

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.9123 — ADM/Neovia)
Candidate case for simplified procedure
(Text with EEA relevance)
(2018/C 425/11)

1. On 16 November 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 group ('ADM', USA), via its wholly-owned subsidiary ADM France,
- Neovia (France).

ADM acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation control of the whole of Neovia.

The concentration is accomplished by way of a purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for ADM: processing of oilseeds, corn, sugar, wheat and other agricultural commodities and in the manufacture of vegetable oils and fats, vegetable protein, meal, corn, sweeteners, flour, biodiesel, ethanol, and other value added food and feed ingredients and additives,
- for Neovia: production and marketing of a wide range of animal nutrition products for the feed industry, operating in business lines including premix and value-added services, pet food, additives and supplements, aquaculture and complete feed.

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.