

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.1997 — Schroders/Liberty International Pensions)**

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(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 22 May 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 Schroders plc (United Kingdom) acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, control of the whole of Liberty International Pensions Limited (United Kingdom), subsidiary of Liberty International plc, by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— Schroders: assets management and investment management,

— Liberty International Pensions Limited: pension services.

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.1997 — Schroders/Liberty International Pensions, to:

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Directorate-General for Competition,
Directorate B — Merger Task Force,
Avenue de Cortenberg/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.