



IN THE COMPETITION
APPEAL TRIBUNAL

Case No:

BETWEEN:

- (1) BGL (HOLDINGS) LIMITED**
(2) BGL GROUP LIMITED
(3) BISL LIMITED
(4) COMPARE THE MARKET LIMITED

Applicants

- v -

COMPETITION AND MARKETS AUTHORITY

Respondent

ORDER
(EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE NOTICE OF APPEAL)

UPON the application by BGL (Holdings) Limited and others (together, “BGL”) by their solicitors’ letter dated 5 January 2021 for an extension of time to file a notice of appeal in respect of the infringement decision of the Competition and Markets Authority (“CMA”) in Case 50505 which found that BGL’s wide most favoured nation clauses were restrictive of competition pursuant to Article 101 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Chapter I of the Competition Act 1998 (the “Decision”)

AND UPON there being no objection from the CMA to the extension request

AND HAVING REGARD TO Rules 9(1)-(2) and 19(2)(m) of the Tribunal Rules and the Practice Direction relating to Covid-19 published on 20 March 2020

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The time for BGL to file a notice of appeal in respect of the Decision is extended to 5 pm on 2 February 2021.
2. There be liberty to apply.

REASONS:

1. The extension sought is for 14 days and I am satisfied that the circumstances are exceptional. The Applicants' solicitors have indicated in their letter to the Tribunal of 5 January 2021 that the current situation concerning Covid-19 has adversely affected their ability to file an appeal by 19 January 2021.
2. The alternative course of filing a notice of appeal in a less than final form and applying to amend it at a later stage would likely lead to additional delay and/or duplication of work in this case.
3. The CMA as the proposed respondent to the appeal has not objected to the application for an extension of time.

The Hon Mr Justice Roth
President of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 6 January 2021
Drawn: 6 January 2021