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Amazon / Anthropic partnership merger inquiry

The CMA investigated Amazon.com, Inc's (Amazon) partnership with Anthropic PBC (Anthropic).

Updates to this page

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17 October 2024 Full text decision published.

27 September 2024 Found not to qualify decision published.

8 August 2024 Commencement notice published.

24 April 2024 First published.

Case type:

Mergers

Case state:

Closed

Market sector:

Electronics

Opened:

24 April 2024

Statutory timetable

Phase 1 Action

27 September 2024 Decision announced

8 August 2024 Launch of merger inquiry

24 April 2024 to 9 May 2024 Invitation to comment

Phase 1

Found not to qualify decision

27 September 2024: The CMA has decided that Amazon's partnership with Anthropic does not qualify for investigation under the merger provisions of the Enterprise Act 2002.

[Full text decision \(PDF, 154KB\) \(17.10.24\)](#)

[Summary of phase 1 decision \(PDF, 113KB\) \(27.9.24\)](#)

[Launch of merger inquiry](#)

8 August 2024: The CMA announced the launch of its merger inquiry by notice to the parties.

[Commencement notice \(PDF, 112KB\) \(8.8.24\)](#)

[Invitation to comment: closed](#)

The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) is considering whether it is or may be the case that Amazon's partnership with Anthropic has resulted in the creation of a relevant merger situation under the merger provisions of the Enterprise Act 2002 and, if so, whether the creation of that situation has resulted, or may be expected to result, in a substantial lessening of competition within any market or markets in the United Kingdom for goods or services.

To assist it with this assessment, the CMA invites comments from any interested party, in advance of the CMA's formal investigation starting.

These comments should be provided by the deadline set out above.

[Invitation to comment \(PDF, 126KB\) \(24.4.24\)](#)

[Press notice: CMA seeks views on AI partnerships and other arrangements \(24.4.24\)](#)

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