

**Acquirer: Spotless Catering; Target: P & O Australia Ltd**

**Initiation**

Press

**Merger type**

Asset Sale

**Guidelines thresholds**

Unknown

**Imports above 10%**

N/A

**Competition analysis**

Spotless acquired the following divisions of P&O: P&O Berkeley Challenge, P&O Asset Services and P&O Facilities Management. Previously Spotless did not participate in these markets and therefore the acquisition of these divisions was considered to be a new entry. The Commission took the view that each of the P&O Service divisions offered constituted a separate market for the purposes of the analysis under section 50 of the Trade Practices Act 1974. However, the Commission did not discount the possibility that broader markets may exist.

**Outcome**

Not Opposed

**Date raised**

16<sup>th</sup> September 1999

**Resolution**

N/A

**Date closed**

29<sup>th</sup> October 1999