



REGISTERED AT THE  
COMPETITION APPEAL TRIBUNAL  
UNDER NUMBER: 21248  
DATE: 20/03/26

**IN THE COMPETITION  
APPEAL TRIBUNAL**

Case No: 1382/7/7/21

BETWEEN:

**CONSUMERS' ASSOCIATION**

Joint Applicant / Class Representative

- and -

**QUALCOMM INCORPORATED**

Joint Applicant / Defendant

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**ORDER (CSAO HEARING DIRECTIONS)**

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**UPON** the Class Representative and the Defendant making a joint application dated 13 February 2026, pursuant to Rule 94 of the Competition Appeal Tribunal Rules 2015 (the “**Tribunal Rules**”) (the “**CSAO Application**”)

**AND UPON** the constitution of a separate Tribunal (the “**Settlement Tribunal**”) in these proceedings to determine the CSAO Application

**AND UPON** the Class Representative and the Defendant having entered into a settlement agreement dated 13 February 2026 (the “**Settlement Agreement**”)

**AND UPON** the Settlement Tribunal having been provided with legal opinions by each of the Class Representative’s and the Defendant’s counsel pursuant to Rule 94(4) of the Tribunal Rules (the “**Opinions**”), on the basis that each of the Opinions is privileged and confidential and not to be provided to the other party or to any other person

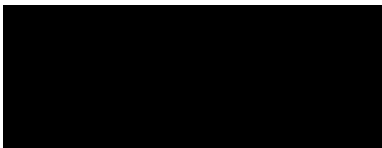
**AND UPON** the Settlement Tribunal having considered the CSAO Application, the terms of the Settlement Agreement and the supporting evidence (including the Opinions)

**AND UPON** the Settlement Tribunal listing the CSAO Application for a hearing on **18 May 2026** (the “**CSAO Hearing**”)

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Class Representative shall publish a notice of the CSAO Application (the “**Notice**”) by **2pm** on **24 March 2026**. The Notice shall be in the form appended to this Order.
2. For the avoidance of doubt, filing the Opinions, providing them to the Settlement Tribunal and/or referring to them or to any other legal advice received by either Party in connection to the settlement at any hearing and/or in any related documents does not (unless otherwise ruled or ordered by the Tribunal) cause privilege and confidentiality in the Opinions or their contents or any collateral documents or advice to be lost or cause the Opinions or their contents or any collateral documents or advice to become available to any other person under the open justice principle or otherwise.
3. Any Represented Person (as defined in the Notice) or Class Member who wishes to make written or oral submissions in connection with the terms of the proposed settlement shall file such an application with the Tribunal by **4pm** on **10 April 2026**, together with an explanation of their reason for wishing to make submissions and (if applicable) the written submissions they are applying to make, and provide this application and any written submissions to the Parties at the same time.
4. Any non-party (other than a Represented Person or Class Member) who wishes to apply for permission to intervene in the CSAO Hearing shall file an application for permission to intervene with the Tribunal by **4pm** on **10 April 2026**, including a draft statement of intervention limited to 5 pages and stating whether they propose to make oral and/or only written submissions, and provide this application to the Parties at the same time.
5. By **4pm** on **17 April 2026**, the Parties, if so advised, are to provide short observations to the Tribunal setting out their position as to whether any non-party (other than a Represented Person or Class Member) applying to intervene pursuant to paragraph 4 should be granted permission.
6. The Parties shall file any further evidence by **4pm** on **24 April 2026**.

7. By **4pm** on **8 May 2026**, the Class Representative shall deliver three (3) hard copies along with an electronic copy of the bundle, not including the authorities bundle, to the Tribunal.
8. By **4pm** on **8 May 2026**, the Parties shall file their skeleton arguments, containing cross-references to the CSAO Hearing bundles.
9. By **2pm** on **11 May 2026**, the Parties shall file the agreed authorities bundle in electronic form together with hard copy.



