

Linda Ford CILEX

By email

8 February 2023

Dear Linda

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LSB investigation – Revised timetable

- Following my letter of 11 October 2022 which set out the terms of engagement and scope 1. of the investigation and subsequent communication, I am writing to now formally notify you of a revision to the timetable.
- 2. We noted that the timetable would be kept under review as the investigation progressed and may be altered or extended where appropriate. As a result of the later submission of representations and the need for a further information request, we require additional time to fully consider the additional information. The consequence of that is that we do not expect to be in a position to share our draft findings report with you until 1 March 2023. I have provided a revised timetable at the Annex – this updates the timetable Annexed to my letter of 11 October 2022 - for your information with the revised timings highlighted and completed actions greyed-out.
- 3. A revised operational plan with the revised timings is also annexed and will not be published. We draw your attention to Step 7 of that plan: CRL and CILEX will have a twoweek period to review and comment on the draft report before it is finalised.
- 4. Whilst we understand that it is in all parties' interests for the investigation to proceed in a timely manner, it is important to ensure that we have properly considered all the relevant information and documents provided.
- I have written in similar terms to Carilyn Burman, CEO of CILEx Regulation and copied to 5. Russell Cooke. We will publish this letter on our website alongside previous correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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Annex

Revised and updated investigation steps and timetable: as at 8 February 2022

Step 1	Pre-notification of investigation	4 October 2022
Step 2	Notice of investigation letter issued	11 October 2022
	(including scope) and website publication	Publication + 1 day
Step 3	LSB detailed review and analysis of	12 October – 4
	information held	November 2022
Step 4	Request any additional information from	7 November 2022
	CILEX, CRL and third parties, if relevant,	
	s55 LSA	
Step 5	Provision of additional information deadline	5 December 2022
Step 6	Analysis of information and preparation of	5 December – 31
•	findings/report	January 2023
Step 7	Draft report/findings shared for fact-	1 February 2023
	checking	1 March 2023
Step 8	Final report/findings and publication	28 February 2023 -
		1st week March
		2023
		31 March 2023 -
		April 2023