



IN THE COMPETITION
APPEAL TRIBUNAL

Case No: 1758/5/7/25 (T)

BETWEEN:

ROCCO FORTE & FAMILY (LONDON) LIMITED AND OTHERS

Claimants

- v -

(1) MASTERCARD INCORPORATED
(2) MASTERCARD INTERNATIONAL INCORPORATED
(3) MASTERCARD EUROPE S.A.
(4) MASTERCARD/EUROPAY U.K. LIMITED

Defendants

(the “Proceedings”)

ORDER (ADDITIONAL HOST CASE) (STAY)

UPON the Claim Form in the proceedings being issued in the High Court on 12 August 2025 (CL-2025-000371) (the “**Claim Form**”)

AND UPON the Order of the High Court sealed on 1 December 2025 transferring the proceedings from the High Court to the Competition Appeal Tribunal (the “**Transfer Order**”)

AND UPON the Umbrella Proceedings Order of the President dated 4 July 2022 in Case No 1517/11/7/22 (UM) Merchant Interchange Fee Umbrella Proceedings (the “**Merchant Umbrella Proceedings**”) designating various individual merchant interchange fee proceedings listed in the schedule to that order as “**Host Cases**” and designating all issues, matters or features arising out of the Merchant Umbrella Proceedings as Ubiquitous Matters (the “**Umbrella Proceedings Order**”)

AND UPON the Tribunal’s Order made and drawn on 16 March 2022 (the “**March 2022 Order**”) appended to the Tribunal’s Ruling of 16 March 2022 ([2022] CAT 14) and Rule 53(2)(k) of the Competition Appeal Tribunal Rules 2015

AND UPON the Order of the President made on 23 December 2022 and drawn on 13 January 2023 (as amended by Orders of the Tribunal dated 10 May 2023 and 20 October 2023)

regarding the future conduct of the Merchant Umbrella Proceedings (the “**Future Conduct Order**”)

AND UPON the Judgment of the Tribunal in *Umbrella Interchange Fee Claimants v Umbrella Interchange Fee Defendants* [2025] CAT 37 (“the Umbrella Interchange Fee Trial 1 Judgment”)

AND UPON considering the letter from the solicitors for the Claimants dated 2 December 2025 on behalf of the parties proposing that these proceedings be designated as a Host Case in the Merchant Umbrella Proceedings and requesting a stay of these proceedings

AND UPON the parties consenting to the further amendments to this Order proposed by the Tribunal in its letter dated 4 December 2025

IT IS ORDERED BY CONSENT THAT:

1. The Umbrella Proceedings Order and the schedule thereto be varied to include these Proceedings which are named as a Host Case in the Merchant Umbrella Proceedings for the purpose of disposing of all Ubiquitous Matters except those matters dealt with by the Umbrella Interchange Fee Trial 1 Judgment.
2. The proceedings shall be stayed until further order (the “**Stay**”) in accordance with the terms of paragraph 4 of the March 2022 Order.
3. The Claimants shall not be required to serve the Claim Form or any Particulars of Claim during the Stay and time for serving the Claim Form and Particulars of Claim shall be extended until 12 weeks after the date of the order lifting the Stay, unless the Tribunal shall order otherwise.
4. Notwithstanding the Stay, the parties shall be bound by the outcome of any determinations in the Merchant Umbrella Proceedings (including any appeals) in respect of all designated Ubiquitous Matters except those matters dealt with by the Umbrella Interchange Fee Trial 1 Judgment.
5. The findings from the Umbrella Interchange Fee Trial 1 Judgment will apply in the determination of the Proceedings, subject to the outcome of any appeal of the Umbrella Interchange Fee Trial 1 Judgment to the Court of Appeal and/or the Supreme Court, which will also apply in the determination of the Proceedings.

6. Notwithstanding the Stay, a party in the Merchant Proceedings may make an application for the Claimants to provide information or disclosure on the condition that the Tribunal considers such information or disclosure necessary to resolve a wider issue in the Merchant Proceedings.
7. There be liberty to apply.
8. Costs in the case.

The Honourable Ms Justice Bacon
President of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 10 December 2025
Drawn: 10 December 2025