

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.2044 — Interbrew/Bass)

(2000/C 196/06)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 6 July 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 Interbrew SA (Belgium) acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, control of the whole of Bass Holdings Limited (United Kingdom) and Prazske Pivovary a.s. (Czech Republic) by way of purchase of shares.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
 - Interbrew: production, marketing and supply of beer,
 - Bass Holdings Ltd: production, marketing, wholesaling and distribution of beer primarily in the United Kingdom,
 - Prazske Pivovary a.s.: production and supply of beer in the Czech Republic.
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.2044 — Interbrew/Bass, to:

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Directorate-General for Competition,
Directorate B — Merger Task Force,
Rue Joseph II/Jozef II-straat 70,
B-1000 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.