

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION  
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**Prior notification of a concentration**

**(Case M.8688 — Northrop Grumman/Orbital ATK)**

**Candidate case for simplified procedure**

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2018/C 27/11)

1. On 18 January 2018 the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>.

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- Northrop Grumman Corporation ('Northrop Grumman', United States of America),
- Orbital ATK, Inc ('Orbital ATK', United States of America).

Northrop Grumman acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Orbital ATK.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Northrop Grumman: development, manufacture and sale of security systems globally, including autonomous systems, spacecraft systems, command, control and communications systems and computers, ISR (intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance) systems and related services and logistics.
- for Orbital ATK: development, manufacture and sale of aerospace and defense systems globally, including launch vehicles, propulsion systems, satellites and components, tactical missiles, defense electronics, precision weapons, armament systems and ammunition.

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 <sup>(2)</sup> 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:

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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