

# News Release



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## **PROPOSED MERGER OF BOOTS AND ALLIANCE UNICHEM**

Boots notes that the European Commission has agreed to the request to have the proposed merger considered by the UK authorities. The parties will now work closely with the Office of Fair Trading

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