

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.7497 — Daimler/Kamaz/JV)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2015/C 39/05)

1. On 29 January 2015, 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 Daimler AG ('Daimler', Germany) and Kamaz OJSC ('Kamaz', Russian Federation) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control over a newly created JV ('JV', Russian Federation) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- For Daimler: globally active in the development, manufacture and distribution of automotive products, mainly passenger cars, trucks, vans and buses but also automotive electronics, rail systems, diesel engines, aerospace and defense systems,
- For Kamaz: the largest truck manufacturer of the Russian Federation. Its product portfolio comprises trucks, trailers, tractors, chassis, engines, power units, multifunctional armored vehicles, as well as tools and spare parts for cars,
- JV: active in the production and sale of light-duty and heavy-duty trucks and related services in Russia and Belarus.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the 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 Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽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 e-mail to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number M.7497 — Daimler/Kamaz/JV to the following address:

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

⁽²⁾ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.