Overview of key dates

15 working day period for a NCA to make a referral request (i.e, until 12 March 2021)

21 September 2020
Public announcement of Ilumina/Grail acquisition

7 December 2020
EC receives a complaint concerning the transaction

19 February 2021
EC sends a letter to the EU Member States inviting them to send a referral request under Article 22

9 March 2021
French competition authority sends a referral request (subsequently joined by Greek, Belgian, Norwegian, Icelandic and Dutch competition authorities)

11 March 2021
The EC informs Illumina and Grail of the referral request

31 March 2021
EC publishes Article 22 guidance

19 June 2021
EC accepts referral requests

16 June 2021
The proposed transaction is notified to the EC

18 August 2021
Illumina announces that it has completed the acquisition of Grail

20 August 2021
EC announces that it has decided to open an investigation for gun-jumping

6 September 2022
EC prohibited the transaction