



IN THE COMPETITION
APPEAL TRIBUNAL

Case No: 1606/7/7/23

BETWEEN:

NIKKI STOPFORD

Class Representative

- v -

(1) ALPHABET INC.
(2) GOOGLE LLC
(3) GOOGLE IRELAND LIMITED
(4) GOOGLE UK LIMITED

Defendants

ORDER

UPON the Collective Proceedings Order of Mr Justice Meade dated 18 December 2024

AND UPON the Order of the Chair dated 25 June 2025 establishing a confidentiality ring (the “**Confidentiality Ring Order**”) under which CMA Material and documents from the U.S. Productions are automatically designated as Confidential Information (as those terms are defined in the Confidentiality Ring Order)

AND UPON the following definitions applying for the purposes of this Order:

“**CMA Material**” has the meaning given to it in the Confidentiality Ring Order;

“**Core Issues**” has the meaning given to it in the Order of the Chair made on 21 July 2025, as subsequently amended on 24 October 2025 (the “**Amended CMC Order**”);

“**ISA and its Amendments**” has the meaning given to it in the Amended CMC Order;

“**List of Core Issues**” has the meaning given to it in the Amended CMC Order;

“**U.S. Proceedings**” means *United States of America, et al. v Google LLC* (Case No 1:20-cv-03010-APM) and *State of Colorado, et al. v Google LLC* (Case No 1:20-cv-03715-APM); and

“**U.S. Productions**” has the meaning given to it in the Confidentiality Ring Order.

AND UPON the parties having agreed in correspondence to certain of the terms of this Order

AND UPON considering the correspondence filed with the Tribunal on 31 October, 10 and 13 November 2025, and without prejudice to the parties’ contentions that the Defendants have or have not complied with the Amended CMC Order

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

DISCLOSURE OF CMA MATERIAL AND DOCUMENTS FROM THE U.S. PRODUCTIONS

1. By 4pm on 31 March 2026, the Defendants shall provide simultaneous disclosure and inspection of the following categories of documents forming part of the CMA Material and U.S. Productions, to the extent that, as at that date, they have been identified as clearly relevant to an issue which is likely to be a Core Issue, and it is proportionate to give disclosure and inspection of them:
 - (a) copies of the trial briefs from both the liability and remedies phases of the U.S. Proceedings;
 - (b) documents produced by the Defendants and included in the parties’ exhibit lists for both the liability and remedies phases of the U.S. Proceedings;
 - (c) transcripts, and exhibits, of depositions given by witnesses affiliated with the Defendants in both the liability and remedies phases of the U.S. Proceedings;
 - (d) documents relating to the negotiation of the ISA and its amendments that were produced by the Defendants to the Competition and Markets Authority (the

“CMA”) in the context of the Mobile Browsers and Cloud Gaming Investigation;

- (e) the Defendants’ responses to the CMA’s requests for information, and any documents enclosed to those response, in the context of the: (i) Online Platforms and Digital Advertising Market Study; (ii) Mobile Ecosystems Market Study; and (iii) Mobile Browsers and Cloud Gaming Market Investigation; and
 - (f) the Defendants’ additional submissions to the CMA, materials prepared by the Defendants and provided to the CMA for teach-ins and workshops held with the CMA, and the Defendants’ comments on the CMA’s discussion, working and white papers, in the context of the: (i) Online Platforms and Digital Advertising Market Study; (ii) Mobile Ecosystems Market Study; and (iii) Mobile Browsers and Cloud Gaming Market Investigation.
2. The Defendants shall, on a rolling basis, provide disclosure and inspection of the documents listed in paragraph 1(a)-(f) of this Order in accordance with the terms of the Confidentiality Ring Order, subject to the longstop date set out in paragraph 1 of this Order, and in the following tranches:
- (a) Tranche 1 will be produced by 4pm on 30 December 2025.
 - (b) Tranche 2 will be produced by 4pm on 28 January 2026.
 - (c) Tranche 3, containing all remaining documents within the categories listed in paragraph 1(a)-(f), will be produced by 4pm on 3 March 2026.
3. Inspection shall be provided in an electronic format and by an electronic means to be agreed by the parties.
4. The Defendants may withhold from inspection any documents, or parts of documents:
- (a) over which they are entitled to assert privilege; or

- (b) in respect of which they have non-disclosure obligations or owe duties of confidentiality to third parties.

THIRD PARTY NOTIFICATIONS

- 5. In respect of documents that fall into the category in paragraph 4(b) of this Order, the Defendants shall, on a rolling basis, notify those third parties of their intention to disclose the documents, in each case providing that any third party wishing to raise an objection to the disclosure of their documents should do so within 28 days of the date of notification in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph 6 of this Order.
- 6. Any third party notified pursuant to paragraph 5 of this Order and wishing to object to the disclosure of their documents may apply to the Tribunal to vary (to the extent necessary) this Order. Such application(s) must be:
 - (a) filed with the Tribunal Registry within 28 days of the date of notification;
 - (b) served at the same time on the Class Representative and the Defendants;
 - (c) accompanied by a reasoned explanation of the application to vary (to the extent necessary) this Order together with any evidence relied on; and
 - (d) if opposed by the Class Representative, determined by the Tribunal on the papers as soon as practicable, unless the Tribunal directs otherwise.
- 7. If a third party notified pursuant to paragraph 5 of this Order does not raise an objection within 28 days of the date of notification, the Defendants will give inspection of those third party materials pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Order.
- 8. Where the Defendants are required by paragraph 5 of this Order to notify third parties and have taken reasonable steps to make such notification but have been unable to do so (and/or have received no response such that they cannot be sure that the notification has been effective), the date of notification shall be deemed to be the date of the notice. Where this clause applies, the Defendants shall be taken to have satisfied the requirement to notify the third party concerned.

FURTHER CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

9. Paragraph 19 of the Amended CMC Order shall be modified so that a Case Management Conference shall be listed on 20 April 2026 with a time estimate of one day to determine, *inter alia*, any issues arising out of or in connection with disclosure and inspection already provided, the agreement of the List of Core Issues and directions for further disclosure in respect of the List of Core Issues.

GENERAL

10. Paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of the Amended CMC Order are varied and/or replaced as the case may be by this Order.
11. Costs shall be costs in the case.
12. There be liberty to apply.
13. By agreement the parties may vary without further order any deadline in this Order provided that they inform the Tribunal of such agreement in advance of the expiry of the relevant deadline and the extension does not affect the dates of any listed hearings.

The Honourable Mr Justice Meade
Chair of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 18 December 2025
Drawn: 22 December 2025