

MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT M/26/033 – IVC EVIDENSIA IRELAND/ACORN VETERINARY CLINIC

Section 21 of the Competition Act 2002

Competition and Consumer Protection Commission clears proposed acquisition whereby Independent Vetcare Ireland Limited would acquire sole control of Acorn Veterinary Clinic Limited.

25 May 2026

The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission has today cleared the proposed transaction whereby Independent Vetcare Ireland Limited, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the IVC Evidensia group of companies, would acquire the entire issued share capital, and thus sole control, of Acorn Veterinary Clinic Limited. The proposed transaction was notified under the Competition Act 2002, as amended, on 8 May 2026.

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

Independent Vetcare Ireland Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of IVC Acquisitions Limited, which in turn is part of the IVC Evidensia group of companies. IVC Evidensia is a global provider of veterinary care and related ancillary services, comprising a network of around 2,600 clinics, hospitals and out-of-hours centres, based across 20 countries worldwide.

Acorn Veterinary Clinic is a veterinary practice that operates two clinics in Kildorrery and Mallow, County Cork that provides small/companion and large animal care in the North Cork and surrounding area.