CCPC clears CSG's acquisition of Celtic Water Care Solutions

9 October 2026 – The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC) has cleared the proposed purchase of Celtic Water Care Solutions Limited by CSG Chemical Solutions Limited (CSG).

CSG is headquartered in Shannon, Co. Clare and provides chemical solutions to the water treatment, environmental and hygiene industries. Celtic Water Care Solutions is headquartered in Co. Cork and advises commercial, industrial and public sector entities on their water treatment requirements. It also supplies chemicals and consumables for use in their customers' treatment plants.

This proposed transaction (M/26/002) was notified to the CCPC on 6 January 2026. Following a preliminary Phase 1 investigation, the CCPC opened a Phase 2 investigation in May 2026 to establish if the acquisition would lead to a substantial lessening of competition in Ireland.

Throughout the merger review, the CCPC gathered significant information from the merging parties, customers, and other suppliers in the industry. This information indicated that the merger would not lead to a significant lessening of competition and the deal can now proceed. The CCPC will publish the full decision on its website within 60 working days, following redaction of confidential information.

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Editor's notes

CCPC's Merger Review Process

Mergers and acquisitions which meet certain financial thresholds must be notified to the CCPC for review. While the vast majority of mergers and acquisitions raise no concerns, some mergers and acquisitions can reduce competition in a market, for example by creating or strengthening a dominant player. This is likely to harm consumers through higher prices, reduced choice or less innovation.

The work undertaken by the CCPC during a merger investigation varies; however, it may include in-depth economic analyses of the affected market(s) or segments, market research and consultations with suppliers, customers and competitors of merging parties.

More details on the merger review process are set out in the guidelines and procedures set out at Mergers - CCPC Business.

Transaction Timelines to Date		***Notes***
Notification	6 January 2026	This is the date from which the timelines, within which the CCPC must make a determination, begin to run.
Phase 1 requirements for information were issued to parties	16 February 2026	This pauses and resets the deadline for the CCPC to make a determination.
Required information received from parties	10 April 2026	The CCPC is required to inform the notifying parties whether or not it is satisfied that the Phase 1 requirements for further information have been complied with within 10 working days of receipt of the requested information and certificates of compliance from both parties.
New appropriate date	10 April 2026	This is the new date from which the timelines within which the CCPC must make a determination in Phase 1 (30 working days) and Phase 2 (120 working days) begin to run.
Phase 2 investigation began	21 May 2026	
Phase 2 requirements for information were issued to parties	16 June 2026	This pauses the timeline within which the CCPC must make a determination in Phase 2.
Required information received from parties and requirement for information complied with	27 August 2026	This resumes the timeline within which the CCPC must reach a determination in Phase 2.
Decision	8 October 2026	