



**IN THE COMPETITION  
APPEAL TRIBUNAL**

Case No: 1515/5/7/22 (T)

BETWEEN:

**POUNDLAND LIMITED**

Claimant

- v -

- (1) MASTERCARD INCORPORATED**  
**(2) MASTERCARD INTERNATIONAL INCORPORATED**  
**(3) MASTERCARD EUROPE S.A.**

Defendants

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**ORDER**

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**UPON** the claim form in these proceedings being issued in the High Court on 13 June 2017 (HC-2017-001729) (the “**Claim Form**”)

**AND UPON** the Order of the Chancellor of the High Court dated 7 April 2022 (as amended) transferring the various cases listed in the schedule to that order (which included these proceedings) to the Competition Appeal Tribunal (the “**Transfer Order**”)

**AND HAVING REGARD TO** (i) the views expressed by the President of the Tribunal at the Case Management Conference on 1-2 March 2022 in Cases 1306-1325/5/7/19 (T), 1349-1350/5/7/20 (T), 1369/5/7/20 (T), 1373-1374/5/7/20 (T), 1376/5/7/20 (T), 1383-1384/5/7/21 (T), 1385-1400/5/7/21 (T) and 1406/5/7/21 (T) (the “**Merchant Interchange Proceedings**”);

(ii) the Tribunal’s Order of 16 March 2022 following such CMC (the “**Order**”); and (iii) the Tribunal’s Ruling of 16 March 2022 ([2022] CAT 14) (the “**Ruling**”)

**AND UPON** the Umbrella Proceedings Order of the President dated 4 July 2022 designating this case as a “Host Case” pursuant to the Tribunal’s Practice Direction 2/2022 (Umbrella Proceedings), such that the Ubiquitous Matters (as defined in the Practice Direction) arising in this case will be disposed of in Umbrella Proceedings (under Case No 1517/11/7/22 (UM) Merchant Interchange Fee Umbrella Proceedings) in accordance with the process set out in the Tribunal’s Order and Ruling in the Merchant Interchange Proceedings

**AND UPON** reading the letter of 13 September 2022 from Hill Dickinson LLP seeking a stay of the proceedings and the accompanying draft consent order signed by the parties

**AND UPON** further correspondence between the parties and the Tribunal dated 15 and 16 September 2022 regarding their request and a revised draft consent order signed by the parties

**BY CONSENT IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Following service of the Claim Form, the Defendants shall acknowledge service of the Claim Form within 14 days.
2. Upon service of the acknowledgement of service, the proceedings shall be stayed immediately until further order (the “**Stay**”).
3. The Claimants shall not be required to serve any Particulars of Claim during the Stay and time for serving Particulars of Claim shall be extended until 12 weeks after the date of the order lifting the Stay, unless the Tribunal orders otherwise.
4. Notwithstanding the Stay, the parties in the proceedings shall be bound by the outcome of any Tribunal determinations in the Merchant Interchange Fee Umbrella Proceedings (including any appeals) in respect of all designated Ubiquitous Matters.
5. Notwithstanding the Stay, the Claimant remains liable to provide information or disclosure if the Tribunal considers such information or disclosure necessary to resolve a wider issue in the Merchant Interchange Proceedings.

6. The Claim Form shall be served in accordance with the Civil Procedure Rules 1998 and the Tribunal's letter of 19 May 2022.
7. There be liberty to apply.
8. Costs in the case.

**Sir Marcus Smith**  
President of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 20 September 2022  
Drawn: 20 September 2022