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On 28 October 2022, the Aéroports de Paris and Select Service Partner groups notified the *Autorité de la concurrence* of their plan to create a full-function joint venture called Extime Food & Beverage Paris, whose purpose is to eventually operate almost all of the catering outlets located in Paris-Roissy Charles de Gaulle and Paris-Orly airports.

At the end of the first phase of the review (known as "phase 1"), the *Autorité* considered that the transaction contained a serious risk of harm to competition that justified an in-depth review of the transaction (known as "phase 2") (see PR of 9 January 2023).

In the present decision, for the first time, the *Autorité* draws a distinction between the upstream market for granting concessions and the downstream concession catering market.

Following its analysis, the *Autorité* ruled out any risk of harm to competition on the upstream and downstream markets for commercial catering at Paris-CDG and Paris Orly airports. As a result, it clears the merger without commitment.

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