

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.1802 — Unilever/Amora-Maille)

(2000/C 33/04)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 25 January 2000 the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97 ⁽²⁾, by which the undertaking Unilever Fance, a holding company belonging to the Dutch group Unilever NV, acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, control of the whole of the undertaking Amora-Maille, subsidiary of the French company Somaref, by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Unilever France: holding company of several companies active in the fields of food products, personal hygiene products and perfumes and house cleaning products,
- Amora-Maille: groceries (mustard, mayonnaise, ketchup, salad sauces, olive oil, vinegar, gherkins, stocks and spices).

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 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference COMP/M.1802 — Unilever/Amora-Maille, to:

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Directorate-General for Competition,
Directorate B — Merger Task Force,
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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 257, 21.9.1990, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 180, 9.7.1997, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 40, 13.2.1998, p. 17.