

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
BUSINESS AND PROPERTY DIVISION
COMMERCIAL COURT

Mr Justice Birt

20 October 2026

BETWEEN:

(1) – (133) WOLSELEY UK LIMITED AND OTHERS
as listed in Amended Annex A to the Amended Claim Form

Claimants

– and –

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

Defendants

CONSENT ORDER

UPON the above proceedings (the "**Proceedings**") involving claims against the Defendants in respect of alleged interchange fee overcharges

AND UPON the Claimants having issued the Claim Form in the Commercial Court on 29 September 2026

AND UPON the Claimants having issued the Amended Claim Form in the Commercial Court on 8 October 2026

AND UPON the Claimants having served the Amended Claim Form on the Defendants on 8 October 2026 (deemed service thus being 12 October 2026)

AND HAVING REGARD TO section 16 of the Enterprise Act 2002 (as amended) (the "**2002 Act**") and to the Section 16 Enterprise Act 2002 Regulations 2015 (the "**2015 Regulations**")

AND HAVING REGARD TO paragraphs 8.3-8.6 and 8.10-8.13 of Practice Direction 30, supplementing CPR Part 30 ("**Practice Direction 30**"), and to paragraph B13.6 of the Commercial Court Guide

AND HAVING REGARD TO the overriding objective in CPR Rule 1.1

AND UPON the parties having agreed to this Order in draft form

AND UPON the Court concluding, in the light of all the circumstances of the case, including the wishes of the parties, that it is appropriate to make an order pursuant to section 16(1) and/or 16(4) of the 2002 Act together with Regulation 2 of the 2015 Regulations in respect of the Proceedings, and noting that this Court may give such directions or make such order as it thinks fit to give effect to the determination of any issue by the Competition Appeal Tribunal pursuant to Regulation 2(b) of the 2015 Regulations

BY CONSENT IT IS ORDERED that:

1. These Proceedings are hereby transferred to the Competition Appeal Tribunal pursuant to section 16(1) and/or 16(4) of the 2002 Act and Regulation 2 of the 2015 Regulations.

2. Pursuant to paragraph 3 of Practice Direction 30, this Order shall take effect forthwith.

3. The sending of this Order to the parties and the Competition Appeal Tribunal shall constitute notice to them for the purposes of paragraphs 8.5 and 8.12 of Practice Direction 30 and CPR Rule 30.4(1).

4. Costs in the Case.

5. A sealed copy of this Order shall be served by the Claimants on the Defendants.

For the avoidance of doubt, neither this Order, nor the transfer effected by this Order, is intended to alter, limit or exclude in any respect any element of the Claimants' Claim as constituted in this Court prior to the transfer taking effect. If, and to the extent that, any element of the Claimants' Claim (as constituted in this Court prior to the transfer taking effect) is not capable of falling within the jurisdiction of the Competition Appeal Tribunal on a transfer, or would be altered, limited or excluded by this Order or the transfer, it is not subject to this Order, remains within the jurisdiction of this Court and is stayed until further order. This Court may give such further directions or make such further order as it thinks fit in connection with the transfer and/or with any element as referred to above. For the further avoidance of doubt, to the extent that there are any issues that are retained in this Court after transfer of the proceedings to the Competition Appeal Tribunal, any order determining any issue thus retained shall be made by this Court and any appeal therefrom may be made pursuant to CPR Part 52.

Dated this 20th day of October 2026

SERVICE OF THIS ORDER

The Court has provided a sealed copy of this Order to the serving party: Hausfeld & Co. LLP.