

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.8418 — Peter Cremer Holding/Hage/König Transportgesellschaft)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2017/C 113/06)

1. On 3 April 2017, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertakings Deutsche Tiernahrung Cremer GmbH & Co. KG ('DTC', Germany), a wholly owned subsidiary of Peter Cremer Holding GmbH & Co. KG ('Peter Cremer Holding', Germany), and HaGe Logistik GmbH ('HaGe', Germany), a wholly owned subsidiary of Dansk Landbrugs Grovvarerelskab amba ('DLG', Denmark), acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the undertaking König Transportgesellschaft mbH ('König Transportgesellschaft', Germany) by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Peter Cremer Holding is the parent company of the Cremer Group, which operates internationally in trade, production, oleochemicals and shipping. DTC manufactures and sells compound feed for livestock and pets.
- DLG is an agricultural cooperative operating throughout Europe which offers products and services to farmers. HaGe is involved in wholesale and retail of agricultural inputs, industrial goods, non-food items and commodities, in particular in Germany.
- König Transportgesellschaft is a haulage company specialising in the transport of bulk cargo for agriculture.

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 of publication of this notification. 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 M.8418 — Peter Cremer Holding/Hage/König Transportgesellschaft, 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.