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## PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9312 — JAB/Coty)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2019/C 76/05)

1. On 21 February 2019, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 (1).

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- JAB Holding Company, SARL (Luxembourg, 'JAB'),
- Coty Inc. (USA, 'Coty')

JAB acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Coty.

The concentration is accomplished by way of public bid announced on 13 February 2019.

- 2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
- for JAB: JAB is a privately held group focused on long-term investments in companies such as tea brands, coffee brands, bakery, food, non-alcoholic beverages, doughnuts businesses and fashion retail,
- for Coty: Coty is a global beauty products company.
- 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. The following reference should always be specified:

M.9312 — JAB/Coty

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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