

**Prior notification of a concentration**  
**(Case M.8821 — Advent International/Circet Groupe)**  
**Candidate case for simplified procedure**  
**(Text with EEA relevance)**  
(2018/C 77/06)

1. On 22 February 2018, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> by which the undertaking Advent International Corporation ('Advent', USA) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control over Circet Groupe ('Circet', France), by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - for Advent: US-based private equity investor sponsoring funds that invest globally,
  - for Circet: mid-sized French company operating in telecommunications infrastructures services as well as in the distribution of mobile telephony products and service, through its affiliate Circet Réseaux.
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 this 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. 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 number:

M.8821 — Advent International/Circet Groupe to the following address:

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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.