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On 27 June 2018, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the internal market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 (1). The full text of the decision is available only in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

— in the merger section of the Competition website of the Commission (http://ec.europa.eu/competition/mergers/cases/). This website provides various facilities to help locate individual merger decisions, including company, case number, date and sectoral indexes,


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**Euro exchange rates**

7 August 2018

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(1) Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.
COMMISSION DECISION  
of 24 July 2018  
on the Facility for Refugees in Turkey amending Commission Decision C(2015) 9500 as regards the 
contribution to the Facility for Refugees in Turkey  
(2018/C 278/03)  

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM  

Adoption of the Commission Decision on the Facility for Refugees in Turkey amending Commission  
Decision C(2015) 9500 as regards the contribution to the Facility for Refugees in Turkey  

The Facility for Refugees in Turkey was set up in 2015 as a powerful demonstration of the EU’s commitment  
to supporting refugees in Turkey. It combined both humanitarian and non-humanitarian support to assist  
Turkey in its efforts to host refugees. The first tranche of funding under the Facility amounted to EUR 3 billion  
for 2016 and 2017.  

The mobilisation of the first tranche of the Facility for Refugees in Turkey has been a success. The full  
operational envelope of the EUR 3 billion has been programmed, committed and contracted in the space of  
21 months since the EU-Turkey Statement of March 2016. The 2nd Annual Report on the Facility (1) includes  
detailed information on the achievements and the implementation of a total of 72 projects. The report  
confirms tangible results. This includes the delivery of monthly income support to almost 1,2 million of the  
most vulnerable refugees with monthly cash transfers under the Emergency Social Safety Net; the provision  
of Turkish language training to 312 000 refugee children and educational materials to 500 000 students;  
and primary health care consultations for almost 764 000 refugees and the vaccination of more than  
217 000 Syrian refugee infants. The governance of the Facility also allowed a partnership approach between  
the EU and the Member States, and joint governance would not be possible with funding coming exclusively  
from the Union budget.  

The EU has a strong interest in continuing what has proved to work well. This Commission Decision aims  
to ensure that the valuable work of the Facility can continue, as set out in the EU-Turkey Statement.  

The EU-Turkey Statement confirmed that the EU will mobilise an additional EUR 3 billion for the Facility  
by end-2018 if the relevant conditions were met. With a view to ensuring the continuity of Facility  
projects and uninterrupted support to refugees, and persons eligible for subsidiary protection, a decision  
on additional funding is therefore required. Therefore, the Commission is adopting a decision on a second  
allocation of EUR 3 billion for the Facility for Refugees in Turkey. The 2016 and 2017 budget mobilised  
under the Facility was made up of EUR 1 billion from the Union budget and EUR 2 billion from Member  
States contributions as external assigned revenue. In its Decision of 14 March 2018 (2) the Commission  
maintained the same split between the Union budget and EU Member States’ contribution for the second  
tranche. Following further discussion, the Commission has decided that for 2018-2019 it will contribute  
EUR 2 billion from the Union budget. Member States will make EUR 1 billion contributions as external  
assigned revenue. On 18 July the Common Understanding was updated, which provides the framework  
environment within which the Member States contributions can be mobilised.  

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,  

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular its Articles 210(2) and  
Article 214(6),  

Whereas:  

(1) Point 6 of the EU-Turkey Statement of 18 March 2016 (the ‘Statement’) stated that the Union would mobilise funding  
for the Facility for Refugees in Turkey (the ‘Facility’) of an additional EUR 3 000 000 000 up to the end of 2018 once  
the initially allocated EUR 3 000 000 000 under the Facility are about to be used to the full and provided the relevant  
conditions are met.  


(2) The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States drew up on 3 February 2016 a ‘Common Understanding establishing a governance and conditionality framework for the Refugee Facility for Turkey between the EU Member States and the Commission’ (the ‘Common Understanding’). The Common Understanding was updated on 18 July 2018.

(3) The distribution of contributions in the first tranche was EUR 1 000 000 000 from the Union budget and EUR 2 000 000 000 from Member States.

(4) The Commission should provide EUR 2 000 000 000 from the Union budget for the second tranche. EUR 1 000 000 000 will be provided from Member States’ contributions.

(5) The progressive delivery of the assistance is conditional on the continued implementation of the understanding between the European Union and the Republic of Turkey to step up their cooperation on support of persons under temporary protection and migration management in a coordinated effort to address the crisis.

(6) The individual financial contributions from Member States should be included in the Union’s budget as external assigned revenue in accordance with Article 21(2)(b) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council (1). The Commission, as having the sole responsibility for implementing the Union’s budget in accordance with Article 317 of the Treaty, should be provided, on behalf of the Union, with contribution certificates by the Member States. Each contribution certificate expressed in euro has the effect of allowing the Commission to make the relevant commitment appropriation available upon receiving that certificate, in line with Article 7(2) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 (2). The individual contribution certificates are to be based on a single template allowing for adaptation, where necessary, to specific needs.

(7) Decisions relating to and actions providing humanitarian assistance will be implemented in line with Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/96 (3) and according to the principles laid down in the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid (4).

(8) For the above reasons it is necessary to amend Commission Decision C(2015) 9500 accordingly (5),

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Commission Decision C(2015) 9500 is amended as follows:

Article 4 is replaced by the following:

‘1. The Facility shall coordinate an amount of EUR 3 000 000 000 for 2016–2017, and an additional amount of EUR 3 000 000 000 for 2018-2019.

EU budget contribution

2. EUR 1 000 000 000 out of the overall amount of EUR 3 000 000 000 for 2016-2017 and EUR 2 000 000 000 out of the overall amount of EUR 3 000 000 000 for 2018-2019, shall be financed from the Union budget, subject to subsequent individual financing decisions in accordance with Article 84(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and in accordance with its financial rules and the requirements of the respective basic act.

Member States’ contributions

3. On the basis of their pledged financial contributions, Member States will provide an amount of EUR 2 000 000 000 for 2016–2017 on the basis of the breakdown of contributions based on the Gross National Income (GNI) key based on the 2015 Union budget and an amount of EUR 1 000 000 000 for 2018-2019 on the basis of the breakdown of contributions based on the GNI key based on the 2018 Union budget.’

Article 2

1. This Decision enters into force on the day of its adoption.

2. It will be published in the Official Journal.

Done at Brussels, 24 July 2018.

For the Commission
Johannes HAHN
Member of the Commission
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(Announcements)

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.9027 — Fosun International/FFT)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2018/C 278/04)

1. On 1 August 2018, 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:

— Fosun International Limited (Hong Kong) (‘Fosun’),
— FFT GmbH & Co. KGaA (Germany), FFT Gesellschaft mbH (Austria), and their wholly and majority-owned subsidiaries (together, ‘FFT’)

Fosun acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of FFT.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Fosun: Pharmaceutical, Medical Services and Health Management and Health Products, Tourism and Leisure, Fashion and Consumer and Lifestyle, Insurance and Finance and Investment,
— for FFT: supply of automated and flexible production systems for the automotive industry as well as for non-automotive sectors.

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.9027 — Fosun International/FFT

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Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.8912 — Carlyle/The specialty chemicals business of Akzo Nobel)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2018/C 278/05)

1. On 1 August 2018, 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:
— the Carlyle Group (USA), (‘Carlyle’),
— the specialty chemicals business of Akzo Nobel (Netherlands) (‘Akzo Nobel SC’).

Carlyle acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of Akzo Nobel SC.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
— Carlyle: a global alternative asset manager,
— Akzo Nobel SC: the specialty chemicals business of Akzo Nobel, which produces a range of chemicals.

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.

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