Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.6432 — DSM/Roquette/JV)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2011/C 343/08)

1. On 17 November 2011, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 (1) by which DSM Succinic Acid BV (the Netherlands) controlled by Koninklijke DSM NV ('DSM', the Netherlands) and Roquette BV ('Roquette', the Netherlands) belonging to the Roquette Frères group (France) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of Reverdia VOF (the Netherlands) by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
— for DSM: human and animal nutrition, pharmaceuticals, performance materials and industrial chemicals,
— for Roquette: production of starch and starch derivatives.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the EC 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 EC Merger Regulation (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 email to COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu or by post, under reference number COMP/M.6432 — DSM/Roquette/JV, to the following address:

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(2) OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32 (‘Notice on a simplified procedure’).