

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.6263 — Aelia/Aéroports de Paris/JV)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2011/C 281/10)

1. On 15 September 2011, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertakings Aelia (France), a member of the Lagardère group, and Aéroports de Paris (France), owned by the French state, acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Duty Free Paris (France), and the 'fashion and accessories' activities of the undertaking Duty Free Associates SAS (France), located in the airports Paris-Charles de Gaulle and Paris-Orly, by purchase of shares, termination of commercial leases and conclusion of new leases.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Aelia: retail sales in the travel industry,
- Aéroports de Paris: refurbishment, operation and development of airports in the Ile-de-France region,
- Duty Free Paris: operation of retail outlets in terminals operated by Aéroports de Paris in the 'fashion goods and accessories' sector,
- Duty Free Associates SAS: operation of retail outlets in various terminals in France and support activities for retail outlets of the Aelia group.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope the EC Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation to the Commission.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (+32 22964301), by e-mail to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.6263 — Aelia/Aéroports de Paris/JV, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'EC Merger Regulation').