**Mr Hodge Malek KC**  
Chair of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 20 March 2026  
Drawn: 20 March 2026

## **ANNEX 1 – SETTLEMENT APPROVAL APPLICATION NOTICE**

# NOTICE OF THE SETTLEMENT APPLICATION

Competition Appeal Tribunal Case No.: 1382/7/7/21

**Consumers who bought certain Apple or Samsung smartphones between 1 October 2015 and 9 January 2024 may be covered by a collective settlement. This settlement, if approved, would not involve the payment of any compensation to affected consumers.**

## THIS NOTICE

This is a legal notice concerning an in-principle settlement (the “**Proposed Settlement**”), the details of which are summarised below. This notice is published at the direction of the UK Competition Appeal Tribunal (the “**Tribunal**”) which granted a Collective Proceedings Order on 4 July 2022 (“**CPO**”) in favour of Consumers’ Association (referred to as “**Which?**” or the “**Class Representative**”) to bring proceedings against Qualcomm Incorporated (the “**Defendant**”) arising from an alleged abuse of a dominant position relating to the Defendant’s sale of smartphone chipsets, and the licensing of intellectual property related to its technology (the “**Claim**”). Trial took place from October to November 2025.

This notice may be relevant to you if you are someone who falls within the class defined in the CPO (the CPO includes definitions relating to “**Class**” and the “**Class Definition**”, with members of the Class referred to as “**Class Members**”):

*All Consumers who purchased one or more Affected Products in the United Kingdom during the period between 1 October 2015 and 9 January 2024.*

For the purposes of the Class Definition set out above:

“**Consumers**” means natural persons who purchased Affected Products other than wholly for business use. Where a consumer has died since the date of purchase, the representative of his or her estate is considered to be a Consumer for the purposes of this definition. For the avoidance of doubt, any consumer who died on or before 18 February 2021 and whose purchases of Affected Products all pre-date 24 December 2015 is not part of the Class nor is his or her personal representative on their behalf.

“**Affected Products**” are LTE-enabled smartphone models included on the list at **Appendix A of this notice**, or any subsequent LTE-enabled smartphone models (excluding 5G/5G NR-enabled models) manufactured by, for, or on behalf of Apple Inc. or Samsung Electronics Co. Limited or any member of their respective corporate groups.

A copy of the CPO can be viewed online at [www.smartphoneclaim.co.uk](http://www.smartphoneclaim.co.uk).

This notice relates to the Proposed Settlement agreed between the Class Representative and the Defendant (together, the “**Parties**”). In accordance with Rule 94 of the Tribunal Rules 2015 (which can be viewed online at [www.catribunal.org.uk/rules-and-guidance](http://www.catribunal.org.uk/rules-and-guidance)), the Parties are seeking the Tribunal’s approval of the Proposed Settlement. The Tribunal will only approve the Proposed Settlement if it is satisfied that the terms of the Proposed Settlement are “just and reasonable”. Therefore, the Parties filed an application on 13 February 2026 (the “**Settlement Application**”), the primary purpose of which is to explain why the Proposed Settlement is “just and reasonable”.

**The Settlement Application will be considered by the Tribunal at an oral hearing on 18 May 2026.**

If the Tribunal approves the Proposed Settlement, it will bring these proceedings to an end. This means that there will be no judgment following the trial which took place from October to November 2025.

**It also means that, if you fall within the Class Definition set out above, were a UK resident as of 17 May 2022, and have not previously 'opted out' of the claim by 15 November 2022, your claim against the Defendant in these proceedings will be finally resolved by this Proposed Settlement, and you will not be able to bring another claim against the Defendant in relation to the conduct alleged in these proceedings.**

This notice is for your information so that you can consider whether you wish to apply to the Tribunal for permission to make submissions regarding the Settlement Application.

A full copy of the Settlement Application is available to view online at [www.smartphoneclaim.co.uk](http://www.smartphoneclaim.co.uk), along with other information about the Claim. This notice gives important information about the Proposed Settlement.

