

Competition Appeal Tribunal Case No 1527/7/7/22
FURTHER NOTICE OF COLLECTIVE PROCEEDINGS ORDER
PURSUANT TO RULE 81 OF THE TRIBUNAL RULES

This is a legal notice that has been issued at the direction of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

**PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU WISH TO EXERCISE YOUR
RIGHTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, YOU
MUST DO SO BY 9 MARCH 2026**

Claim update: purchasers of digital games or add-on content in the UK via the PlayStation Store up to 12 February 2026 are now included in the claim

In January 2024, the Tribunal authorised Alex Neill Class Representative Limited as the class representative, led by Ms Alex Neill, to bring collective proceedings against Sony. Further information regarding the claim can be read at www.playstationyouoweus.co.uk.

The purpose of this notice is to explain a change in the scope of the class of persons on whose behalf the proceedings are brought by the class representative.

The Tribunal originally ordered that the class included all persons who, at any point during the period between 19 August 2016 and 19 August 2022, made any purchase of digital games or add-on content from the PlayStation Store for a which a PlayStation user in the UK pays a charge to access or download (“Relevant Purchases”).

Between 26 February 2024 and 26 April 2024, the class representative notified class members of the collective proceedings.

Following recent legal developments, in February this year the class representative made an application to the Tribunal to amend the scope of the class to include individuals who had made Relevant Purchases for the first time between 19 August 2022 and 12 February 2026. On this basis, the class was amended to include persons who had made Relevant Purchases between 19 August 2016 and 12 February 2026.

Only individuals who made Relevant Purchases for the first time since 19 August 2022 are captured by this update: if you made Relevant Purchases *before* 19 August 2022, you are already a Class Member unless you have previously opted out.

If you first made any Relevant Purchase between 19 August 2022 and 12 February 2026, and you were resident or domiciled in the UK on 12 February 2026, you are now automatically included in the class representative’s claim. By doing nothing, you give up your right to make your own separate claim against Sony for the same legal claims in this case and you agree to be bound by judgments the Tribunal may issue in this case.

If you are living in the UK as of 12 February 2026, you have the right to “opt-out” or request to be excluded from the claim by **9 March 2026**. By opting-out you keep the right to bring your own separate claim against Sony. However, if you opt-out you will not be able to get any money from this claim (if money becomes available). More information on how to opt-out can be found at www.playstationyouoweus.co.uk.

If you are living outside the UK as of 12 February 2026 but meet the criteria to be in the class and wish to be part of the claim, you will need to “opt-in” to the claim. The deadline for opting-in is **9 March 2026**. More information on how to opt-in can be found at www.playstationyouoweus.co.uk.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Why has this notice been issued?

The Competition Appeal Tribunal has directed that this notice be issued following an Order made on 13 February 2026 (the “**Order**”; see copy at the Annex to this notice). The Order states that the class definition should be amended as described above.

This notice has been issued to inform you of this change.

During the case, the class representative is responsible for communicating with the class and for issuing formal notices, such as this notice. Updates about the claim will be made available on the claim website www.playstationyouoweus.co.uk, through the media and social media.

2. Who is in the class?

The Consumer Rights Act 2015 allows for a collective claim to be brought on behalf of a group of individuals who are alleged to have suffered a common loss. The group is the “class” and all individuals within the group are “class members.” Under the collective regime, groups of persons who have all suffered loss do not need to each bring an individual claim to obtain redress. Instead, class members may all receive compensation through a single, collective claim brought on their behalf by a representative.

In this case, the Tribunal has decided that you are included in the class of persons who can bring a claim if, in the period between 19 August 2016 and 12 February 2026, you made Relevant Purchases or were the personal representatives of PlayStation users who made Relevant Purchases (where applicable). You must have also been domiciled in the UK on either: (a) the original date of 21 November 2023 (for those who made purchases from 19 August 2016 to 19 August 2022), or (b) the further date of 12 February 2026 (for those who first made purchases from 19 August 2022 to 12 February 2026), to be included in the class.

How to Opt-Out or Opt-in

3. I was domiciled in the UK on 12 February 2026 and I want to be removed from the class

If you were a UK resident on 12 February 2026 who first made a Relevant Purchase between 19 August 2022 and 12 February 2026 and you want to be removed from the class, send an email to the Class Representative at optout@playstationyouoweus.co.uk.

