

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.7913 — Allianz/SPAR/FISCHAPARK)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2016/C 40/06)

1. On 26 January 2016, the European Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004⁽¹⁾ by which the undertakings Allianz SE ('Allianz', Germany), belonging to the Allianz Group, and SPAR Holding AG ('SPAR Holding', Austria), belonging to the SPAR Austria Group, acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the undertaking FISCHAPARK Shopping Center GmbH ('FISCHAPARK', Austria), and thereby of the existing FISCHAPARK shopping centre operating in Wiener Neustadt, Austria, by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Allianz: insurance and other financial services;
- SPAR: retail of food and sports goods, real-estate and shopping centre activities in Austria and neighbouring countries;
- FISCHAPARK: owning and operating a shopping centre in Wiener Neustadt, Austria

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 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 to it their observations on the proposed operation.

Observations must reach the Commission no later than 10 days following the date on which this notification is published. They can be sent to the Commission under reference M.7913 — Allianz/SPAR/FISCHAPARK by fax (+32 22964301), by email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post 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.