

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.6328 — Socimac/Bolloré/Société d'exploitation du Terminal de Vridi)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2011/C 336/16)

1. On 10 November 2011, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertakings Socimac SA ('Socimac', Ivory Coast) and Bolloré SA ('Bolloré', France) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Société d'exploitation du Terminal de Vridi ('SETV', Ivory Coast), by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Socimac: subsidiary of A.P. Møller-Mærsk A/S, which is active in containerised liner shipping; terminal services; inland transportation; logistics; harbour towage; tankers; oil and gas exploration and production; retail; air transport,
- for Bolloré: transportation and logistic services; manufacture of plastic films, ticket machine terminals, batteries and electric vehicles; fuel distribution; communication and media including advertising; commercialization of plantations,
- for SETV: development, management and operation of a container terminal under concession from the Port Autonome d'Abidjan; provide services to common users at the Port of Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the EC Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the EC Merger Regulation ⁽²⁾ it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

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 email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.6328 — Socimac/Bolloré/Société d'exploitation du Terminal de Vridi, to the following address:

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

⁽²⁾ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32 ('Notice on a simplified procedure').