Your email must explicitly state, “*I, [Name of person] wish to opt out of the collective claim against Sony UK, Case No. 1527/7/7/22*”, along with your full name, postal address, email address, telephone number, signature, and date. You do not have to give a reason for opting-out.

Alternatively, you may opt out by sending a letter to the following address:

Alex Neill Class Representative Limited
PO Box 5551
Radstock
BA3 9DL

A template opt-out letter is available at www.playstationyouoweus.co.uk.

Your letter must include the same statement and information listed above.

You may also submit your opt out via a webform located on the Claims Website, www.playstationyouoweus.co.uk.

To be considered, your opt out email, letter or webform must be received or postmarked **by 9 March 2026**. Once your opt out email, letter or webform is received and processed, you will receive an acknowledgement by email, or by post if you sent a letter by post.

Class Members should also specify the method they wish to receive confirmation of their opt out.

By opting out, you will not be eligible to receive a payment from this claim if money becomes available. However, you may be able to bring your own separate claim against Sony for the same issues.

If you fall within the class, were domiciled in the UK on 12 February 2026, and do not opt-out, you will be eligible to receive a payment from any judgment in this claim.

4. I was NOT domiciled in the UK on 12 February 2026 and I want to be part of the class

If you were not domiciled in the UK on 12 February 2026 (even if you were before) but first made a Relevant Purchase between 19 August 2022 and 12 February 2026, you must take steps to opt-in to the class if you want to be part of the claim and be eligible to receive a payment in the future.

If you want to opt-in, send an email to optin@playstationyouoweus.co.uk and state "*I, [Name of person] wish to opt in to the collective claim against Sony UK, Case No. 1527/7/7/22*". You must include your full name, postal address, country of domicile, email address, phone number and the name of the individual authorised to opt the Class Member into the Class.

Alternatively, visit www.playstationyouoweus.co.uk and complete the online opt-in form. You will need to provide the same information as above. You will need to state that you satisfy the criteria set out in the class definition.

If you prefer, you may also opt-in by post. Send the opt-in form, which can be downloaded at www.playstationyouoweus.co.uk, or a letter with the information listed in the previous paragraph to:

Alex Neill Class Representative Limited
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To be considered, your opt-in request must be received or postmarked by **9 March 2026**. Once your opt-in request is received and processed, you will be sent an acknowledgment by email if you have provided an email address, or by post if not.

If you do not opt-in by **9 March 2026** and money later becomes available, the only way for you to be eligible to receive a payment is for the Tribunal to give you permission to opt-in at a later time. There is no guarantee this permission will be given, so you must opt-in by **9 March 2026** if you want to ensure you are eligible to receive a payment.

Getting More Information

5. How can I stay updated on the progress of the claim?

You can visit www.playstationyouoweus.co.uk for periodic updates and any future notices via email as the claim progresses. If, and when, money becomes available, you will be contacted with information on how to claim your share.

6. How can I get more information?

This notice summarises the Order which varies the original Collective Proceedings Order (“CPO”). The full Order is set out in the Annex to this notice. The original CPO can be found [here](#). For further information about the claim, visit www.playstationyouoweus.co.uk.

You may also read more about this case at the Tribunal’s website at [1527/7/7/22 Alex Neill Class Representative Limited v Sony Interactive Entertainment Europe Limited; Sony Interactive Entertainment Network Europe Limited; and Sony Interactive Entertainment UK Limited | Competition Appeal Tribunal \(catribunal.org.uk\)](#) where key official documents are regularly published regarding the proceedings and the decisions in this case.

ANNEX

REGISTERED AT THE
COMPETITION APPEAL TRIBUNAL
UNDER NUMBER: 21214
DATE: 13/02/26



**IN THE COMPETITION
APPEAL TRIBUNAL**

Case No: 1527/7/7/22

BETWEEN:

ALEX NEILL CLASS REPRESENTATIVE LIMITED

Class Representative

- v -

**(1) SONY INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT EUROPE LIMITED
(2) SONY INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT NETWORK EUROPE
LIMITED**

Defendants

ORDER

UPON the Class Representative's application and enclosures to the Tribunal dated 5 February 2026 and 10 February 2026 ("the Application") for: (i) permission to amend the Re-Re-Amended Claim Form dated 14 April 2025, and subsequently amend paragraphs 5(b) and 10-12 of the Collective Proceedings Order made on 19 January 2024 and corrected on 2 February 2024 (the "Collective Proceedings Order"), and (ii) approval of the draft Further CPO Notice (the "Further CPO Notice")

