



**IN THE COMPETITION  
APPEAL TRIBUNAL**

BETWEEN:

Case No: 1595/7/7/23

**ROBERT HAMMOND**

Applicant/Proposed Class Representative

- v -

- (1) AMAZON.COM, INC.**
- (2) AMAZON EU S.À.R.L.**
- (4) AMAZON EUROPE CORE S.À.R.L.**
- (5) AMAZON UK SERVICES LTD**

Respondents/Proposed Defendants

**(the “Hammond Proceedings”)**

AND BETWEEN:

Case No 1644/7/7/24

**PROFESSOR ANDREAS STEPHAN**

Applicant/Proposed Class Representative

- v -

- (1) AMAZON.COM, INC.**
- (2) AMAZON EUROPE CORE S.À.R.L.**
- (3) AMAZON EU S.À.R.L.**
- (4) AMAZON UK SERVICES LTD**
- (5) AMAZON PAYMENTS UK LTD**

Respondents/Proposed Defendants

**(the “Stephan Proceedings”)**

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**ORDER**

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**UPON** the application by Mr Hammond in case no 1595/7/7/23 for a collective proceedings order pursuant to section 47B of the Competition Act 1998 and Rule 75 of the Competition Appeal Tribunal Rules 2015 (the “**Rules**”) (the “**Hammond CPO Application**”)

**AND UPON** the application by Prof Stephan in case no 1644/7/7/24 for a collective proceedings order pursuant to section 47B of the Competition Act 1998 and Rule 75 of the Rules (the “**Prof Stephan CPO Application**”)

**AND UPON** the judgment of the Tribunal of 5 February 2024 in the Hammond Proceedings resolving the carriage dispute in favour of Mr Hammond

**AND UPON** the order of the Tribunal of 30 April 2024 setting directions for the hearing of the Hammond CPO Application and listing the hearing for 25 to 27 September 2024

**AND UPON** the ruling of the Tribunal of 4 September 2024 in the Hammond Proceedings adjourning the hearing of the Hammond CPO Application until determination of the carriage dispute in the Stephan Proceedings

**AND UPON** the judgment of the Tribunal of 20 January 2025 in the Stephan Proceedings resolving the carriage dispute in favour of Prof Stephan

**AND UPON** the Tribunal directing that the Hammond CPO Application and the Stephan CPO Application (the “**CPO Applications**”) be heard jointly

**AND UPON** hearing counsel for Mr Hammond, counsel for Prof Stephan, and counsel for the Proposed Defendants in the Hammond Proceedings and the Stephan Proceedings (“**Amazon**”) at a case management conference on 4 February 2025

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

**Confidentiality Ring**

1. The parties shall seek to agree the terms of a confidentiality ring order by **4pm** on **7 February 2025**, to be determined on the papers if not agreed.

**Joint case management**

2. The Hammond Proceedings and the Stephan Proceedings shall be jointly case managed up to and including the hearing of the CPO Applications.
3. The CPO Applications be heard together, with evidence and submissions in one CPO Application to be admissible as evidence and submissions in the other CPO Application.

**Publicity**

4. By **4pm** on **7 February 2025**:
  - a. Mr Hammond shall publicise the date of the hearing of the Hammond CPO Application on his claims website; and
  - b. Prof Stephan shall publicise the Stephan CPO Application (including the date of the hearing of that Application) in the form approved by the Tribunal.

## **Responses and replies**

5. By **4pm on 24 March 2025**, the Proposed Defendants in the Stephan Proceedings shall file and serve their response to the Stephan CPO Application, together with any expert or factual evidence, and any application made pursuant to rule 79(4) of the Rules.
6. By **4pm on 4 April 2025**, the Proposed Defendants in the Hammond Proceedings shall (if so advised) serve any supplementary or amended response to the Hammond CPO Application concerning Mr Hammond's funding arrangements.
7. By **4pm on 14 April 2025**, Prof Stephan shall file and serve any reply to the response filed in accordance with paragraph 5 above, together with any expert or factual evidence, and any response to any application made pursuant to rule 79(4) of the Rules.

## **Objections to and observations on the CPO Applications**

8. Any person with an interest (including the Proposed Class Members in the Stephan Proceedings) may object to the Stephan CPO Application or the authorisation of Prof Stephan as the PCR by writing to the Tribunal, stating their reasons for objecting, by **4pm on 4 April 2025**.
9. Any Proposed Class Member may apply to the Tribunal for permission to make observations on the Stephan CPO Application at the hearing of the CPO Applications, stating their reasons for wishing to do so, by **4pm on 4 April 2025**.

## **Hearing**

10. The hearing of the CPO Applications shall be listed for three days with one day in reserve beginning on **6 May 2025**.

## **Skeleton arguments and bundles**

11. By **4pm on 25 April 2025**, Professor Stephan shall file an electronic version of the agreed hearing bundle with the Tribunal.
12. By **4pm on 29 April 2025**, the parties shall file and serve:
  - a. skeleton arguments, limited to no more than:
    - i. 23 pages for each of Mr Hammond's and Prof Stephan's skeleton arguments;
    - ii. A total of 45 pages on behalf of all the Proposed Defendants across both CPO Applications (regardless of whether a single skeleton or two separate skeletons are filed); and
  - b. hard-copy versions of the agreed hearing bundle (subject to any directions or indications from the Tribunal about what documents are required in hard copy).
13. By **4pm on 30 April 2025**, Mr Hammond shall file electronic and hard copy versions of an agreed bundle of authorities.

**General**

14. Costs in the case.

15. There be liberty to apply.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. M. Roth".

**The Honourable Mr Justice Roth**

Acting President of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 7 February 2025

Drawn: 7 February 2025