



MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT

Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears the proposed acquisition by Liberty Global plc of sole control of the business of UTV Ireland Limited

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On 7 September 2016, the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission cleared the proposed transaction whereby Liberty Global plc, through its wholly owned subsidiary Virgin Media Limited, would acquire sole control of UTV Ireland Limited. The proposed transaction was notified to the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission under the Competition Act 2002 (as amended) on 29 July 2016 and satisfies the criteria for a media merger set out in Section 28(A) (1) of the Competition Act 2002.

The Commission has formed the view that the proposed transaction will not substantially lessen competition in any market for goods or services in the State. The Commission will publish the reasons for its Determination on its website no later than 60 working days after the date of the Determination and after allowing the parties the opportunity to request that confidential information be removed from the published version.

Additional Information

Liberty Global plc is a global cable network operator active mainly in Europe and also in Caribbean and Latin America. Within Ireland, Liberty Global plc, through its wholly-owned subsidiary Virgin Media Limited, owns and operates cable networks and the TV3 Group.

UTV Ireland Limited launched its television channel on 1 January 2015 in Ireland, and is currently owned and operated by UTV Limited.

UTV Limited is a private limited company, and was sold by UTV Media plc to ITV plc in February 2016.