

Non-opposition to a notified concentration**(Case No IV/M.616 — Swissair/Sabena)**

(95/C 200/06)

On 20 July 1995, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6 (1) (b) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89⁽¹⁾. Third parties showing a sufficient interest can obtain a copy of the decision by making a written request to:

Commission of the European Communities,
Directorate-General for Competition (DG IV),
Merger Task Force,
Avenue de Cortenberg 150/Kortenberglaan 150,
B-1049 Brussels,
fax number: (32 2) 296 43 01.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 395, 30. 12. 1989. Corrigendum: OJ No L 257, 21. 9. 1990, p. 13.

STATE AID**C 50/94 (ex NN 85/93)****France**

(95/C 200/07)

*(Articles 92 to 94 of the Treaty establishing the European Community)***Commission communication pursuant to Article 93 (2) of the EC Treaty to other Member States and interested parties concerning aid which France has granted in the biofuels sector**

In the following letter, the Commission informed the French government of its decision to open the procedure.

1. The Commission has learnt that a draft agreement on the development of biofuels derived from oil-seed plants has been concluded between the State, certain industrial companies, the national inter-branch oil-seed organization (Onidol) and the inter-branch association of oil-seed, protein and textile crops (SIDO).

2. In a letter of 24 May 1993, the Commission asked the French authorities to notify it of these arrangements before applying them.

3. The French authorities, in letters of 9 July 1993, 14 October 1993 and 27 April 1994, submitted information which proved inadequate to enable the Commission to reach a conclusion on the compatibility of the entire aid scheme.

In letters of 9 July and 14 October 1993, the French authorities communicated two agreements to support the establishment of an experimental production and marketing programme for ester fuel derived from winter rape grown on set-aside land.

The first is a draft agreement on the development of biofuels derived from oil-seed plants. It provides for organizing the production and marketing of esters derived from oil-seed crops cultivated on set-aside land.