

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.6762 — Advent International Corporation/Mediq)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2012/C 336/11)

1. On 23 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 Advent International Corporation (NL) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Mediq N.V. (NL) by way of public bid announced on 24 September 2012.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Advent International Corporation: investment in several types of markets through a diverse portfolio that includes, among others, companies in the healthcare, industrial, retail and consumer and financial services sectors,

— for Mediq N.V.: the provision of medical devices, pharmaceuticals and associated care.

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.6762 — Advent International Corporation/Mediq, 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').