## **THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT**

Importantly, the Proposed Settlement does not involve the payment of any compensation to Class Members.

The Proposed Settlement requires the withdrawal of these proceedings, with each party bearing its own costs, and for a statement from the Class Representative to the effect that, having reviewed all the evidence and the arguments advanced at trial, the Class Representative considers that the Tribunal will accept the Defendant's Defence to the Claim. The full statement is appended at **Appendix B** and is also available to view online at [www.smartphoneclaim.co.uk](http://www.smartphoneclaim.co.uk).

## **RIGHT TO MAKE WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT**

As set out above, the Settlement Application will be considered by the Tribunal at an oral hearing on **18 May 2026**.

**In accordance with Rule 94(7) of the Tribunal Rules 2015, any Class Member may make written submissions to the Tribunal in relation to the Proposed Settlement.**

The Tribunal has directed that such submissions should be filed with the Tribunal by email to [registry@catribunal.org.uk](mailto:registry@catribunal.org.uk), and provided to the legal representatives of the Class Representative and the Defendant, by email to [hausfeldqualcomm@hausfeld.com](mailto:hausfeldqualcomm@hausfeld.com), [lonantitrustnrf-qcom@nortonrosefulbright.com](mailto:lonantitrustnrf-qcom@nortonrosefulbright.com), and [quinnqcukca@quinnemanuel.com](mailto:quinnqcukca@quinnemanuel.com) **by 4pm on 10 April 2026**.

Should any Class Member have questions about the above, it can contact the Class Representative by completing the form at [www.smartphoneclaim.co.uk/contact](http://www.smartphoneclaim.co.uk/contact).

## APPENDIX A – LIST OF AFFECTED PRODUCTS

| Samsung handsets      |                  |                   |                         |
|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Galaxy A10            | Galaxy J3 (2016) | Galaxy S6         | Galaxy M31s             |
| Galaxy A2 Core        | Galaxy J3 (2017) | Galaxy S6 Edge    | Galaxy Note 10 Lite     |
| Galaxy A20e           | Galaxy J4        | Galaxy S6 Edge+   | Galaxy S20+             |
| Galaxy A3 (2015)      | Galaxy J4+       | Galaxy S7         | Galaxy A21              |
| Galaxy A3 (2016)      | Galaxy J5 (2015) | Galaxy S7 Edge    | Galaxy M11              |
| Galaxy A3 (2017)      | Galaxy J5 (2016) | Galaxy S8         | Galaxy A02              |
| Galaxy A30s           | Galaxy J5 (2017) | Galaxy S8+        | Galaxy Note 20          |
| Galaxy A40            | Galaxy J6        | Galaxy S9         | Galaxy A41              |
| Galaxy A5 (2015)      | Galaxy J6+       | Galaxy S9+        | Galaxy S10 Lite         |
| Galaxy A5 (2016)      | Galaxy J7 (2016) | Galaxy X Cover 3  | Galaxy Note20 Ultra     |
| Galaxy A5 (2017)      | Galaxy J7 (2017) | Galaxy X Cover 4  | Galaxy M21s             |
| Galaxy A50            | Galaxy J8        | Galaxy X Cover 4S | Galaxy A01 Core         |
| Galaxy A6             | Galaxy M10       | Galaxy A12        | Galaxy M01              |
| Galaxy A6+            | Galaxy M20       | Galaxy A21s       | Galaxy M31 Prime        |
| Galaxy A60            | Galaxy Note 10   | Galaxy M51        | Galaxy S20 Ultra        |
| Galaxy A7 (2018)      | Galaxy Note 10+  | Galaxy A31        | Galaxy M01s             |
| Galaxy A70            | Galaxy Note 4    | Galaxy M12        | Galaxy M01 Core         |
| Galaxy A8 (2018)      | Galaxy Note 8    | Galaxy M31        | Galaxy X Cover Pro      |
| Galaxy A8+ (2018)     | Galaxy Note 9    | Galaxy A02s       | Galaxy Z Flip           |
| Galaxy A80            | Galaxy S10       | Galaxy S20 FE     | Galaxy J2 Core (2020)   |
| Galaxy A8s            | Galaxy S10+      | Galaxy S20        | Galaxy A01              |
| Galaxy A9 (2018)      | Galaxy S10e      | Galaxy A11        | Galaxy A71              |
| Galaxy Core Prime     | Galaxy S4 Mini   | Galaxy M21        | Galaxy A51              |
| Galaxy Grand Prime VE | Galaxy S5 Mini   | Galaxy M02        | Galaxy M30s             |
| Galaxy J2 Pro (2018)  | Galaxy S5 Neo    | Galaxy M02s       | Galaxy A20s             |
|                       |                  |                   | Galaxy X Cover FieldPro |
| Galaxy A03            | Galaxy A22       | Galaxy A32        | Galaxy XCover 5         |
| Galaxy A03s           | Galaxy A52       | Galaxy M22        | Galaxy A13 (2022)       |
| Galaxy A72            | Galaxy M32       |                   |                         |
| Galaxy A04s           | Galaxy A12 Nacho | Galaxy F41        | Galaxy A9 2016          |

