

**Prior notification of a concentration****(Case No IV/ECSC.1295 — Thyssen/Usinor Electrical Steels)**

(1999/C 53/02)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 16 February 1999, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 66 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) by which the undertaking Thyssen Stahl AG (TS) acquires, within the meaning of Article 66 of the ECSC Treaty, a 75 % share of the undertaking Usinor Grain Orientés SA (UGO).

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Thyssen: production and distribution of steel products, including grain oriented electrical steel,
- Usinor: production and distribution of grain oriented electrical steel.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified concentration could fall within the scope of Article 66 of the ECSC Treaty. 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 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference IV/ECSC.1295 — Thyssen/Usinor Electrical Steels, to the following address:

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