



IN THE COMPETITION
APPEAL TRIBUNAL

Case No: 1433/7/7/22

BETWEEN:

DR LIZA LOVDAHL GORMSEN

Class Representative

- v -

(1) META PLATFORMS, INC.
(2) META PLATFORMS IRELAND LIMITED
(3) FACEBOOK UK LIMITED

Defendants

ORDER

UPON the Tribunal making a Collective Proceedings Order on 2 May 2024

AND UPON the Chair setting down deadlines for the parties' pleadings by letter dated 20 November 2024

AND UPON considering written submissions and witness evidence filed by the parties in advance of, and hearing Leading Counsel for the parties at, a case management conference ("CMC") on 16 December 2024

AND UPON the Tribunal indicating to the parties that it wishes to split the trial in this matter and inviting their proposals as to how this should be achieved

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

PLEADINGS

1. The Defendants shall file and serve their Defence by **4pm** on **20 January 2025**.
2. The Class Representative shall file and serve a Reply, if so advised, by **4pm** on **3 March 2025**.

DISCLOSURE

3. By **4pm** on **20 March 2025**, the Defendants shall file a disclosure report (as defined in Rule 60(1)(b) of the Competition Appeal Tribunal Rules 2015 (the “**Tribunal Rules**”)) and an Electronic Documents Questionnaire (as defined in Rule 60(1)(c) of the Tribunal Rules).
4. Any further directions for disclosure, shall be determined at the CMC listed in accordance with paragraph 7 below.

EXPERT EVIDENCE

5. Directions as to the fields and scope of expert evidence are to be determined at the CMC listed in accordance with paragraph 6 below.

CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCES

6. A CMC shall be listed on **4 April 2025** to discuss the directions to trial in these proceedings (including how a split trial and/or the trial of identified preliminary issues), with a time estimate of 1 day.
7. A CMC shall be listed on **15 July 2025** to address disclosure, with a time estimate of 1 day with a day in reserve.

GENERAL

8. Costs in the case.
9. There be liberty to apply.

10. By agreement the parties may vary without further order any deadline in this Order provided that they inform the Tribunal of such agreement in advance of the expiry of the relevant deadline and the extension does not affect the dates of any listed hearings.

Mrs Justice Joanna Smith
Chair of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 10 January 2025
Drawn: 10 January 2025