

Competition Tribunal



Tribunal de la Concurrence

Reference: *The Commissioner of Competition v HarperCollins Publishers LLC and HarperCollins Canada Limited*, 2017 Comp Trib 12

File No.: CT-2017-002

Registry Document No.: 97

IN THE MATTER OF the *Competition Act*, RSC 1985, c C-34 as amended;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by the Commissioner of Competition pursuant to section 90.1 of the *Competition Act*.

BETWEEN:

The Commissioner of Competition
(applicant)

and

**HarperCollins Publishers LLC and
HarperCollins Canada Limited**
(respondents)

and

Rakuten Kobo Inc
(intervenor)



Decided on the basis of the written record

Before Judicial Member: Phelan J.

Date of Order: September 11, 2017

Order signed by: Mr. Justice M. Phelan

HEARING DATE ORDER

UPON reviewing proposed schedules for the hearing of this Application;

AND the parties making initial proposed hearing dates; the Commissioner specifically proposing a hearing commencing in November 2018; the Respondents' "without prejudice" much later hearing date;

AND following a case management conference, the parties revised their proposals;

AND CONSIDERING that the Tribunal is to proceed expeditiously as circumstances and fairness permit;

AND CONSIDERING that:

- the Tribunal must have regard for the availability of three members of the Tribunal designated to hear this matter;
- the time between filing of the Notice of Application and the commencement date should be reasonably consistent (but not identical) with similar timeframes of similar cases;
- the November 2018 hearing date is approximately 660 days after the filing of the Notice of Application and falls within the reasonable range for similarly complex cases; and
- the parties have not shown that the initially proposed November date is either unreasonable, unfair or impractical.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

[1] The hearing of this matter shall commence on November 12, 2018 for approximately four (4) weeks; and

[2] The parties are to consult with respect to a schedule of steps necessary to bring the case on the scheduled time. In the event that the parties cannot agree on such steps within 30 days, the Tribunal shall, following a further case management conference, fix a schedule of pre-hearing steps.

DATED at Ottawa, this 11th day of September 2017.

SIGNED on behalf of the Tribunal by the presiding judicial member.

(s) Michael L. Phelan

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