

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case No IV/M.986 — Agfa-Gevaert/DuPont)

(97/C 278/02)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 8 September 1997, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertaking Agfa-Gevaert AG and Agfa-Gevaert NV ('Agfa'), both controlled by Bayer AG, acquire within the meaning of Article 3 (1) (b) of the Regulation, control of the worldwide graphic arts and offset printing plates businesses conducted by affiliates belonging to the undertaking E. I. DuPont de Nemours & Company ('DuPont'), by way of purchase of assets and/or shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Agfa: photographic products, technical imaging systems and graphic systems, including the production of graphic arts film and offset printing plates,
- DuPont: chemicals and engineering, as well as graphic systems, including the production of graphic arts film and offset printing plates.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified concentration could fall within the scope of Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent by fax (No (32 2) 296 43 01/296 72 44) or by post, under reference IV/M.986 — Agfa-Gevaert/DuPont, to the following address:

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Directorate-General for Competition (DG IV),
Directorate B — Merger Task Force,
Avenue de Cortenberg/Kortenberglaan 150,
B-1040 Brussels.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 395, 30. 12. 1989; corrigendum: OJ L 257, 21. 9. 1990, p. 13.