AND UPON the First Expert Report of Mr Kalyan Dasgupta dated 5 January 2026 ("Dasgupta-1")

AND UPON hearing Counsel for the parties on 12 February 2026 at the Pre-Trial Review

AND UPON the Class Representative providing an updated version of the Further CPO Notice on 12 February 2026

AND HAVING REGARD TO the Tribunal's powers under the Competition Appeal Tribunal Rules 2015

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Amendments to Re-Re-Amended Claim Form

1. The Class Representative has permission to amend the Re-Re-Amended Claim Form in the form enclosed with the Application.
2. The Class Representative shall file and serve a copy of the Re-Re-Re-Amended Claim Form in the form exhibited to the Application within 2 working days of the date of this order.
3. The Defendants have permission to file and serve a Re-Amended Defence to respond to the Re-Re-Re-Amended Claim Form (if so advised), by the deadline for skeleton arguments specified in paragraph 11 below.
4. Paragraph 5(b) of the Collective Proceedings Order is amended as follows:

“Relevant Period” means (i) where the law of England and Wales applies, the period between 19 August 2016 and 12 February 2026; and (ii) where the law of Scotland applies, the period between 19 August 2017 and 12 February 2026.

5. Paragraph 10 of the Collective Proceedings Order is amended as follows:

“Every Class Member who made Relevant Purchases between 19 August 2016 and 19 August 2022 and is domiciled in the United Kingdom on 21 November 2023, being the date on which the Tribunal granted the CPO Application, shall be included in these collective proceedings. Every Class Member who made Relevant Purchases between 19 August 2022 and 12 February 2026 and who is domiciled in the United Kingdom on 12 February 2026 shall also be included in these collective proceedings.”

6. Paragraph 11 of the Collective Proceedings Order is amended as follows:

“Persons who fall within the definition of the Class who made Relevant Purchases between 19 August 2016 and 19 August 2022 and are domiciled within the United Kingdom on 21 November 2023 may opt-out of these collective proceedings by 26 April 2024. Persons who fall within the definition of the Class who made Relevant Purchases between 19 August 2022 and 12 February 2026 and who are domiciled in the United Kingdom on 12 February 2026 may opt-out of these collective proceedings by 9 March 2026.”

7. Paragraph 12 of the Collective Proceedings Order is amended as follows:

“Persons who fall within the definition of the Class who made Relevant Purchases between 19 August 2016 and 19 August 2022 and who are domiciled outside the United Kingdom on 21 November 2023 may opt-in to these collective proceedings by giving the Class Representative notice in writing, whether by email, post or completion of the webform provided by the Class Representative, of their decision to opt-in by 26 April 2024. Persons who fall within the definition of the Class who made Relevant Purchases between 19 August 2022 and 12 February 2026 and who are domiciled in the United Kingdom on 12 February 2026 may opt-in to these collective proceedings by giving the Class Representative notice in writing, whether by email, post or completion of the webform provided by the Class Representative, of their decision to opt-in by 9 March 2026.”

8. The Further CPO Notice is approved.
9. The Class Representative shall publish the Further CPO Notice on the claim website within 2 working days of the date of this order (www.playstationyouoweus.co.uk) and shall also provide a copy to those class members who have registered for updates on the claim.
10. The time for seeking any permission to appeal against the Tribunal’s order granting the Class Representative permission to amend the Re-Re-Amended Claim Form shall be extended until 21 days after the Tribunal hands down judgment following the trial in this matter.

Skeleton arguments and timetable for trial

11. By 4pm on 23 February 2026, the parties shall file and exchange:
 - (a) Skeleton arguments limited to no more than 80 pages each; and
 - (b) A day-by-day timetable for trial, agreed if possible or otherwise showing any disagreements in a composite draft.
12. By 10am on 10 March 2026, the parties shall file a proposed list of topics for the concurrent evidence of the expert economic witnesses and the expert valuation witnesses, agreed if possible or otherwise showing any disagreements in a composite draft.

Mr Dasgupta's Valuation Evidence

13. The Class Representative has permission to adduce Dasgupta-1.

Other

14. The Defendants' costs of and caused by the Amendments to the Re-Re-Amended Claim Form are reserved. Otherwise, costs shall be costs in the case.

15. There be liberty to apply.



Ben Tidswell
Chair of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 13 February 2026
Drawn: 13 February 2026