

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.6718 — Toyota Tsusho Corporation/CFAO)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2012/C 308/09)

1. On 5 October 2012, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which Toyota Tsusho Corporation ('TTC', Japan) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of CFAO (France), by way of a public bid.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for TTC: distribution and logistics services for the automotive industry and trading of metals, machinery, chemicals, foodstuffs, electronics and other products,
- for CFAO: trading of vehicles, pharmaceuticals, machinery, consumer goods, technological products and other products principally in Africa and in the French overseas territories.

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.6718 — Toyota Tsusho Corporation/CFAO, 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').