

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.8856 — Archer Daniels Midland/Cargill/JV Egypt)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2018/C 143/06)

1. On 17 April 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:

- Archer Daniels Midland Europe B.V. ('ADM', The Netherlands), controlled by the Archer Daniels Midland group of companies (U.S.),
- Cargill International Luxembourg 2 SARL ('Cargill', Luxembourg), controlled by the Cargill Incorporated group of companies (U.S.),
- National Vegetable Oils Co ('NVOC', Egypt), currently solely controlled by Cargill.

ADM and Cargill acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and Article 3(4) of the Merger Regulation joint control of the whole of NVOC.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for undertaking ADM, processing of oilseeds, corn, sugar, wheat and other agricultural commodities and a manufacturer of vegetable oils and fats, vegetable protein, meal, corn, sweeteners, flour, biodiesel, ethanol, and other value added food and feed ingredients. ADM has operations globally,
- for undertaking Cargill, international production and marketing of food, and agricultural and risk management products and services. Cargill's businesses include grain and commodity merchandising, oilseed and grain processing and refining, flour milling, meat processing and financial services,
- for undertaking NVOC, a soybean oil crush facility, that produces and sells crude soybean oil, soybean meal and soybean hulls in the Egyptian market.

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:

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

⁽²⁾ OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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