

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case M.9993 — Allianz/Noble)
Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2020/C 419/14)

1. On 27 November 2020, 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:

- Allianz SE ('Allianz'), belonging to the Allianz Group ('Allianz Group'), both of Germany,
- Noble plc ('Noble', UK).

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

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for Allianz: providing financial services globally, predominantly in relation to life and non-life insurance and asset management,
- for Noble: providing contract drilling services to the international oil and gas industry with a global fleet of mobile offshore drilling units.

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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Observations can be sent to the Commission by email, by fax, or by post. Please use the contact details below:

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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.