

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.8486 — 3M Company/Scott Safety)
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2017/C 290/07)

1. On 25 August 2017, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 and following a referral pursuant to Article 4(5) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertaking 3M Company ('3M', United States) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of certain subsidiaries of Johnson Controls International plc, together making up the Scott Safety business ('Scott', United States) by way of a purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - for 3M: diversified technology company active on a worldwide basis in five major business areas: Industrial, Safety and Graphics, Health Care, Electronics and Energy and Consumer. The Safety and Graphics Group manufactures and sells personal protective equipment ('PPE'), including products ranging from fall, respiratory, head & face, hearing, and eye protection, to visibility/reflective clothing and protective apparel.
 - for Scott: American-based global PPE manufacturer, with a particular focus on self-contained breathing apparatus ('SCBA'), which are primarily used by fire fighters and first responders, as well as on gas and flame detection.
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.
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 M.8486 — 3M Company/Scott Safety, to the following address:

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').