

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.1892 — Sara Lee/Courtaulds)**

(2000/C 89/05)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 20 March 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 Sara Lee Corporation (United States of America) acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, control of the whole of Courtaulds Textiles plc (United Kingdom) by way of public bid.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Sara Lee: foods and beverages, personal apparel and household/body care products,
- Courtaulds: personal apparel, household furnishings and fabrics.

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.1892 — Sara Lee/Courtaulds, to:

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Directorate-General for Competition,
Directorate B — Merger Task Force,
Avenue de Cortenbergh/Kortenberglaan 150,
B-1040 Brussels.

⁽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.