



**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

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**ORDER (DIRECTIONS)**

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**UPON** the Tribunal considering the evidence and submissions filed, and hearing oral submissions from Counsel for the Class Representative and Counsel for the Defendants at CMC4 on 24 and 26 November and 16 December 2025

**AND UPON** the Tribunal's written ruling dated 16 December 2025, which directed: (i) a longstop date for disclosure of 16 October 2026 (the "**Longstop Date**"); (ii) that the Defendants had liberty to apply to vary the Longstop Date by 9 February 2026; and (iii) a process for the resolution of Request 56, Requests 103-104, and search terms

**AND UPON** the Tribunal's Order directing the Defendants' to answer the Class Representative's Request for Further Information dated 18 July 2026 (the "**RFI Order**" and the "**Class Representative's RFI**")

**AND UPON** the Defendants providing a response to the Class Representative's RFI on 12 January 2026

**AND UPON** the Defendants' serving a Request for Information on the Class Representative on Friday 16 February 2026

**AND UPON** the Class Representative applying on 28 January 2026, seeking an order that the Defendants file a further response to the Class Representative's RFI (the "**RFI Compliance Application**")

**AND UPON** the Defendants applying on 30 January 2026, seeking an order that the Class Representative answer their Request for Further Information (the "**Defendants' RFI Application**")

**AND UPON** the Defendants on 4 February 2026 providing their response to the RFI Non-Compliance Application

**AND UPON** the Tribunal's letter dated 4 February 2026, listing a remote hearing for 6 March 2026 and directing the parties to agree directions in advance of the same ("**CMC5**")

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Class Representative is to respond to the Defendants' correspondence as regards Request 56 and Requests 103-104 by 13 February 2026.
2. The Class Representative is to provide her reply to the Defendants' response to her RFI Compliance Application by 13 February 2026.
3. The Defendants have liberty to apply to vary the Longstop Date at CMC5, by proposing a new Longstop date by 18 February 2026 and setting out briefly the reasons why further time is required.
4. The Class Representative is to respond to the Defendants' RFI Application by Monday 16 February 2026.
5. The Defendants are to respond to any correspondence provided pursuant to paragraph 1 by Friday 20 February 2026.
6. The Class Representative is to respond to any correspondence provided pursuant to paragraphs 3 and 5 by Tuesday 24 February 2026.

7. The Defendants are to file any reply, insofar as advised, to the Class Representative's response to their RFI Application by Wednesday 25 February 2026.
8. Any evidence for CMC5 is to be filed and exchanged by 4pm on 26 February 2026.
9. Bundles for CMC5, save for the authorities bundles, and with placeholders for skeleton arguments, are to be filed both electronically and in hard copy by 2pm on 27 February 2026.
10. Skeleton arguments for CMC5 are to be filed and exchanged by 4pm on 2 March 2026.
11. Authorities bundles for CMC5 are to be filed, and inserts provided for skeleton arguments, by 2pm on 3 March 2026.
12. Liberty to apply.

**Mr Hodge Malek KC**  
Chair of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 12 February 2026  
Drawn: 12 February 2026