

of store disposals to jump to 245.

The CMA has included Aldi and Lidl in previous investigations but has given them a lower weighting in some deals because the discounters did not stock all the same products.

Sainsbury's has said it is confident the CMA will approve the deal with a few restrictions based on the fact that the regulator has recently given the green light to Tesco's takeover of wholesaler Booker.

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