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PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION
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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case M.8291 — PSA/Aramis)****Candidate case for simplified procedure****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2016/C 453/14)

1. On 28 November 2016 the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which Automobiles Peugeot SA (France), belonging to the PSA Group, acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of the undertaking Celor SAS (France), head of the Aramis Group, by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - the PSA Group: manufacture, distribution, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and financing of vehicles worldwide,
 - the Aramis Group: distribution of private motor vehicles, mainly second-hand, exclusively in France.
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 not later than 10 days following the date on which this notification is published. They can be sent to the Commission under reference M.8291 — PSA/Aramis 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.