Prior notification of a concentration

(Case COMP/M.6704 — REWE Touristik GmbH/Ferid NASR/EXIM Holding SA)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2012/C 336/12)

1. On 24 October 2012, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 and following a referral pursuant to Article 4(5) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]) by which the undertakings REWE Touristik GmbH (Germany) belonging to REWE Group and Ferid NASR (Czech Republic) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the undertaking EXIM Holding SA (Czech Republic) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for undertaking REWE Touristik: REWE Touristik is a German limited liability company part of the Travel & Tourism Division of REWE Group; the latter is also operating in the food and non-food retail sector via a separate branch,

— for undertaking Ferid NASR: Mr. Ferid Nasr is a natural person focusing his business activities on the tourism sector; in addition, he holds a stake in a Tunisian travel agency offering travel related services in Tunisia,

— for undertaking EXIM Holding: EXIM is a Czech joint stock company currently solely controlled by its 100 % shareholder, Mr. Ferid Nasr. The company's activities include the supply of travel services, in particular package holidays to short-haul as well as long-haul destinations. In the Czech Republic EXIM runs 41 travel agencies, in Slovakia there are 16 stationary travel agencies. EXIM is directly holding equity interests in four operative companies active in the fields of touristic tour and travel sales operations under the brand names 'EXIM TOURS' and/or 'Kartago'.

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.6704 — REWE Touristik GmbH/Ferid NASR/EXIM Holding SA, to the following address:

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