|                 |               |                  |                   |
|-----------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Galaxy A23      | Galaxy A13    | Galaxy F62       | Galaxy Ace 4 4G   |
| Galaxy M13      | Galaxy A20    | Galaxy Fold      | Galaxy Alpha      |
| Galaxy A14      | Galaxy A24 4G | Galaxy M04       | Galaxy J1 4G      |
| Galaxy A05s     | Galaxy A30    | Galaxy M10s      | Galaxy J1 (2016)  |
| Galaxy A04      | Galaxy A70s   | Galaxy M21 2021  | Galaxy K Zoom 4G  |
| Galaxy A04e     | Galaxy F04    | Galaxy M30       | Galaxy Note 7     |
| Galaxy A03 Core | Galaxy F12    | Galaxy M40       | Galaxy Note Edge  |
| Galaxy A10e     | Galaxy F13    | Galaxy M62       | Galaxy S4         |
| Galaxy A10s     | Galaxy F22    | Galaxy A7 (2016) | Galaxy S5         |
| Apple handsets  |               |                  |                   |
| iPhone 5s       | iPhone 7      | iPhone X         | iPhone 11         |
| iPhone 6        | iPhone 7 Plus | iPhone XR        | iPhone 11 Pro     |
| iPhone 6 Plus   | iPhone 8      | iPhone XS        | iPhone 11 Pro Max |
| iPhone 6s       | iPhone 8 Plus | iPhone XS Max    |                   |
| iPhone 6s Plus  | iPhone SE     | iPhone SE 2      |                   |

Where a handset model is available in both 4G/LTE and 5G versions (e.g. the Samsung A22, as distinct from the Samsung A22 5G), only the 4G/LTE version is an Affected Product. For the avoidance of doubt, and consistent with the definition of Affected Products, no 5G-enabled handset models have been included.

## **APPENDIX B – STATEMENT FROM THE CLASS REPRESENTATIVE**

The parties have reached agreement pursuant to which the Class Representative has now applied to the Tribunal for permission to withdraw the proceedings in their entirety. If the Tribunal approves the application, Qualcomm will not make any payment to the Class Representative or the Class as a result of this agreement. The approval of the Class Representative's application by the Tribunal will conclude the claim against Qualcomm. This agreement has been reached between the parties because the Class Representative has concluded, based on the evidence, and the arguments at trial, that the Tribunal will find that:

- (a) Qualcomm did not coerce Apple, Apple's Chipset Manufacturers (CMs), or Samsung to sign any patent licenses or chipset agreements;
- (b) Qualcomm did not leverage its position as a chipset supplier to coerce Apple, Apple's CMs, or Samsung to agree to any licensing terms; and
- (c) Qualcomm's licensing and chipset practices did not infringe competition laws, did not result in inflated royalties, and did not lead to an increase in prices consumers paid for their mobile phones