IN THE COMPETITION APPEAL TRIBUNAL

Case No: 1639/7/7/24

BETWEEN:

BULK MAIL CLAIM LIMITED

Class Representative

- v -

INTERNATIONAL DISTRIBUTION SERVICES LIMITED (formerly ROYAL MAIL PLC)

Defendant

ORDER (CLASS COMMUNICATIONS)

UPON the Tribunal's orders of 8 October 2025 and 27 January 2026 (the **Orders**) requiring the parties to write to the other confirming whether they are seeking disclosure from class members (and setting out their proposed disclosure categories) if applicable by no later than 30 April 2026

AND UPON the Defendant confirming, by way of letter from Hogan Lovells International LLP dated 30 April 2026, that it did not intend to seek disclosure from the Class Representative or class members at that time

AND UPON the Defendant's unilateral communication dated 11 November 2026 to three class members (the **Contacted Class Members**) in these proceedings seeking voluntary disclosure (the **Communication**)

AND UPON the Class Representative's application dated 12 November 2026 for urgent directions under rules 53(1) and 55(1)(b) of the Competition Appeal Tribunal Rules 2015 (the **Application**)

AND UPON the Defendant writing to the Tribunal on 13 November 2026 regarding the Communication

AND UPON the Class Representative writing to the Tribunal on 13 November 2026 regarding the Defendant's response

AND UPON the Tribunal considering the Application on the papers

AND UPON the Tribunal issuing a ruling on 19 November 2026, [2026] CAT 87 (the **Ruling**)

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. As soon as possible and at the latest by **5:00pm** on **20 November 2026**, the Defendant shall send a further communication in writing to the Contacted Class Members, which shall include:

   (a) the relevant contact details of the Class Representative's solicitors;

   (b) a reference to the Ruling, drawing their attention to §25;

   (c) a statement that the class member has 28 days to respond to the Communication; and

   (d) an explanation of the meaning of pass-on in the context of these proceedings and the documents the Defendant seeks in reference to this.

2. Where the Defendant engages in any follow-up communication with a class member, the Defendant must not say or write anything inconsistent with the statements and principles set out at §1 above and §25 of the Ruling.

3. If the Defendant makes any application to the Tribunal for an order for disclosure by a class member (including under rule 89(1)(c) of the Competition Appeal Tribunal Rules 2015), that application shall be served on the Class Representative, and the Class Representative shall be joined as an interested party to the application.

4. Where any class member proposes to provide the Defendant with any commercially sensitive documents or information in response to the Communication (or any subsequent disclosure communication), the Defendant must put in place appropriate arrangements to protect the class member's confidentiality, and must explain to the class member that is being done and how.

5. Costs reserved.

6. The parties have liberty to apply.

Hodge Malek KC
Chair of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 19 November 2026
Drawn: 19 November 2026