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Interest rate applied by the European Central Bank to its main refinancing operations (1):
0,00 % on 1 January 2019

Euro exchange rates (2)
3 January 2019

(2019/C 2/01)

1 euro =

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<td>KRW South Korean won</td>
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<td>CHF Swiss franc</td>
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(1) Rate applied to the most recent operation carried out before the indicated day. In the case of a variable rate tender, the interest rate is the marginal rate.

(2) Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.
Pursuant to Article 9(1)(a) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87, the Explanatory Notes to the Combined Nomenclature of the European Union are hereby amended as follows:

On page 296, in the explanatory note to subheading 7307 19 10 (Of malleable cast iron), the third paragraph under the heading is deleted.

On page 296, the following explanatory note is inserted:

7307 19 90 Other
This subheading includes fittings of spheroidal graphite cast iron.'
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(Announcements)

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.9180 — Volkswagen/Daimler/HeyCar)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2019/C 2/03)

1. On 19 December 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:
— Volkswagen Financial Services AG (VWFS, Germany), controlled by Volkswagen AG (Volkswagen);
— Leonie FS DVB GmbH (DFS, Germany), controlled by Daimler AG (Daimler);
— Mobility Trader Holding GmbH (MTH, Germany), controlled by Volkswagen Group, operating under the marketing name HeyCar.

DFS acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation, joint control of MTH, together with VWFS.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of assets.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
— Volkswagen is globally active in the manufacture and sale of motor vehicles, including related spare parts and accessories, diesel engines and motorcycles. Volkswagen also provides financial services, including financing, leasing, insurance, fleet management services and mobility solutions.
— Daimler is globally active in the manufacture and sale of motor vehicles, mainly passenger cars, trucks, vans and buses. Its product portfolio also includes financing and leasing packages for dealers and customers, as well as financial services such as insurance brokerage, investment products, credit cards, and full fleet management and leasing services.
— MTH provides dealers and consumers in Germany with an online platform called HeyCar for the sale and purchase of high quality used cars.
— HeyCar is also active as an intermediary for automotive financing opportunities.

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.9180 — Volkswagen/Daimler/HeyCar

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Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.9135 — The Blackstone Group/Luminor Bank)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2019/C 2/04)

1. On 18 December 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 Blackstone Group L.P. (‘Blackstone’, United States), and
— Luminor Bank AS (‘Luminor Bank’, Estonia) which belongs to the Luminor Group AB (Sweden).

Blackstone acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the whole of Luminor Bank.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for Blackstone: asset management and financial advisory services, and
— for Luminor Bank: financial services, including retail and corporate banking, in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

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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