the proposed "Collective Proceedings")

**AND UPON** the Tribunal having decided to hear the CPO Application together with the CPO application by the Class Representative (the "Hammond Class Representative") in case number 1595/7/723 *Hammond v Amazon.com, inc and ors* (the "Hammond Proceedings")

AND UPON reading the documents recorded on the Tribunal file as having been read

**AND UPON** hearing counsel for the parties at a joint certification hearing in these proceedings and the Hammond Proceedings on 6 to 8 May 2025

**AND UPON** the Class Representative stating, by his solicitors' letter dated 29 May 2025, that he would be instructing independent lawyers at a costs firm to assist with the scrutiny of the lawyers' invoices, provide him with monthly oversight reports, and "where appropriate, identify any queries arising from the invoices, and provide commentary to assist Mr Stephan in determining whether further clarification and/or adjustment should be sought"

**AND UPON** the Tribunal giving judgment on the CPO Application on 24 July 2025, [2025] CAT 42

**AND UPON** the Class Representative having filed and served an Amended Collective Proceedings Claim Form on 3 October 2025 and the Defendants having consented to such amendments

### IT IS ORDERED THAT:

#### Forum

1. Pursuant to Rules 18, 52 and 74 of the Tribunal Rules, the present collective proceedings are to be treated as proceedings taking place in England and Wales.

Authorisation of the Class Representative and certification of the claims as eligible for inclusion in collective proceedings

2. Pursuant to section 47B of the Act and Rules 77 and 80 of the Tribunal Rules, Professor Andreas Stephan shall be authorised to act as Class Representative to continue the

present Collective Proceedings on an opt-out basis on behalf of the Class (as defined below).

- 3. The remedy sought is an award of aggregate damages pursuant to section 47C(2) of the Act together with interest, costs and/or such further or other relief as the Tribunal may see fit.
- 4. The Class Representative's address for service is:
  - a. c/o Geradin Partners Limited, Copthall House, 14-18 Copthall Avenue, London,
    EC2R 7DJ (Attention: Damien Geradin, David Gallagher, and Gina Sternberg)
    (hard copy); or
  - b. all four of:
    - i. dgeradin@geradinpartners.com;
    - ii. dgallagher@geradinpartners.com;
    - iii. gsternberg@geradinpartners.com; and
    - iv. <u>mjevin@geradinpartners.com</u> (email).
- 5. The claims certified as eligible for inclusion in the present collective proceedings pursuant to section 47B of the Act and Rules 79 and 80 of the Tribunal Rules are claims for loss and damage allegedly suffered by the Class (as defined below) allegedly caused by the Defendants' alleged breach of statutory duty, and in particular by their infringements of Article 102 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ("TFEU") (up to 31 December 2020) and section 18 of the Act.

# **Class Definition**

- 6. The class is defined as follows (hereafter the "Class" and the "Class Definition"):
  - "All UK-domiciled Sellers that used Amazon's e-commerce marketplace services to reach customers in the UK within the Relevant Period".
- 7. All persons who fall within the Class Definition and who are domiciled in the UK on the Domicile Date (as defined at paragraph 9 below) are members of the Class.

- 8. For the purposes of the Class Definition:
  - a. The "App" means the Amazon app, insofar as the app's settings specify the UK as the region in which the customer has chosen to shop.
  - b. "Relevant Period" means the period specified at paragraph 20 of the Collective Proceedings Claim Form.
  - c. "Sellers" means third-party (i.e., non-Amazon) sellers insofar as they:
    - i. are or were acting in the course of a business, trade or profession;
    - ii. are or were admitted to sell products for purchase on the Website or the App using Amazon's e-commerce marketplace services; and
    - iii. hold or held a "Professional" selling account or equivalent.
  - d. The "Website" means Amazon.co.uk and includes all related web pages.
  - e. The class excludes:
    - Any person who opts out by notifying the PCR by posting a letter to or emailing Case Pilots, the claims administrators appointed on behalf of the Class Representative, by 27 February 2026, at the address or email address specified online at amazon3psellerclaim.com; or
    - ii. Any person who is not domiciled in the United Kingdom at the Domicile Date (defined below).

# **Domicile Date and opt-out**

- 9. The Domicile Date is 27 November 2025, being the date on which the Tribunal granted the CPO Application.
- 10. Every member of the Class who is domiciled within the United Kingdom on the Domicile Date (defined at paragraph 9 above) shall be included in these Collective Proceedings.
- 11. Any member of the Class who is domiciled in the United Kingdom on the Domicile Date may opt out of these collective proceedings by posting a letter to or emailing Case Pilots, the claims administrators appointed on behalf of the Class Representative, by 27

February 2026, at the address or email address specified online at amazon3psellerclaim.com.

# Notification

12. The Class Representative shall publish a notice of the Collective Proceedings in the form attached to this Order by 4pm on 2 December 2025.

# General

13. The parties have liberty to apply.

Sir Peter Roth Made:27 November 2025

Chair of the Competition Appeal Tribunal Drawn: 27 November 2025