

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.1829 — HMTF/Nabisco Group Holdings/Burlington Biscuits/United Biscuits)**

(2000/C 56/06)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 21 February 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 Mr T. O. Hicks and Nabisco Group Holdings Corporation (Nabisco) acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, joint control of United Biscuits (Holdings) plc (UB) by way of public bid announced on 14 December 1999.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- T. O. Hicks (Cayman Islands): canned foods, beverages and other food items,
- Nabisco (United States of America): biscuits and other food products,
- UB (United Kingdom): biscuits and snack foods.

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.1829 — HMTF/Nabisco Group Holdings/Burlington Biscuits/United Biscuits, 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.